AFTER 17 YEARS...

Our fearless leader and a phenomenal woman, Dr. Laverne Gyant, aka Dr. G., made the heartfelt and difficult decision to step down as Director...don't panic. She didn't retire...she just returned to the College of Adult Higher Education as full-time faculty.

"For much of her career at Northern Illinois University, Dr. LaVerne Gyant has adroitly juggled two very important roles; one a highly respected faculty member in the College of Education and the other as director at CBS...Dr. G. has decided to take on increased faculty responsibilities and is returning to her full-time position in the Department of Counseling, Adult and Higher Education..."

[See more at: http://www.niutoday.info/2015/09/16/center-for-black-studies-to-celebrate-laverne-gyants-accomplishments/]

As Acting Director, please know that although there are any changes taking place on campus, the Center for Black Studies is a place where students can go for advisement, information on academic and professional resources, mentoring, community service opportunities, and 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.

CBS staff 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 you navigate your higher education journey at NIU, stop by and feel the luv! We look forward to working with you to make this a successful academic year!

Dr. Joy Coates, Acting Director

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

“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

“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

“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

Invest in your future...finance your way through school...scholarships are available, but there’s one rule...APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!!!

Mrs. Slaughter
STOP BY AND VISIT :)  

CBS – WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO…

Dr. Joy Coates, Acting Director  
✓ Advisor, Black Studies Minor  
✓ Advisor, Black Graduate Student Association  
✓ Mentor, CONNECT

Ms. Regina Curry, Succeed & Succeed Plan (S-Plan) Coordinator  
✓ Coordinator, Succeed & Succeed Plan (S-Plan)  
✓ Advisor, John Henrik Clarke Honor Society  
✓ Chair, Black History Month Steering Committee  
✓ Chair, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee

Mr. Derrick Smith, Academic Counselor  
✓ Coordinator, African American Mentoring Program (AAMP)  
✓ Advisor, Black Student Union  
✓ Executive Committee, Black History Month Steering Committee

Mr. Don Bramlett, Graduation Specialist  
✓ Advisor, Black Male Initiative (BMI)  
✓ Advisor, Supporting Opportunities for Latinos (SOL)  
✓ Advisor, Latino Student Alliance (LSA)

Mrs. Crystal Slaughter, Office Support Specialist
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Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. Laverne Gyant

Come join us while we hold festivities to thank Dr. Laverne Gyant on a job well done during her tenure as Director of the Center for Black Studies.

Dr. Gyant has impacted the lives of numerous students, faculty, and staff. We want to celebrate the legacy she leaves behind in the Center for Black Studies.

Festivities will include:
- Food
- Drinks
- Stories and Memories of Dr. Gyant

Center For Black Studies

Friday, September 18
3:00 - 7:00 PM