



Warm Greetings Everyone!

Welcome to the Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff website. I am honored to serve you as the Caucus Chair this academic year.

Let me start by respectfully acknowledging and paying tribute to the 2016-17 Executive Board Members: Pamala Morris, Chair; Jacquelyn Thomas-Miller, Vice Chair; Dorothy Reed, Secretary/Historian; Johnny E. Brown, Treasurer; Zenephia Evans, Fiscal Planner; and Vetra Byrd, Parliamentarian. These members will continue to have a visible presence in advising the incoming Executive Board Members this coming year through the generous giving of their time and talents to the mission and goals of the Black Caucus. Quite notably, you will notice, upon viewing our incoming Executive Board list, that several members were elected to continue serving on the board which exemplifies their unwavering commitment to the Caucus.

Over the past 42 years, the Caucus has been a positive voice in the thrusts of constant transition across the Purdue University campus continuously echoing the promotion of equality and equity amongst one of its most humbled assets...its Black faculty, staff, and students. We are a service organization whose positive efforts are always focused on fostering equity at Purdue University.

As the incoming Chair, it is my belief that the legacy of Purdue University and the Caucus is uniquely enhanced by the atmosphere that exists amongst its culture. A culture that has to be progressively cultivated in becoming strong-rooted in diversity and inclusiveness. The *feeling in the atmosphere* at Purdue University will lend hope to those who shall ultimately follow and succeed us in this journey of righteousness.

On behalf of the entire Caucus, I cordially invite you to join us as an organizational structure that seeks to collaboratively and strategically address issues that appear to be unjust and seemingly unreflective of the overall image of Purdue University and the greater Lafayette community. Our monthly General Meetings are held every second Wednesday at Krach Leadership Center at 12:00p.m. Please come see what we are all about. Join in on the conversation and become active as a valued member. Know that your involvement and contribution will only strengthen us to perform at even higher levels.

I encourage you to navigate throughout our website and share some of the fun-filled events posted on our calendar each month. I am certain that there will be an event that will spark your interest.

Again, welcome. Remember, the Caucus is here for you! We are proud of all we've accomplished and are hopeful that many of you will play a key role in our future accomplishments.

Jacquelyn Thomas-Miller, Ed.D., Chair  
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