



A GREETING FROM BCA PRESIDENT KARYN L. AGUIRRE

Hello, Redbirds! My name is Karyn L. Aguirre '86, and I am the newly elected president of Illinois State University's Black Colleagues Association (BCA). I am truly excited (and a little nervous at the same time) to be granted this opportunity to serve and represent the BCA.

My Redbird pride and passion have been reignited through my eight-year involvement with BCA and attending Homecoming every year since 2007. Each time I hit campus, I remember, it is here I became a member of Theta Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. It is here I served as vice president and Big Brother/Big Sister coordinator of the Black Student Union and was first runner-up in the Miss Black ISU Pageant. It is here I was a member of the 1985 Homecoming committee and also a reporter with TV-10 News. It is here I hung out in the Union (or what is now the Bone Student Center), on the Quad, and attended a party or two! It is here that black students promoted and believed in ONE LOVE. It is here I made lifelong friends and formed my Illinois State BCA Family!

BCA has allowed me to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and make a difference in students' lives. BCA has allowed me a vehicle to show off my school to my 15-year-old son, Miles, and my non-ISU friends. BCA has allowed me to beam with **REDBIRD AND BCA PRIDE**, knowing that this organization, through the efforts of past leadership and contributions, has awarded over \$122,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1987 and its rebirth in 1997.

That is why, it is in the here and now that I, along with the elected officers of BCA—Vice President Eyvonna Hemphill '80, Recording Secretary RoDina Williams '02, '10, Corresponding Secretary Shelly Booker '85, and Treasurer Joletta Martin '87—invite you to join our effort. We hope you will take a moment to [view our page](#), make a contribution, and become involved!

With Redbird Pride,

Karyn L. Aguirre