The 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March was a once in a lifetime experience. The experience was life changing as well as conscious and physically rejuvenating. It was the first time I can actually say I felt home in the United States of America standing in the midst of so many positive and uplifting people. I would do it again and again if I could.

- Keelan Wright

Attending the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March was an amazing experience. It was very humbling to see people from all over the country, different backgrounds come together for this historic event. It was a great learning experience for me to hear the lineup of speakers. What I took most from attending this event was the personal responsibility we all have in making sure we educate and uplift our communities. I believe all 48 students who attended the trip have personal responsibilities to uplifting there communities and making a difference for NIU.

- James Alford

On October 10, 2015 millions of people gathered at the capital in Washington D.C on the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March. People of all backgrounds gathered at the “Justice or Else” themed rally organized by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Messages from the first march were echoed in speeches from African-American leaders, including Farrakhan, calling for unity and institutional reform in social justice issues affecting the black community.

Working with the Center for Black Studies, Chief Diversity, the Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, the Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, and student funding, New Hope and The Rock, 48 students were able to attend the historic event. To develop fundraising events for students to travel to academic, social, and cultural events. A few of the students will lead the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration Week Think Tank, January 19th at 6 pm in the Duke Ellington Ballroom located in the Holmes Student Center.

In Memoriam: Joseph Graves

Once again, we are saddened at the tragic loss of one of students. Joseph was a sophomore in the college of Business and a graduate of Simeon High School in Chicago... He will be greatly missed. Join us January 19, 2016 at 6 pm, Stevenson North for the Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration Week Memorial March as we honor students we lost in 2015.
WHAT YOU MISSED... 25th Annual Conference of the Association for Black Culture Centers; 20th Anniversary Million Man March
December

December 1, 2015
Stevenson Tower, 6 pm
Pre-Kwanza Celebration

December 2, 2015
HSC – Heritage Rm, 7 pm
Student Association Diversity Dialogue: Live Above the Line
Students discuss NIU race issues
Northern Star, Dec. 2, 2015

open discussion with 50 members of the NIU community. Miki Grace, SA Director of Student Life, and SA President, Nathan Lupstein hosted the event. See full story at http://northernstar.info/campus/students-discuss-niu-race-issues/article_60403a62-99ab-11e5-9189-5b7cb8df26da.html

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Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Community Service Opportunities, Nov. 7 & Dec. 6

15 CBS volunteers, which included staff and students, fed 50 residents/staff lunch and dinner at Hope Haven Shelter & Transition Program, 1145 Rushmoore Drive, DeKalb; organized by the Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Community Service Opportunities Subcommittee, graduate student Shatoya Black and Chair, Regina Curry

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CONGRATS TO DECEMBER GRADUATES,

NIU Fall 2015 Commencement

AND HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY BREAK!!!
STOP BY AND VISIT :)  

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CBS — WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO…  

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✦ Chair, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee  

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