WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a wonderful summer whether you took advantage of a summer internship, worked at a job, took summer classes, put it all behind you and took a real vacation, or just hung out with family and friends and enjoyed the mild weather.

As the semester begins, please note all of the changes taking place on campus, especially the beautification projects since construction is ongoing. The bus system has changed; so has some parking on campus. There are new directional signage, as well as new digital signage to provide a steady stream of information about events in real time.

Beginning with Welcome Week, there have been a lot of events taking place. Take advantage of them to receive pertinent information, meet new friends, reconnect with old friends, and, of course, take advantage of all the free food!

The Center for Black Studies is also a place where students can go to for advisement, information to academic and professional resources & networking. Dubbed the “home away from home” for African American students, the Center is also a place where students go to hang out and socialize with other students in a warm and welcoming environment.

We welcome you to stop by and visit, and we look forward to working with you to make this a successful academic year!

Center for Black Studies Staff

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Remember success is what you make it. Remember your NIU experience is what you make it. So, stay healthy, stay focused, stay engaged, stay involved, study, and put your best effort forward. This is your time to shine; this is your time to enjoy your college experience; this is your time to start your new journey toward scholarship and leadership. Encourage yourself and your peers.”

Dr. G

“Welcome back scholars...remember time management is key to your academic success. Maintain a healthy academic and positive social life. Reach out to the freshmen. “Lift as you Climb!”

Ms. Curry

“Eat well, exercise and have fun... take advantage of available resources and get the most out of the overall college experience. And even if you don’t study hard, study well!”

Dr. Coates

“Success at NIU will be determined by how much you put into your academics. You put 25% in; you will get 25% in return; and if you put 100% in; you will get 100% in return. So keep it 100 and become an NIU alumni!!!”

Mr. Smith

“Success is how well you’ve handled the disappointments you have had in your life. Look to the future, keep striving, and never quit going forward. Choose your destiny but choose wisely. You must do better than me – I expect that!”

Ms. Ronnie
STOP BY AND VISIT : )

PICTURED ABOVE – CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES STAFF [LEFT TO RIGHT]: Mr. Derrick Smith, Community Outreach Coordinator; Dr. LaVerne Gyant, Director; Dr. Joy Coates, Associate Director; and Ms. Regina Curry, Succeed & Succeed Plan (S-Plan) Coordinator (not pictured, Ms. Ronnie, Office Support Specialist)
Neighborhood Block Party
Music - Performances - Food
COME meet your Neighbors!

Wed., September 10th
4 pm to 7 pm
in the MLK commons

*Rain location: Chick Evans Field House
To request disability related accommodations, please contact Jennifer Pippen at (815) 753-1303
WHAT YOU MISSED...BLACK TO SCHOOL TOUR, BAR-B-QUE, S-PLAN SIGN UP, AND GREEK STROLL

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and Mrs. Agee

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

S.I.S.T.E.R.S.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Students Viewing The Step Show

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

E.B.O.N.Y. Women