The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center exists to provide resources, to advocate, to inform, and to support personal development. The Center offers a variety of services for and about women. We sponsor educational and cultural programs designed to promote gender equity, knowledge of women’s rights issues, leadership, and independence. We encourage understanding and cooperation among women of varied socio-economic groups, cultures, ethnic backgrounds, races and sexual orientations. We welcome all women and men who enter our doors.
Impacting and Changing the Lives of Our Students

Women’s Center Staff
Where are They Now...
Olga Fritho  
University Assistant  
Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center  
Central Connecticut State University

Before my employment at the Women’s Center I became involved through the Latina Leadership and Professional Development group where I met and was encouraged by amazing women. In my graduate career I was the Graduate Assistant of the Women’s Center where I learned so much and developed a passion for working with diverse populations within higher education and pursuing a career within human rights. I am also a College and Career Readiness Teacher at the New Britain YWCA for teenage youth. After graduating with a Masters of Science in International Studies, I am currently the University Assistant of the Women’s Center where I am able to assist in the personal and professional development of young women in Higher Education. The Women’s Center has taught me resilience, patience, pride, focus and growth each of which I will forever be grateful for.

Aeisha Lewis  
Clinician with the Caregiver Support Team  
Community Health Resources

As the graduate assistant at the Women's Center for 2.5 years, along with the planning and organizing of events, I was also able to serve as a de facto mentor for the younger undergraduate students who worked in the office. This experience provided me with a chance to gain familiarity with working with young adults dealing with the stressors of college life and being on their own for the first time. As a Marriage and Family Therapist, this has been invaluable to my post-graduate work with families.
Monique Daley
Training & Program Coordinator
Women & Gender Resource Action Center,
Trinity College
Hartford, CT

It was great pleasure to serve as the Graduate Assistant and full time Program Assistant at the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center. The experience and opportunity has led to me remaining in Higher Education and serving as the Training and Program Coordinator at the Women and Gender Resource Action Center at Trinity College helping a new generation of women find their voice and style of activism.

Tiffany Trowbridge-Bernard
Australia

Tiffany is currently living and thriving in Melbourne, Australia. She will be starting at Monash University with the Family Violence/Gender Studies PHD Program. After working at the Women’s Center she backpacked Australia and New Zealand, as well as parts of Canada.
Miriam Desgazon  
Volunteer Coordinator for Midwives  
Haiti  

Miriam spends her working hours supporting and planning Maternal Health in Haiti. Miriam received a Bachelor of Social Work. During Miriam’s undergraduate career, worked at the Women’s Center as the Senior Clerical Assistant, ElectHer Campaign Student Coordinator and Student Program Coordinator.  

Miriam states, “My college experience would not have been the same without the Women’s Center. The Women’s Center was more than office in campus; it was a place where I gained my voice and learned the importance of self and professional growth. ”

Emily Dombroski  
Merchandise Trainer at Walt Disney World  
Orlando, Florida  

I help new cast members learn how to make magical memories for our guests as a merchandise cast member. Everyday I meet people from around the world that I am able to help.  

My time working at the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center, gave me the confidence and work experience that helped me acquire a Internship with the Walt Disney Company that changed my life. I served as the Student Coordinator for Girls In STEM.  

If there was one thing in college that made the biggest impact on my life it was volunteering at the Women's Center.
Ryan Milan  
Graphic Designer / Communications Coordinator  
Pace University  
New York, NY

Working at the Women’s Center helped me land a job after graduation. As a student employee at the Women's Center, I received professional work experience equal to that of an internship. I built my design portfolio, creating pieces for the center’s distinguished guest speakers, whom I also got to meet and learn from. I transferred the skills I learned at the Women's Center to my current career in Higher Education and I am forever grateful for all that the Women’s Center provided me.

Sahrash Chaudhary  
Graphic Designer  
American Tower Corporation  
Boston, Massachusetts

The CCSU Women’s Center was the first place I started working as a Graphic Designer. The Design work I created helped boost my portfolio and I developed an excellent work ethic. Seeing my work displayed around campus and inviting people to talk about subjects such as CCSU Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, CCSU Girls In STEM Campaign and No Witness Poster made all the difference in confirming the path I choose as a designer was the correct one for me. I’ve made valuable lifelong friendships and as a commuter it gave me a place to call home on campus.
Kamila Zielinski  
Central Connecticut State University Senior

My name is Kamila Zielinski, I am currently a student at Central Connecticut State University. I am a Senior and my major is Biology. After I receive my bachelor’s degree in Biology, I plan to pursue an education at nursing school to fulfill my life-long goal of being a Nurse. While working at Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center, I was given the ability to grow as person to become more educated as well as successful. Within the time period working there, I organized multiple events one being Girls In Stem. The purpose of this event was to educate young women about the STEM field, and our experiences within it. During this event as a Science major, I was able to speak about my obstacles, lessons, and achievements. It was a powerful event educating young women about our field and encouraging them to achieve their goals and dreams. The Women’s Center has shaped me to the person I am today.

Joanne Gaillard  
Project Manager  
Haiti

Currently working as a Project Manager in Haiti with a focus of stigmatization of pregnant women with HIV in rural Haiti. I worked in the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center for several years. I would have to say that the time that I spent as the Women’s Center has shaped who I am today. I became an advocate over the years for many women stateside and abroad with skills that I obtained at the Women’s Center. During my time there I learned that my role as a woman is not only to stand up for myself but for the many women in my life, and in the communities that I serve. I encourage other young women to get involved in their local Women’s Center as I did many years ago as it will be a life changing experience.
Ulricka Joseph  
Pharmaceutical Sales Representative  
Second Year Medical School Student

While at the Women’s Center I was the student coordinator of Women’s Health programs. One of the major projects I worked on was to serve as a liaison for Girls & Science Technology Engineering Mathematics Program to encourage and support local high school girls’ involvement in science, engineering and math. The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center provides the resources and skills for women to prepare for corporate America. I can truly say the Women’s Center has helped shape and modeled me into a professional woman with the skills and mentoring provided.

Ghalib Sanni  
Assistant Project Manager  
Petra Construction Corporation  
North Haven, CT

My work experience began at the Women’s Center at CCSU. I learned how to be more organized, connect with various people and become an outgoing individual. I am very grateful because the connections I made helped navigate me through my college career. The Women’s Center made it possible for me to obtain an internship with the CCSU Facilities Department.
Sophia Gaillard
Instructional Aide
St. Vincent’s Special Needs Services

I recently graduated with a Master’s in Applied Behavior Analysis and I am pursuing my Board Certified Behavior Analyst Certification. I attended CCSU and worked at the Women’s Center for a couple of years. The Women’s Center impacted my life by teaching me how to communicate with others, building and support one another, and most importantly Women Empowerment. I value my experience at the Women’s Center and I encourage others to get involved with this amazing center.

Michelle Guerrero
Paralegal, Fragomen
New York, New York

Many factors contributed to my overall instability while in college. At the Women’s Center these did not stop me from finding purpose, opportunity and growth. Most importantly, I found a family that continues to give me more than I could ever give back. Words cannot do justice to how much the Women’s Center has positively impacted every aspect of my life.
Nikki Carrington
CEO/Founder of HAVYN®
Brooklyn, New York

Nikki Carrington is the former co-editor of the Women’s Center Newsletter 2001-2004. The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center provided stability, empowerment, and direction. The Women’s Center provided an environment of anything is possible, the meaning of hard work, and positioning yourself in a way that will impact generations for years to come. I would not be where I am today without the Center, as I was there over seventeen years ago, I pray the Center is there for seventeen plus more years.

Ashlee Rollins
Paraprofessional
Wheeler Clinic

My time spent working at the Women’s Center gave me skills, friendships and most importantly a home away from home during my time at CCSU. The way that the staff working in the Women’s Center, welcomes and accepts everyone with open arms is a feeling that is not duplicated anywhere else on campus. The friendships I made working at the Women’s Center have lasted because of the true sense of family created among the staff. Working at the Women’s Center also taught me leadership and planning skills that I continue to use in my professional career. I am thankful for my time spent at the Women’s Center and the memories I will have forever.
Jacqueline Simone Brown  
Long Wharf Theater  
Resident Teaching Artist  
New Haven, CT

Jacqueline Brown currently works at Long Wharf Theater in New Haven as a Resident Teaching Artist for the Education Department. Becoming a part of the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center staff was one of the best things I did during my time at CCSU. The Women’s Center was more than a job, the women there became and still are wonderful mentors. They pushed me to do things that I didn’t know I was capable of doing. Working at the RBWC, I learned the importance of being timely, organized, and prepared, which are all qualities I still use today.

Ivonne Lopez  
Trainer  
Hispanic Health Council’s Cross-Cultural & Diversity Inclusiveness Training Curriculum

Ms. Lopez has a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a Master’s degree in Global Development and Peace Studies. M.A Lopez educational background has been focused on the issues of social inequality, cultural competency and the social determinates of health. Ms. Lopez has volunteered in India’s remote vil-lages and with the Tibetan refugee community. MS. Lopez volunteer experience has crystalized her skill in cross-cultural communication.
Joanna Ruggiero- Rivera  
School Age Program Assistant Coordinator  
YWCA -New Britain, CT

The Women’s Center has impacted my career choice because it taught me that I have a passion for advocating and working towards the rights of Women and Girls. Due to my experience of program coordinating at the Women’s Center I was experienced enough to be hired as the program coordinator for mid-dle school and high school girls at the YWCA. I was also able to maintain a strong relationship with the Women's Center by developing a mentoring program with current staff for my young girls, invite them to campus and continue the work I was a part of but, for the next generation of girls. My favorite part is being able to hire current Women’s Center staff for my programs and knowing they are coming in with the same work ethic and values that were instilled in me. When I am having a rough day I always say “WWJD” (What would Jackie do) and these ladies know what I mean by this :)

Alison Chan-Rodriguez  
Interactive Graphic Designer  
Children’s Hospital Colorado (Denver, CO)

The experience I gained at the Women’s Center is one that most students don’t get in college. By the time I graduated, I already had a strong portfolio full of posters designed for well known speakers, shirts that were part of campus wide campaigns, and marketing materials seen by thousands of people. The Women’s Center felt like family all through my four years at CCSU and I am grateful to have worked with such inspiring people.
Zoë Grant
Youth Worker
The Bridge Family Center
Southington, CT

I graduated in May of 2017. I am currently a Youth Worker at The Bridge Family Center. I counsel teen girls who have been Sex Trafficked and who have sexual traumas. My role at the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center helped me to become a more well rounded individual. My passion for helping others stems from the Women’s Center. I have gotten more involved in public speaking and cannot wait for where life takes me. I really thank The Women’s Center for giving me the courage to speak publicly!

Jennifer Lepke
Founder/Psychotherapist/Clinical Consultant
The Art Therapy Nest
New York

Jennifer Lepke received a BA in Psychology with a minor in Fine Arts, class of 2007, she went on to attend Pratt Institute in NYC, receiving her Masters in Art Therapy. After working in the hospital sector, community clinics, schools and non-profit organizations she moved on to develop her own psychotherapy private practice in NYC.

The Women’s Center directly impacted her professional endeavors along with her personal healing process. With the empowerment of the Women's Center she was able to develop her voice as an advocate and activist. The experience directly informs her approach as a Clinician as she continues to work both individually and in group therapy with survivors of sexual trauma.

The Center helped to shape my thoughts on Women in the world, and I am forever grateful.
Connor Henry
Behavioral Interventionist
Jumoke Academy
Hartford, CT

I interned at the Women’s Center my Junior year. When I first began I was unsure of what to expect but was pleasantly surprised with how much knowledge and experience I came away with. Through the conversations I had with staff, my knowledge of the issues surrounding women and ways in which to advocate to create change for these issues increased exponentially. I also gained first hand experience in organizing, planning, and running events. I thoroughly enjoyed working at the Women’s Center and was able to create lifelong bonds with other staff members at the center, and for that I am so very thankful.

Dezarae Shipman
Residential Counselor
New Haven Career Development Center
New Haven, CT

I recently graduated with my Master’s in Social Work from Fordham University. The Ruthe Boyea Women's Center had a positive impact on my self development. I was able to gain strong work ethic skills, communication skills, and leadership skills from being a student worker at the center. I am so grateful that I had a great mentor and role model to enhance my knowledge and abilities within the work place. In addition, the women’s center was a great place for me to grow, in which I was able to reach my full potential. My experience working at the Women’s Center was healthy, positive, and support working environment. We all work together as a team and soon enough everyone there became my second family.
Kadi-Ann Rose  
Post Graduate Associate  
Yale School of Medicine

The Women's Center has taught me how to advocate for myself and how to empower others. The Girls In STEM program especially allowed me to apply those skills. My involvement with the Girls In STEM program immediately after graduation lead to me working with young girls interested in Science in the school system as well as this work has allowed me to hold Science positions in many parts of the United States. I continue to utilize my skills today at the Yale School of Medicine.

Gabriella Carvalho  
Medical School  
Brazil

The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center allowed me to acknowledge my privilege and use them to speak up for those whose voices are usually not heard in our society. I am forever grateful for the experience and life long friendships I developed with my fellow colleagues at the Center.
Brittany Hallenbeck  
Multisystemic Therapy Clinical Supervisor  
The Village for Families & Children  
Hartford, CT

I volunteered at the Women’s Center as part of a project for my Women’s Studies class during my undergraduate. It started off as a way to complete my project for my class and ended up as so much more. The mentors available weren’t going to let me off the hook easily by “just letting me do my time” there. They sat me down and asked me “What do you want to do here?” On the spot, I came up with an event idea for women. The event ultimately turned into the CCSU Women’s Day event which hosted a variety of agencies and vendors that were specific to the needs of women. All of the Women’s Center’s support drove me into being a proud, empowered feminist. I continue to look back on the Women’s Day event with pride and joy. I carry the values that I learned from that experience daily in my work as a Clinical Supervisor and as a mother to my 2 year old daughter, in the hopes that I can teach her to be a proud, empowered feminist as well.

Jennifer Wenderoth-Holster  
Founder, Let It Be Heard  
Gender Equity Coordinator,  
Gateway Community College  
Assistant Coalition Coordinator,  
Madison Youth and Family Services

Working and being involved at the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center was the best part of my college career. The tools I obtained at the Women's Center have continued to help me educate college, high school, and middle school students on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Stalking, as well as being able to provide support, counseling, and victim centered services to survivors. The experience I had while working at the Women's Center was one that I will be grateful to have for the rest of my life.
Kristina Carvalho  
Master of Social Work student at UConn  
Social Work Intern at True Colors  

The CCSU Ruthe Boyea Women's Center helped me realize that I wanted a career that would be centered around advocating for others, specifically those in the LGBTQ+ community. I graduated with a B.S. in Marketing in May 2018 and went straight to graduate school to concentrate on Community Organization. I am thankful for my experience at the center because it was a prominent factor in my professional and personal growth.

Orane Fraser  
Graphic Designer  
5 Kount –Connecticut  

If it was not for the Women's Center I would not be the person that I am today. I was able to create amazing designs because I was surrounded by individuals who wanted to see me become successful. The Women’s Center saw something in me that I didn't see in myself and as a result I became a better person and better graphic designer.
Jessica Pruitt  
Customer Service Representative  
CT Transit

Working at the Women’s Center has taught me more than I ever would about myself, it taught me how I can be independent and never to stop striving for greatness even when the odds are stacked against me. Also, the Women’s Center showed me how I can organize and plan events while I was a student at CCSU which has helped me greatly at my job now.

Aleisha Velez  
401(k) Consultant  USI Consulting Group- Connecticut

My time at the Women's Center shaped me by teaching me that I am a strong woman and can achieve anything. I graduated with a Bachelor's in Social Work and worked in that field for two years after graduating and realized I was better suited somewhere else. I fell into the retirement industry accidentally but have loved it and have been in the field for over 13 years now. I continue to grow and learn daily and my work at the Women's Center helps me immensely in this male driven industry by reminding me that I can do this and I have great ideas and values that I bring to the table every day. Thank you, Women’s Center for helping shape me into who I am today.
Marissa Blaszko  
Artist and Owner of Kaleidoscope Art & Entertainment  
Mexico

It wouldn't be far-fetched to say I was not only able to stay in school because of the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center, but also have my business today because of it. As the daughter of Polish immigrants, I had to work full time during school and my job as the designer at the Center gave me the schedule flexibility to make an additional job and classes possible so I could balance my course load. On top of that, the professional design portfolio I came out with specifically from the Center, not from my classes was enough to get myself a job as a layout editor at a National Children's Magazine; when I decided an office job wasn't for me, I already had enough event organizing skills from the Women's Center (and a high enough salary from the design job) to start my own agency for artists to coordinate with event planners and corporations their talent needs. Unlike other organizations, the sheer amount of transferable skills women learn while working at the Center makes it an enormous asset to the university if the university's goal is to actually see out students with skills and experience to match the grades on their transcript.

Erika Dawson-Head  
Co-Director of Diversity  
UMASS Amherst

Erika received her BA in 2012, a double major in Political Science and Sociology from Central Connecticut State University. In 2015, she received her Master's Degree in Counseling with a Specialization in Student Development in Higher Education. Her preferred gender pronoun is she. In her most recent position, Erika was instrumental in establishing an Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Saint Joseph, while serving as Diversity and Employee Engagement Coordinator for the University's Department of Human Resources. Erika has been an administrator, participant, and presenter at the True Colors Conference for LGBT Youth for the past seven years, and has been an active participant in Tri-state Diversity Committee for the past three years. Erika served for two years as a Commissioner for the City of New Britain, CT, for the Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development (CCND). She has been an active participant and/or leader in numerous community organizations and has a passion for social justice. Erika is driven by her strong belief in diversity, equity, and inclusion, while providing opportunities for all people.
Nicole Kennedy-Bchini  
Supervisory Immigration Services Officer  
VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)  
U & T Program for USCIS  
Burlington, Vermont

My time with the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center at CCSU contributed to my passion for Women’s Rights. I found that this Center and its staff helped to shape who I am today as a person as they supported me in my endeavors as a student, teaching me to ask why and to challenge the status quo when we can strive for better. Without a doubt the CCSU Women’s Center helped me to get where I am today and I am forever grateful for that.

Omar Moses  
Graphic Designer  
Georgia

Working at the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center has enriched me in two significant ways. First and foremost, I learned how to foster open communication among my associates. Secondly and more importantly, I experienced what it means to work for an organization that supports individuals and communities. My experience at the Women’s Center has fulfilled what it means to get a real education at a university such as CCSU.
Mario Cardona  
Correction Officer  
Department of Corrections Connecticut  

Working at the Women's Center on campus opened my eyes to not only being open to a Woman's point of view but also how to respect & appreciate the everyday struggles that Women face, especially Women of Color. The Women's Center staff were always patient, honest with me and were always respectful of my opinions. Working there was a great experience for me not only at CCSU but in my life overall.

Woody Pierre  
Children’s Center of Hamden  
Connecticut  

I am currently interning at the Children's Center Of Hamden and I am also working towards my MSW at Fordham University. The Women's Center helped me to be the person I am today by opening my eyes to larger and prevalent issues within the community. With the experience and expertise from the staff, I have been able to conduct myself as a professional towards my degree and in the workforce. Because of the Women's Center, I am able to advocate for the rights of others as well as assisting them towards achieving their goals.
Destiney Stackhouse
University of Connecticut, MSW student
Bridgeport, CT

I learned about the Women’s Center from a former staff member who was in the Social Work program. While at the Women's Center, I planned Women’s Health programs, Salary Negotiation Workshops, and I was the Senior Clerical Assistant. The Women's Center provided me with the confidence to speak up more and it has impacted me by allowing me to speak my mind and move away from being so reserved. The greatest memory I had was when we all got together for staff hangouts and had time to get to know each other outside of office hours, especially at the holiday parties.

Toni-Ann Malcolm
Substance Abuse Counselor
Root Center for Advanced Recovery

As a Social Work major at CCSU I had the privilege to be an Intern at the Women’s Center in 2015. It was very insight full to see my male friends work in and support the women center with their gifts as well. I was full of excitement to now be able to intern in what I feel is one of the most powerful centers and organizations on campus. The Women's Center was more than a representation for Women on the CCSU campus but a cornucopia of bodies who have values, morals and plans beyond New Britain. The Women's Center addressed issues of Racism, Sexism, Classism and Socialism, issues that couldn’t be discussed everywhere on campus. Some events I was able to be a part of was the Vagina Monologues, United Sisters, Take Back The Night, Love Jones and welcoming phenomenal speakers.

One of many privileges of being an intern at the Women’s center was being chosen to attend National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. With all these different attributes to interning at the Women’s Center I was able to grow into the women I am today, graduate of Fordham University, Master’s in Social Work. I was able to balance it with the support of the wonderful Women’s Center staff and my amazing colleagues whom I am very close to now alongside of me. It has impacted me by feeling comfortable with the skin I am in. I learned that I have a voice and I can spread it no matter where I work or live. A proud CCSU alumni who will change her community and the world one day at a time. This Women’s Center one place that it was more than okay to be a Black, West Indian American who didn’t necessarily fit in any other box of organizations or clubs on campus, because one thing I did as a Woman!
Demesis Negron-Figueroa
AmeriCorps Student Support Specialist
Springfield College MSW Student

As a Women Center Alumni I have learned many things that have helped me in my personal and professional life. While at the Women Center, I was a senior student coordinator that oversaw various roles involving diversity programs, support groups and leadership trainings. Being part of the Women’s Center has provided with the experiences I needed in order to develop my time management, leadership, and social skills. The Center impacted my life by opening my eyes to the possibilities of new adventures and to be able to develop the confidence I never knew I possess. The Women’s Center provided me and those around me the opportunity to be the leaders we wanted to become in our communities. This was possible by the center providing us with the opportunities to become involve in various events, develop programs for the campus, provided after hour services such as counseling, tutoring, and/or offering the opportunity to attend conference in our fields of interest; the Center also had study hours that helped us academically and they were very understanding of our schedules as students. The Women’s Center provided a safe space were Students, Alumni, Staff, and even members of the community can come together and receive their services. Therefore, as an alumnus my greatest memory with the center was the mentorship I received from the leadership at the center. The Women’s Center is a place where you enter as a student, but you leave as a professional that is more than ready to face the challenges in the world. Men or women it does not matter what gender, or where you come from, the center had a safe space for you.

Jason Alvarez
Education and Workforce Development Intern - Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
Danbury, CT

I encountered the Women's Center during my first semester at the club drive. During my tenure at the Women Center, I was a Senior Event Student Coordinator Volunteer where I assisted with the planning and running of various events and campaigns. The Women's Center not only provided me with support but also exposing me to various issues that I would have otherwise overlooked. These issues include maternity leave, mental health awareness, intersectionality, and biases that one may hold without even noticing. The greatest memories I have of the Women's Center involve the laughs and struggles I shared whether it was for an event or studying for finals in the Women's Center lounge. The Women's Center made me reevaluate myself and push for continuous growth as an individual and professional.
Olutayo A. Sogunro
General Surgeon

My experience at the Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center definitely contributed to the Woman I have become. I was very involved with Women’s Health at the Women’s Center as I believe knowledge is power, especially in healthcare.

Under the leadership of the Women's Center I was empowered to learn about Women’s Health issues and provide education to the CCSU community. I am honored to be a part of the Women’s Center family.

Xandria Blair
CCSU Class of 2020
Planned Parenthood Intern

I was encouraged by my peers to seek employment at the Women’s Center. They believed it was in my best interest to work in an office on campus where I can participate in making a change on campus and also ensuring I am on the path to success. Indeed the Women’s Center has afforded me the space to do both. As a Biology Major, I spent my time at the Women’s Center coordinating Women's Health events such as our popular Breast Cancer Campaign, HIV/Hep C testing, Girls in STEM, and more. In my years at the Center I have grown as a student at CCSU and a student of life. I have acquired the necessary toolbox, just to name a few: good interpersonal skills, business etiquette, diversity intelligence, how to combine critical thinking and strategically to complete a goal. All of which will enable me to smoothly transition from campus life to the workforce. As an aspiring physician, I am now able to educate future patients on domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment etc. as part of my training at the Center. I am also aware of the language used to comfort victims which may also apply to those in grief. Looking back I will always honor the leadership at the Center, as it has successfully curated a growth oriented environment where all are embraced as we carry the torch of education, and advocacy for all on the CCSU campus.