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### Statement from the NIU Latinx Alumni Council (NIU LAC)

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Shock cannot even begin to express our sentiment toward learning of the n-word being spray-painted on the Center for Black Studies on September 17. What's more, the trauma our Black students, faculty, staff, as well as alumni, are experiencing, is unfathomable. Last night, members of the NIU LAC were present and listening to the outcry of our Black Huskies. We want to remind our Latinx Huskies that now is the time to hold space for our Black students, faculty, and staff. It is not the time to ask for the mic to bring up issues in our community. We need to unite and give them the support, space, and time to process.

During this tumultuous time, know that we are here to fight for you and with you in the face of hatred, bigotry, and anti-blackness. As the NIU Latinx Alumni Council, we stand in solidarity with the Center for Black Studies, its students, staff, and faculty, and the NIU Black Alumni Council. Together we are stronger. Together, we are NIU.

- On behalf of the NIU Latino Alumni Council Board Members.