IN LOVING MEMORY…

Faculty, staff, and students of the Center for Black Studies were saddened by the tragic loss of Oluwarotimi "Timi" S. Okedina. All who knew and loved Timi are devastated by this loss. May you find comfort in the memories of a young life lived well, and the loss of a son who left us too soon…

A Son’s Love

A son’s love, so priceless and true.
It holds you up, when you are blue.
It surrounds you even in the darkest of times.
It rings in your ear, like wind chimes.
It says “I love you,” without a word.
It’s constantly with you. Always to be heard.
It’s a love that selfless. Real love always is.
It’s a love that’s eternal, lasting through the years.
It comforts you with memories. All this we know.
Because true love tells us so.
A love so deep, like the ocean floor.
It can’t be replaced. It’s forever more.
A son’s love, so special and sweet.
It lives in your heart…with every beat.

Dr. Joy Coates, Acting Director
Upcoming Events - October:

October 16 & 30, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Informational - Black History Month Steering Committee
Center for Black Studies
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Leave 10/8 - Return 10/11
Million Man March 20th Anniversary
10/10/15 - Justice or Else
National Mall, Washington, DC
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October 10, 8:30am - 2:30pm
University Honors Program, Social Justice Conference
Barsema Hall
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October 17, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Breast Cancer Awareness Walk & Balloon Release
Meets at Center for Black Studies and end at Stevenson Multipurpose Room
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WHAT YOU MISSED...BLAK TO SCHOOL TOUR & S-PLAN MEET AND GREET, INTERNATIONAL AREA STUDIES OPEN HOUSE; 2@NIU LAUNCH EVENT SECOND YEAR EXPERIENCE; STUDENT ORG FEST
CBS – WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO…

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