While at Midd, I was actively involved with AAA when I first arrived on campus in 1989. AAA was the "only" official organization on campus that offered a space for students of color to share their experiences, culture, background, etc. and be socially-politically involved while promoting advocacy on all levels of college life. Though I and other Latino students were invested in the success of AAA, we felt that it would be essentially as important to form a group that represented Latino interests on campus. Hence, Alianza was formed and established. I became their First President and joined efforts with AAA and other groups on campus on various initiatives, including the establishment of PALANA, originally known as the Bi-Cultural Center.

With regards to WOC, back then we did not have a formal group for WOC, we simply had events with women where we gathered more like a social and or support group, I personally think we focused our advocacy efforts on race related issues vs. gender ones. It was a different time then and our experiences, yet diverse were relevant to our ability to address the inequalities faced by students of color. Our efforts led to marches on campus\town, sit ins at old chapel, and the current President's address of diversity on campus. These are just a few examples that I share through this message, . . . thanks for making me reflect on my experiences at Midd!!

-Ophelia