Alumni Commit to Major Donations to University

They recall with fondness their undergraduate days spent on the campus of the “old Orange and Blue.”

They say that they owe success in their private lives and professional careers to the educational foundation received at Lincoln.

In support of their Alma Mater, nine members of Lincoln’s alumni have recently committed to donate $200,000 to the University.

Seven of the alumni are donating $25,000 apiece; a married couple, who also are Lincoln graduates, are donating the other $25,000 for a total of $200,000, said University President Ivory V. Nelson.

“These nine daughters and sons of Lincoln are setting a sterling example of making a financial commitment to their Alma Mater,” Dr. Nelson said.

President Nelson added: “Their generous gifts demonstrate their dedication to Lincoln as well as their strong belief that Lincoln needs more donors to step up to the plate and make significant financial commitments to this venerable institution. Their contributions are helping us to create more higher education opportunities for students to attend Lincoln.”

The seven alumni donating $25,000 each are: Walter D. Chambers ’52, Lincoln Trustee Emeritus; retired assistant vice president, Bell Atlantic Corp.; chair, Board of Trustees, The College of New Jersey; Robert L. Archie, Jr., Esq. ’65, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Duane, Morris & Heckscher LLP; Carol Black, Esq. ’67, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Black & Adams; Warren R. Colbert, Sr. ’68, first vice president, Investments, UBS/Paine Webber, Inc.; Dr. James A. Donaldson ’61, dean of Howard University’s School of Arts and Sciences; Warren R. Colbert, Sr., 68, member, Lincoln Board of Trustees; first vice president of Investments, UBS/PaineWebber, Inc.

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significant progress toward its goal of having Lincoln be the First Choice for students seeking a first-rate higher education.

In this first issue of our new newsletter, Lincoln Review, we discuss some of our future activities, recent accomplishments and milestones as well as focus on the challenges ahead for Lincoln, America’s first Historically Black University.

In my appearance before Pennsylvania lawmakers February 26-27 to present the University’s 2001-2002 operations budget request for the Commonwealth’s support, I pointed out a vital fact: Lincoln’s own contributions to the state extend well beyond its classrooms and 422-acre campus in Southern Chester County. The University is one of the largest employers in Southern Chester County with 450 employees. Seventy-two percent (72%) of the employees are Pennsylvania residents. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the University’s alumni reside in the state. In addition, the University purchases approximately $16 million of goods and services annually, including 58% or $9.1 million from state vendors.

For fiscal year 2001-2002, Lincoln is requesting state appropriations totaling $19,089,100.

In the meantime, Lincoln is working diligently to improve its finances. Besides funding for capital projects, Lincoln is seeking additional state funding to support its operating budget. We are faced with rising operating costs that must be met and much-needed improvements in facilities, technology and services which require additional funds.

To meet these and other challenges, Lincoln is reaching out, reaching across and reaching beyond. We are seeking to secure the necessary funding from the state, graduates, friends and private donors to update the physical plant and provide for the operational aspects of the University. A major step in addressing our financial needs was taken when Governor Tom Ridge made his first visit to our campus on December 12, 2000. Gov. Ridge committed $29.4 million to address the University’s most serious infrastructure needs.

Further, I commend the nine exemplary members of the alumni who have stepped forward to donate a combined $200,000 to the University.

To help lead the University in vital areas and in this new millennium, Lincoln has appointed two very able new vice presidents: Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; and Mr. Michael B. Hill, vice president for Development and External Relations.

Again, thanks to everyone for helping Lincoln prepare more students and produce more leaders for the new millennium.

And thanks to everyone for your continued support of Lincoln University.

Lincoln Alumna Chairs State Legislative Black Caucus

Pennsylvania State Rep. LeAnna M. Washington (D-Phila.), who graduated from Lincoln University in 1989 with a master’s degree in human services, is the new chair of the state’s Legislative Black Caucus. She is the first woman to head the Caucus that was founded in 1970.

“Lincoln gave me the tools to speak up, be a change agent, bring good services home to my constituents in Pennsylvania, be a team player, delegate, and be self-directed,” Rep. Washington said.

Lincoln’s Master of Human Services Program is designed for full-time professionals who have a record of successful work experience in a human services field. Students also must have the academic capability to enter and complete the course of studies leading to the M.H.S. degree.

A Philadelphia native, Rep. Washington was first elected to represent the 200th Legislative District in 1993. She has received numerous awards for her dedication to community and humanitarian issues, including the Citizens Commission on Human Rights’ International Human Rights Award in 2000, and the 1998 Pennsylvania State Conference NAACP Branches Appreciation Award. She has three children.
2001 Calendar for Commencement & Alumni Reunion Weekend

**Friday, May 4**

9:00 a.m. - Midnight Registration and Secure On-Campus Housing ............... Hansberry Hall
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Master of Human Services (HOMOWO Celebration) Off Campus Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA
   (For Directions, call the MHS Office at 610-932-1223)
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. “PHI” AND “PI” Dinner. ......................... LLC - Faculty Dinning Room
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Concurrent Hospitality Receptions ......................... Campus Locations

**Saturday, May 5**

8:00 a.m. - Midnight Registration and Secure On-Campus Housing ............... Hansberry Hall
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast ........................................ Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting of the Executive Council of the Alumni Association of Lincoln University ..........Vail Hall Boardroom
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. National Ladies Auxiliary/Lions Annual Meeting ..............The Guest House
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Emeritus Class Luncheon (Class of 1951)
   Brunch with the President ........................................ LLC Faculty Dining Room
10:00 a.m. - Noon Friends of the Library OPEN HOUSE .......... Langston Hughes Library
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch ................................................ LLC Faculty Dinning Room
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Concurrent Hospitality Receptions ......................... Campus Locations
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Alumni Association of Lincoln University General Membership Meeting .......................Dickey Hall Auditorium
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reunion Class Pictures (1’s and 6’s) ...................... Brown Memorial Chapel
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FOUNDER'S DAY - ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET
   Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room
9:00 p.m. - Midnight Reunion Networking Social…(A MUST! Featuring a live band and dancing)
   Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center Patio Area

**Sunday, May 6**

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast ........................................ Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room
10:00 a.m. The Baccalaureate Service ...................................... Brown Memorial Chapel
2:30 p.m. Commencement Exercises ....................................... On The Lawn
5:00 p.m. President’s Reception for Graduates and Guests of the University
   Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room

- ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2001
- ALUMNI ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2001
- HOMECOMING DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001

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