Dear GSB Students,

Yesterday, someone wrote a racial slur on the message boards of two students in McDonald Hall. I cannot even begin to fathom why someone would degrade themselves by writing a racial slur on a student door. It is a mean, repugnant act. It shows disrespect for our black students, who hardly need a reminder of the N-word and its racist history. We are all diminished when members of our community are antagonized, and a racial slur on a student door is abhorrent. I am sorry it has happened.

We have reported the incidents to the Stanford department of public safety and the university. The GSB student support team is available for anyone who would like to talk.

For the past few years, the efforts of students, staff, faculty, and alumni to advance racial equity have been a source of pride for me and the school. Those of us who have invested our time and hearts in that effort should know that this does not lessen our work, but rather reminds us why it is important.

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