

Today, You're going back to school!



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Happy Friday Eve,

Yesterday, you reflected on going back to school, and today I will share a tad about my school experience!

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My experience in school was unique
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I was lucky to have eight male educators of color in my learning journey!

- Mr. Hamm, my 4th-grade math teacher, made learning multiplication fun through math relay races. The high bar he set for his students taught me about the importance of giving excellence in everything I do.
- Mr. Udoewa, my 8th-grade Algebra teacher, had a light-heartedness that brought joy in the middle of an intense academic day. My fondest memories were doing community service in Ghana with a group he coordinated over the summer.

The presence of these men in my schools was so valuable that two of them still serve as mentors, helping me navigate life as a new parent and professional.

Unfortunately, my experience is rare.

Male educators of color make up less than 3% of the teaching population and leave the profession at higher rates than other demographics. Research shows that limited professional development opportunities, feelings of isolation, and financial constraints are some of the chief reasons they leave.

We can't let this happen.

Will you help keep a male educator of color in the profession by [giving a \\$25 gift](#)?

Profound Gentlemen started the Apple Fund to help give male educators of color additional financial support with classroom supplies and access to professional development opportunities that'll propel them forward.

Today, we are hosting a giving day to raise \$5,000 to provide male educators of color with financial support for their professional growth this year. We need your help to meet our goal. With these funds, we can support at least three educators each month through our Apple Fund.

Are you in? [Click Here](#) to donate or Text **APPLE to 707070**

Impactfully yours,
Leah Rapley

PS: Doesn't it feel good to give back to something you love?



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