It is difficult to believe that another fall semester has come to a close. However, it has been a session with several diversity related events on campus and within our college. I know many of you have taken advantage of all that our college and university have to offer both in and outside the classroom; I have had the pleasure of seeing you at the various events. For those of you who have not attended a DRIVEN meeting, or an event hosted by one of our many diversity related student organizations on campus, and/or an event sponsored by the Division of Diversity and Inclusion, I challenge you to make it your New Year’s Resolution to attend at least one event in 2014.

In addition, if you enjoy writing and/or taking pictures Diversity Digest is always looking for contributors so you never know: your article could be included in the next edition! On that note, a very special thank you to our excellent team of interns for the fall semester. Anna Bao and Myles Madey both graduated this December and we wish them the best on their future endeavors. To Jessica Cole, Rosy Garibay and Natascha Perez-Rios, thank you and look out for more of their work next semester as they continue to support the efforts of our program.

Have a great Winter Break and enjoy your day!

- Lupita Acosta-Roberts
Student Diversity Initiatives Director
This semester DRIVEN has been very involved on campus and has successfully discussed a range of topics, from speaking about the iPhone 5C and its societal consequences to talking about the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. DRIVEN has been able to cultivate a sense of education that includes all kinds of diverse students. DRIVEN, along with the Liberal Arts Student Council, participated in the homecoming parade during the fall. Here, DRIVEN was able to show their diversity ideology with a range of students representing DRIVEN and the LASC. The parade was successful in reaching students and faculty members from the campus along with the surrounding West Lafayette and Lafayette community members. This yearly tradition allowed DRIVEN to spread the word on diversity on campus and what a better time to do so than when all of these diverse community members come together to celebrate.

DRIVEN has also been involved in service and volunteering around the West Lafayette and Lafayette communities. DRIVEN has volunteered at a community shelter for the homeless. This allowed the members to give back to an entire community of diverse people who are less fortunate. Most recently DRIVEN was able to raise money for service by selling snack bags. This fundraiser also worked to spread and promote DRIVEN as a student organization whose main focus is the promotion of diversity all throughout. Many new members joined this semester and we hope to have even more students on campus join next semester. This organization is one of the only organizations on campus that combines all diverse community groups on our campus and calls for education and networking among them. DRIVEN was successful in coordinating service activities and fun campus activities for the fall semester and we hope to carry this success and raise it up next semester.

DRIVEN, Diversity and Retention Initiatives through Volunteering, Education, and Networking, is a student-run organization that promotes diversity of any and all kinds. This organization strives to open the minds of our college community and to educate ourselves on every kind of diversity on campus. DRIVEN provides its members with opportunities for networking, mentoring, and leadership.