What is the ABCC?

• Association for Black Culture Centers

• Founded in 1988

• National organization for African American, Latino, Asian American, Native American and multicultural centers as well as community colleges

• Seeks to celebrate, promote and critically examine the cultures of each ethnic group

• Paves the way for highest standards in cultural competence leading to authentic integration
Why is the ABCC Important to NIU?

• Strengthens NIU’s brand and reputation

• Accreditation for Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies and Latino Resource Center

• Supports student retention efforts

• Scholarship and expertise benefit university community
ABCC Supporting NIU Curricular Initiatives

• Innovative curricular leadership:
  – Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies and Latino Resource Center
  – Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  – Wider campus community

• Opportunities for NIU faculty, staff and students to engage well-known scholars and performers
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• Publication opportunities for faculty, staff and students:
  
  – Second edition of book on culture centers
  
  – Quarterly Nommo newsletter
  
  – Papers at ABCC national conference
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• Afro-Latino Initiative:
  – Afro-Latin American Research Institute (Harvard University)
  – Afro-Hispanic Review (Vanderbilt University)
  – PALARA (College of Charleston)
  – Afro-Latino scholars
ABCC Supporting NIU Co-Curricular Initiatives

- Increased visibility for NIU through national networking with:
  - Mainstream organizations: ACPA, NADOHE and NASPA
  - Ethnic-specific organizations: AHSA, ASALH, JDOTT and NCBS
  - MAC universities
  - ACM colleges
ABCC National Conferences

- MAC plenary session at 26th national conference at Louisiana State University
  
  - October 27-30, 2016
  
  - Theme: “Culture Centers: Campus and Community Organizing to Make Lives Matter”
  
  - Professional Development Institute
  
  - Featuring Multicultural Leadership Conference
Northern Illinois University

2017 ABCC National Conference at NIU