



Celebrating 60 years of  
excellence and achievement



# *60 Years in '06 Celebration*

*September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

## Program of Events

**Tours of the School** ..... 10:00-12:00  
**Departmental Tours** ..... 10:00-12:00

*Meeting in the Front Lobby; 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

Tour the entire building with a current staff member, or simply tour a specific department with a current faculty member.

**Meet and Greet** ..... 10:30-12:30

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Deck Area, Upper Level*

Talk to current and past instructors and students from the college.

**Alumni Photo Signing** ..... 11:00- 1:00

*Front Lobby, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor*

A large poster incorporating photos from Brown's past is available for your signature. Please take time to sign this poster as it will be placed on permanent display as a commemorative of today's 60th anniversary event.

**Alumni on the Voice of Brown College** .....10:00-2:00

*The Scott Studio, First Floor*

Visit the Scott Studio and take the opportunity to speak live on the VBC (Voice of Brown College)! The VBC is broadcast throughout the building and on the Brown College website.

**Lunch** ..... 11:00-1:00

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Deck Area, Lower Level*

*Catered by Le Cordon Bleu*

**Refreshments** .....10:00-3:00

*Main Lobby, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor & Cafeteria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

Juice, coffee and cake are available for your convenience.

**Speakers** ..... 1:00-1:30

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Deck Area, Lower Level*

**Music & Entertainment** ..... 10:00-3:00

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Deck Area, Lower Level*

Provided by All Star Karaoke; Jen Zurn, DJ. (Alumni: 2006)

## Speakers

**Master of Ceremonies..... Mike Kronforst**

*Alumni: 1964-* Mike Kronforst has been with Brown College for almost 34 years. He worked in Broadcasting Placement from 1978-1994, and from 1994 to the present he has been an instructor in our Broadcasting Department. In 2002 he was presented with the Rockwell Award from the Conclave for his contributions to the Conclave and to Radio.

**Welcome ..... Ron Andersen**

*Acting President of Brown College* - Ronald G. Andersen is the acting President of Brown College and has been a Vice President and Managing Director for Career Education Corporation since November 2002. Ron joined CEC in October 1995 as President of what was then Brown Institute. During this time the College moved to Mendota Heights and started the branch campus in Brooklyn Center.

**History of the College ..... Jim Wychor**

*Alumni: 1953-* Jim Wychor has done just about everything there is to do in the Radio Industry; from announcer to program director to engineer to sales and management. He served as President and CEO of the Minnesota Broadcaster's Association from 1989-1997, revitalizing the organization and developing the popular Alternative FCC Inspection Program. He has also served on the boards of the National Radio Broadcasters Association, the National Association of Broadcasters and is an inductee of the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting.

**Alumni Perspective ..... Roy Finden**

*Alumni: 1959-* While a talented broadcaster in his own right, Roy Finden's greatest contribution to the industry has been as a teacher. From 1959 to 1966 he worked in various positions throughout the industry but returned to Brown Institute in 1966 as a faculty member of the Broadcasting department where he remained for 35 years. During this time he also began a career as a weathercaster and host of various other programs on KSTP and later KARE. He retired in 2001 but has left a rich legacy in the many successful students he trained to start broadcasting careers of their own. He is also an inductee of the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting.

**Closing Remarks ..... Jake Gruver**

*Career Education Corporation Group President-* Jake Gruver is the Group President of the Academy Division, the Colleges Division and the Gibbs Division of Career Education Corporation. He has been with Career Education Corporation in various capacities since 1999.

## **The History of Brown College**

In 1946 Richard and Helen Brown founded the American Institute of the Air, focusing on training students for a career in the Radio industry. Nine years later in 1954 the school changed its name to Brown Institute to reflect the addition of programs in electronics, computer programming and television production.

Eventually the school outgrew its Lake Street locations, and in 1997 they left Lake Street to come to the current location in Mendota Heights. In 2001 the name of the college was changed again to Brown College to reflect another expansion of programs and the addition of the Brooklyn Center campus.

Today there are twelve degree programs, one diploma program and over 1,500 students. Brown College is now affiliated with Career Education Corporation, one of the world's fastest growing providers of private, post-secondary education.

### **Brown College Mission Statement:**

Brown College is a degree granting institution of higher learning dedicated to preparing learners for professional, technical and business careers in a diverse, student centered environment.

Thank you for attending today!