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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends of Lincoln University,

Lincoln University continues to move forward in its mission to provide students with a quality liberal arts education that prepares them for the ever-changing complex global workforce. As Lincoln expands its capital assets, improves infrastructure and invests in faculty and student developments, the affordability of an education at Lincoln remains tantamount.

If we want to ensure our students continue to receive a world class education at an affordable price, alumni and friends of Lincoln University must come together to ensure that plenty of grants and scholarships are available to support the work on campus.

This past year, alumni and friends heeded the call on multiple occasions. In October, members of the Lincoln community came together at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia to support Lincoln University's Endowed Undergraduate Student Research Scholarship Fund. This fundraiser exceeded funding expectations and established the scholarship fund to support the work of select undergraduate students from their chosen discipline who undertake scholarly projects.

In November, alumni from the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the New York Metro Chapter of the Alumni Association joined students, faculty, and staff at the Wellness Center Café to kick off the annual giving campaign. Several speakers including Stephen L. McDaniel, interim vice president of Institutional Advancement, Patricia Pierce Ramsey, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and students from the Pre-Alumni Council and Student Government Association spoke on "changing the culture" of giving at this event.

Following that same spirit of giving back, members of the Lincoln community from across the country joined the global Giving Tuesday movement and donated needed dollars to the university.

As President, I want to thank the hundreds of students, alumni, faculty, and staff members who have given back to the Lincoln University. Your passion for the legacy and growth of Lincoln is what makes the Lincoln University community a place I'm proud to call home.

I will continue to work incessantly for our historic institution and encourage those reading this letter to consider giving back to the university so that we can continue to invest in the futures of our Lincoln Lions.

Sincerely,



Brenda A. Allen, Ph.D.
President



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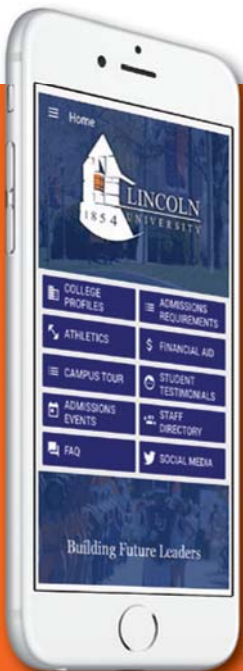
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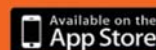
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Fostering Active Alumni

While becoming active philanthropists in the Pre-Alumni Council, Lincoln students learn that it is never too early to build the Lion Legacy.

In fall 2017, more than 50 students joined a new campus organization with the purpose of preparing them to become active alumni when they graduate. The Lincoln University Pre-Alumni Council is an opportunity for students of all classes to make an investment in their university.

Photo by Shelley Mix

“Our objective is to compose a body of students that loves their university and desires to further support, promote, and donate to their university,” said Courtney Hughes, a sophomore mass communications student from Waldorf, Maryland.

Members of the Pre-Alumni Council’s assist in fundraising for student scholarships, act as University ambassadors, volunteer with the Office of Alumni Relations, aid in recruiting students, and represent Lincoln University in a positive manner both on and off campus. The group encourages its members to give donations each semester to help formulate habits of giving back to better the institution.

Hughes said she sees the Council as a way to instill the Lincoln Legacy in students by actively and intentionally promoting students’ affinity for lifelong financial support. But it’s not only about students; the Council aims to increase alumni-student connections. One way to build those connections is to assist with class reunions, Homecoming, and alumni events.

“Our mission is to bridge the gap between students and alumni, while encouraging the participation in the alumni chapters after graduation.”

The Council’s first major goal is to raise money to give one student a scholarship of \$800.

To make a donation to the scholarship fund or for more information and to apply for the Pre-Alumni Council, contact Courtney Hughes (courtney.hughes@lincoln.edu) or the Office of Alumni Relations (alumnirelations@lincoln.edu, 484-365-7433). **L**



Pre-Alumni Council President Courtney Hughes (left) speaks at the University’s annual giving campaign kickoff at the Wellness Center on November 28, 2017. Also pictured is Student Government Association President Gionelly Mills.

“Donors don’t give to institutions. They invest in ideas and people in whom they believe.”

– G.T. Smith

Show us your school spirit! This section is dedicated to showing how alumni give back, engage with the campus community, or show their pride for Lincoln. Send us photos of you —alumni— showing your support for your Lincoln community. Email lincolnlion@lincoln.edu.



FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni Chapter Leaders, members, & friends,

This year marks the Return to the Legacy! On May 4-6 we will celebrate Reunion Weekend on Lincoln's campus. Traditions will be renewed and classes will be reunited to bring back the rich cultural heritage that was founded at Lincoln. Alumni, family, and friends will converge on the campus to bring back the legacy.

We will celebrate the reunion classes of the 3's and 8's, honor the anniversary of the 50th graduating class of 1968 at our Emeritus Luncheon and memorialize our fallen Lions at the annual Prayer Breakfast. The weekend will give tribute and acknowledge the achievements of our esteemed alumni at our annual Alumni Awards Banquet and we anticipate the return the Bull Roast.

In addition to returning home to celebrate the rituals of Reunion Weekend, it will be a time to reminiscence and reflect on the historical significance of Reunion Weekend, the importance of tradition, and honoring the Legacy of Lincoln.

The Reunion Committee is working diligently to ensure the weekend will be a success and that fundraising goals are met or exceeded. The weekend will also usher in and welcome the newest class of alumni during commencement on Sunday, May 6.

I hope you make plans to attend and celebrate all the events and activities over the Reunion Weekend, to spend time with classmates, tour former stomping grounds, and share wisdom with recent grads.

The Office of Alumni Relations is here to assist in making your plans to....Bring it Home.

Hail! Hail! Lincoln!

Committed,

Deborah E. Johnson '15

Alumni –
I am open to your ideas! Please stop by my office in Alumni House the next time you are on campus and let's spend some time together.
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Join the AALU at www.aalupa.org/join-or-renew-aalu/

ALUMNI CONNECTED

Inauguration & Homecoming

University Welcomes 14th President and the Return of Alumni

Brenda A. Allen, who was named president of Lincoln University in May 2017 and began her tenure on July 1, was inaugurated on October 20, 2017, in an outdoor ceremony on the Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center Lawn. Allen, who arrived from Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina, did her undergraduate work at Lincoln and earned advanced degrees, including a doctorate, at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY PROCESSION | OCTOBER 20 | VAIL MEMORIAL HALL
The ceremony began with a procession led by an ROTC Color Guard and a faculty marshal bearing the ceremonial mace. They were followed by more than 100 distinguished guests including trustees, faculty, representatives from other schools, student representatives, alumni, elected officials, and others who processed in front of Vail Memorial Hall.



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INSTALLATION CEREMONY | OCTOBER 20 | THURGOOD MARSHALL LIVING LEARNING CENTER LAWN
On the lawn of the Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center, more than 600 guests observed the 95-minute ceremony presided over by Board of Trustees Chairlady Theresa R. Braswell. The ceremony included welcoming remarks, reflections on the University's history, music, and prayer.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY | OCTOBER 20 | THURGOOD MARSHALL LIVING LEARNING CENTER LAWN
During President Allen's formal address, she said, "As an alumna, I am acutely aware of the expectations I have accepted for moving our university into her next chapter." Allen, a member of Lincoln's Class of 1981, is the institution's first alumna president. She was named president in May and began her tenure July 1.



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FACULTY SYMPOSIUM | OCTOBER 17 | WARE CENTER THEATER
Faculty held a symposium on the topic "Higher Education's Major Challenges in the 21st Century and their Impact on HBCU Survivability and Sustainability." Panelists pictured from left are Nicole Files-Thompson, Emmanuel Babatunde and James DeBoy.

STAFF TRIBUTE | OCTOBER 18 | INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER
Staff held a tribute featuring performances, a photo gift presentation, and several videos. The percussion group *Yo Little Brother Drummers* performed with alumnus Jeffery Jackson '95 (right).



STUDENT SYMPOSIUM | OCTOBER 19 | INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER
The student symposium featured an address by radio host Roland Martin, who earlier in the day held a two-hour live broadcast.

PRE-INSTALLATION BRUNCH | OCTOBER 20 | STUDENT UNION BUILDING
Guests began arriving on campus prior to the installation ceremony to meet and greet President Allen. Pictured from left: Delores Bristol, Arzel Clark, Shelley Williams, Carolyn Martin.



POST-INSTALLATION RECEPTION | OCTOBER 20 | ALUMNI HOUSE LAWN
Classmates of President Allen and fellow members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., present Allen with a collage of photos from her years as a student at Lincoln and memories since then.



INAUGURAL PARTY | OCTOBER 20 | ALUMNI HOUSE LAWN
Guests entered the festive party tent and were treated to lively music with a DJ and dancing that went well into the night.

Homecoming Highlights



ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET | OCTOBER 20 | STUDENT UNION BUILDING

Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Roosevelt Allen '82 receives the Alumni Medal of Distinction. Allen is the director of Medical Operations and Research, and Chief of the Dental Corps, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, in Falls Church, Virginia. At the banquet, the Alumni Service Award was presented to Robert E. Knox, III '96. The Professional Achievement Award was presented to David Hightower '87 and George D. Mosee, Jr., Esq. '77. The Public Service Award was presented to Jamila Sams '97 and Randolph Williams, Jr. '87.

Photo by Devin Bonner

EMERITUS LUNCHEON | OCTOBER 20 | INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER

Members of the Class of 1967 gather for the emeritus photo, which is an annual tradition of the Lincoln University class that is celebrating its 50th reunion year. Front row: Gloria Dulan-Wilson, Faruq Iman (Gregory Smart), Richard Williams, and Carol Black. Second row: Marc Pevar and Grady Long. Third row: Phillip Griffin, Ronald Moffit, Baxter Smith. Fourth row: Edward Hill. Fifth row: Terry Gomes, Herman Lawson, and Robert Johnson.



ALUMNI BUSINESS EXPO | OCTOBER 20 | WELLNESS CENTER

Theresa R. Braswell gives opening remarks at the inaugural event sponsored by the Lincoln Lions Chamber of Commerce. The event supported students as they prepare to enter the workforce by engaging alumni who work as professional and corporate executives, entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, and leaders from the public and private sectors to serve as mentors.



TAILGATING | OCTOBER 21 | OUTSIDE LION STADIUM

Supporters of the University's football team gather outside Lion Stadium before the Homecoming game. From left: student Malcolm Smith, Nikki Brooks, Alita V. Robinson-Gaskill '92, Jacqueline Smith '88, Sheila Williams '90, Hawaiian Thompson-Epps '90, and Victor Bobo '78.

ALUMNI CONNECTED



RECENT ALUMNI RECEPTION | OCTOBER 21 | INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER
The classes of 2002-2017 gathered to network and honor several alumni including E. Lynn Roberts '09 (left) as Most Notable Alumni pictured with Yolanda Gaskins '73, who produced a video for the inauguration about Lincoln's legacy.

LINCOLN SOCIETY RECEPTION | OCTOBER 21 | PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE
Members of the Lincoln Society are alumni, friends, trustees, corporate leaders, faculty and staff who have supported the University with a gift of \$1,000 or more during the last fiscal year.



WOMEN OF LINCOLN RECEPTION | OCTOBER 21 | STUDENT UNION BUILDING
More than 50 alumni, students and friends gathered at the seventh annual Women of Lincoln Reception to celebrate the impact and the legacy Lincoln women continue to make on the world.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM | OCTOBER 21 | INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER
Current students gathered for career advice from successful alumni.



BARNES RECEPTION IN SUPPORT OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY'S ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FUND | OCTOBER 22 | BARNES FOUNDATION IN PHILADELPHIA
For the culminating event of Homecoming weekend, more than 100 art enthusiasts and supporters of higher education gathered at the Barnes Foundation on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia and exceeded fundraising expectations. Left to right: Theresa R. Braswell, chairlady of the Lincoln University Board of Trustees; President Allen; Angela Davis, president of the Class of 1970, and Selena Cuffe, co-founder, president and CEO of Heritage Link Brands.

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PLACES & SPACES

CAMPUS RENOVATIONS

JOHN MILLER DICKEY HALL

Year built: 1991
Renovation cost: \$17.5 million
Bidding and contracts: Spring 2018
Construction: Summer 2018 - Summer 2019
Ready for use: Fall 2019

The renovated Dickey Hall will provide space for the psychology, criminal justice, sociology, history and information technology departments.



Photo by Devin Bonner



Photo by Shelley Mix

AMOS HALL

Year built: 1902
Renovation cost: \$15 million
Design process: Spring 2018 – Summer 2019
Bidding and contracts: Summer/Fall 2019
Construction: Fall 2019 – Fall 2020

The renovation and expansion of Amos hall will house a visual arts component.

DANJUMA AFRICAN ART CENTER

Year built: 1885
Renovated: 2013

Current status: Steps are being taken to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the 5,050 gross square foot building.



Photo by Maureen Stokes



3020 Market Street, Philadelphia

In addition to the existing 31,500 square feet, construction was completed in time for spring 2018 classes to fit out 9,200 additional square feet of classroom and office space on the third floor. Eighteen classrooms on the third and fourth floors are leased to Drexel University during work week daytime hours when Lincoln does not have classes. University City

Better Eating

New Food Court Opens in Wellness Center with Healthy Options

By Elizabeth Daugherty

Students have a new dining option on campus for lunch and dinner. The 4,018 sq. ft. Lincoln Food Court opened on October 10, 2017. The new food court, operated by Thompson Hospitality, is located in the 105,000 sq. ft. Health and Wellness Center, which opened in September 2012.

The food court becomes the fourth campus dining option for students; the Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center houses the main dining hall, while there are two retail dining options: Marvelous Market in the Student Union Building and Be Right Burger & KFC also in the Living Learning Center.



Photo by Shelley Mix

Upon entering the food court, patrons notice the spacious, contemporary design of the space. To the left is a Tex-Mex concept named Austin Grill Express. Designed in a Chipotle-style, customize your own meal set-up, the station features beef barbacoa, marinated chicken or fajita vegetables made into burritos, rice bowls, and salads. Also available are tacos, a chalupa salad, and chips with homemade salsa. Meal equivalencies are available during lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m.



Photo by Devin Bonner

For those craving salads or wraps, Chop'd & Wrap'd offers diners a choice a chef-inspired specialty recipes such as an Italian antipasti salad or BBQ chicken wrap or design endless combinations from the 15 toppings and five dressing choices. Meal equivalencies are offered during peak meal times



Photo by Shelley Mix

An On-the-Go cooler offers freshly rolled sushi merchandised alongside fresh fruit cups, a variety of grab-and-go salads, yogurt parfaits and bottled beverages. To satisfy any sweet cravings, house baked cookies, brownies and Hattie's Treats are offered at every register.


The very popular The Lion's Brew proudly features Starbucks coffee products. From frappuccinos and caramel macchiatos to lattes and mochas, the baristas grind, brew, and blend coffee-based beverages from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 



Photo by Shelley Mix

COURTHOUSE HONORS



Roderick L. Ireland '66 was a judge in Massachusetts for 37 years, retiring as the chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court — the highest court in the state — and is now a distinguished professor of criminology and criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston. In a November ceremony the courthouse in Springfield was dedicated in Ireland's name to honor his legacy.

By Buffy Spencer
Photos by Mark M. Murray

The love for Roderick L. Ireland '66 poured out in Springfield, Massachusetts, on November 10 at a ceremony dedicating the Hampden County Hall of Justice in his name.

"I'm almost speechless hearing all of these wonderful things," Ireland said. "I can't tell you how much it means to me to see so many dear friends here — people from my childhood days to right up to the present."

The 50 State St. building — which houses Hampden County Superior Court, Springfield District Court, and offices for the Hampden County district attorney, probate court and registry of deeds — will now be known as the Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse.

Ireland thanked his wife, children and grandchildren, and said he wished his parents and grandparents could have been alive to see this day.

"What a great day this is. It truly is a time for both ceremony and reflection," said Ireland, the first African American justice on the state's highest court and chief justice from 2010 to 2014. People entered Symphony Hall to the voices of the Elias Brookings Elementary School Chorus.

Springfield Native Roderick L. Ireland, former Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, stands near the plaque on the first floor of the former Hampden County Courthouse which was renamed the Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse, following a dedication ceremony.

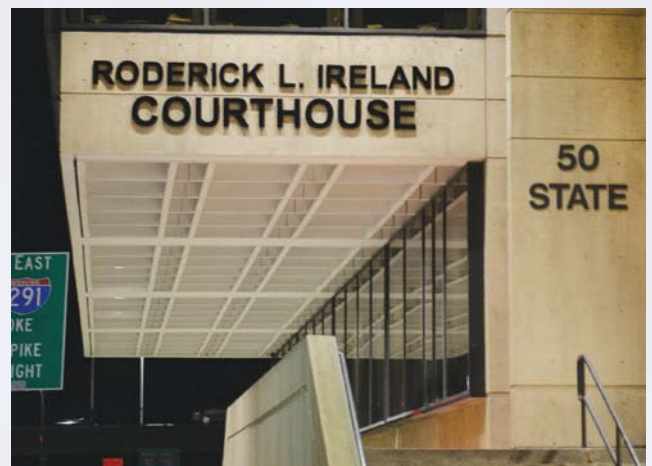
Speakers included Wayne A. Budd, a former U.S. Attorney and current senior counsel at Goodwin Proctor.

"Isn't it nice that today's ceremony is not done in memory of chief justice Roderick Ireland," Budd said. "Here he is, among us in living color."

He said Ireland, who he has known since school days at Springfield's William Deberry School, has succeeded despite serious obstacles being placed in his path.

Budd said Ireland remained the same humble and self-effacing person he was when young. "He has always taken his job seriously but never himself seriously," Budd said.

Ireland, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker said, had a reputation of making people feel they were being heard.



The Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse was dedicated during a ceremony held November 10, 2017 at Symphony Hall.



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker

“The grace and the intelligence and the kindness and the decency and the manner with which he led his life, managed the courtroom and dealt with his peers and those in front of him were what really propelled him to the highest levels of our judiciary,” Baker said.

Ralph D. Gants, the Supreme Judicial Court’s current chief justice, said: “Chief Justice Ireland never lost sight of the fact every legal problem is a human problem.”

Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno said Ireland never forgot his Springfield roots, and that the justice is a frequent visitor to the city.

Sarno said a guidance counselor encouraged Ireland to pursue a career in machine shops. His mom and dad ferociously said, “No such thing,” Sarno said.

Retired state Rep. Benjamin Swan said the greater Mason Square community is very proud of Ireland. He said when the bill to rename the courthouse went through the House of Representatives and Senate, there was no opposition.

Other speakers were Robert A. DeLeo, speaker of the House of Representatives; Paula M. Carey, Massachusetts Trial Court chief justice; and State Rep. Russell E. Holmes, former chair of the Black and Latino Caucus.



Springfield native Roderick L. Ireland, speaks at the podium during the dedication ceremony.

A Springfield native, Ireland served on the Supreme Judicial Court from 1997 to 2014, rising to become chief justice. He stepped down from the court just before he turned 70, the mandatory retirement age for Massachusetts judges.

Ireland worked as a public defender and chief legal counsel for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance before he was appointed to the Juvenile Court in 1977. Gov. Michael Dukakis appointed him to the Appeals Court in 1990, and Gov. William Weld appointed him to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1997.

Gov. Deval Patrick tapped him as chief justice in 2010.

Since his retirement, Ireland has taken a position on the faculty of Northeastern University as a professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Ireland said he saw “lots and lots of judges” in the audience Friday, and told them they make a great deal of difference every day.

Ireland said he is a true son of Springfield.

“So for me it doesn’t get any better,” Ireland said, to have the local courthouse named after him.

He said the renaming of the courthouse honors his family, his neighborhood and the city. Ireland said the renaming also honors “those persons of color who came before me, those who opened closed doors” and those who battled rampant racial oppression, which still exist. **L**



Springfield native Roderick L. Ireland, stands with his wife Alice, near the plaque on the first floor of the former Hampden County Courthouse.

Courtesy of The Republican.

A LINCOLN LION BECOMES LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

By Shelley Mix

Sheila Y. Oliver '74 Sworn In as the First African American Female Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey

Sheila Oliver made history on January 16, 2018, when she became the first African American lieutenant governor in the State of New Jersey. She is now the second highest-ranking official in the state and the first officer in line to succeed the governor of New Jersey.

This is not the first time her name has been entered into the history books. As a NJ.com article put it, after Oliver was announced as the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor in July 2017, she “shot from obscurity to the third most powerful elected official in New Jersey when she was elected as Assembly Speaker. She became the first African American woman ever to hold the post and only the second African American woman in America to do so. The position of speaker may carry a low profile, but is hugely influential, controlling which bills make it to the Assembly floor for a vote and deciding how billions of dollars are spent.”

But long before she set foot in the statehouse in Trenton, Oliver attended Lincoln for four years, a time that she refers to as the “best period of my life,” citing the social experiences and friendships she made — and continues to maintain — to this day.

However, her career interest when she first set foot on campus during move-in day in fall 1970 was not in political science or pre-law.

“When I graduated from high school, my interest was in retail buying,” said the Weequahic High School graduate, which is part of the Newark Public School System. “I wanted to work for Bloomingdale’s or Saks.”

After talking with her college counselor she instead enrolled in courses related to pre-law, but after freshman year, she sought to broaden her focus. Thirsting for exposure to a wide variety of subjects, she landed in sociology.



“Economics. Government. Human conditions. For me sociology captured the diverse interests that I had. I never regretted it. I got very involved in social research,” she said.

Her first taste of research came during the summer after her junior year. She and other students worked with Dr. Don Royster on research in North Philadelphia where she said there was a great deal of gang activity. With federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, she said the team researched “how to begin to change culture and access to opportunity for disenfranchised populations.”

It was faculty like Royster who she says “left an indelible impression.” She graduated in 1974, cum laude, with a degree in sociology.

She said the education she received at Lincoln outrivaled the Ivy League education she received at Columbia University in New York City where she earned a master’s degree in planning and administration in 1976.

Advice for a Lifetime

Before she jumped into the political arena, Oliver used her Lincoln sociology education in a series of public service roles. In her late 20s, Oliver was recruited to become an executive director of *The Leaguers, Inc.*, a nonprofit founded in 1943 by Mary Burch to enhance the quality of life for children and families through diverse educational and cultural programs that foster self-growth, personal empowerment and pride in one’s community.

On the day that Oliver was introduced as the executive director, Oliver fondly recalls that Burch gave her sage advice. “My dear,” Burch said, “if you are going to commit to a career in

public service then you best develop an alligator hide.” And Oliver added, “I never forgot what she said.”

“I think you are going to have slingshots and arrows as you try to accomplish things particularly in the public arena and they need to bounce off of you.”

The advice she received from Burch served her well when she was appointed to serve on the Board of Education of the East Orange School District in 1994, an experience that she calls a “labor of love.” Oliver, who has resided in East Orange for 40 years, was chosen by her peers to serve as the Board of Education’s vice president from 1998 to 1999 and president from 1999 to 2000.

“I got the best education in the K-12 world by serving on the Board of Education. Should we have charters? Should we have vouchers? ... Best experience I had in my whole volunteer service.”

In municipal government, she served in the Office of Youth Services and Special Projects for the City of Newark, the mayor’s Office of Employment and Training, and the Newark Literacy Campaign.

For several years, Oliver also worked on several college campuses, teaching classes in achievement motivation, non-profit management, and pre-college preparation.

In the non-profit sector, Oliver served as a consultant to a variety of non-profit organizations and spent several years as the director of the Essex County Division of Community Action, an anti-poverty initiative established by the federal government. Oliver was one of the founders of the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing.

Off the Sidelines

As hard as it is to believe looking over Oliver’s long public service and political history, there was a time, Oliver said, when she wanted no part of politics or politicians when she left Lincoln.

“When I was young, I was an activist. We were exposed to international and domestic issues at Lincoln. My activities led to my politicism.”

“As I matured, I stayed involved in community activism. If our voices are not in the room, we are not being heard. You have to be engaged.”

Oliver said it was a quote by Shirley Chisholm that encapsulates her motivation to get off the sidelines and into the political arena. In 1968, Chisholm became the first African American woman elected to the United States Congress, going on to represent New York’s 12th Congressional District for seven terms.

“[Chisholm] once gave a speech and said ‘you don’t make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas.’ She said it decades ago, but it’s so appropriate today. I do believe that students today understand that the quality of life for their families post-graduation is all influenced by politics.”

Fighting for Justice in the State Legislature

Bringing with her sociology education, years of public service experience, and wisdom from Shirley Chisholm and Mary Burch, Oliver went to serve in Trenton as a New Jersey state legislator after winning her seat in 2003.

On November 23, 2009, Oliver was elected unanimously by Assembly Democrats to become the 169th Speaker of the Assembly, a title she would hold for two terms, from January 12, 2010 to January 14, 2014. Her election made her the second woman to serve as Speaker in New Jersey’s 300-year history. Nationwide, she became the second African American woman to lead a state legislature after Karen Bass of California.

During her 14-year career in the lower house of the state legislature, she earned a reputation for fighting for justice and fairness for New Jersey families. She was re-elected seven times to two-year terms in every cycle after her initial election in 2003.

Prior to the state legislature, she served on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for one term from 1996 to 1999. In 1997, she became the first woman to launch a competitive campaign for mayor in the City of East Orange, losing the election by 51 votes. In 2000, she became the assistant county administrator in Essex County, a position Oliver continues to hold today.

Leading an Agency

Even though she is several months removed from the euphoria of election night 2017 and she has settled into her position in the lieutenant governor’s office, it is clear that she will not slow down.

“The interesting thing about my position is that the state constitution requires appointment to lead an agency or department,” Oliver said.

This is a departure from other states where the lieutenant governor is largely ceremonial.

Phil Murphy, governor of New Jersey, has appointed Oliver to serve as commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, which has responsibility for approving budgets of 565 municipalities in the state, economic development, creating housing for low- and moderate-income residents, among many others.

Reflecting on election night 2017, she calls the experience “surreal” and expresses appreciation to Governor Murphy for choosing her and enthusiasm for the state because they now have a new leadership team, but as always, she is not dwelling on the past or sitting idly by.

“I’m very excited. I’m ready to get to work.” **L**



PULLING UP THE CURTAIN ON MENTAL HEALTH

By Devin Bonner

Nwachuku '08 opens up about mental health and his awareness organization TalkNaija



Twenty years ago, Chinomso D. Nwachuku and his family entered the United States. As a 6th grader adjusting to life in America, Nwachuku — who was still learning English — experienced firsthand the mental toll that bullying has on a young child.

“Nigeria was not devoid of bullying, however, the bullying that I witnessed and experienced in the United States was entirely different. It bothered me that a person can be bullied for the entire school year simply because of things out of their control such as their parent’s inability to buy the latest sneakers for them,” said Nwachuku in a recent interview with online publication *The Man Defined*.

By the time Nwachuku entered 7th grade, the constant bullying from his classmates started to take a serious toll on his mental health. It was then that Nwachuku became interested in psychology.



TalkNaija Founders — Joy Ukaigwe, Dr. Uchechi Ukuku, Chinomso Nwachuku and Mujidat Tutu Shotonwa

“I read about the symptoms of depression and anxiety and searched for what to do to alleviate my symptoms.” Nwachuku said he found solace in reading, writing, and physical activity.


Now, as a D.C. area public servant who works in the US Department of Health and Human Services as a public health advisor, Nwachuku spends his free time working to create an open dialogue about mental health in African American and Nigerian communities. “The stigma around mental health is still prevalent today especially in the Nigerian community,” said Nwachuku. “I believe that mental health is typically shown from a narrow lens, which is usually negative,” he added.

To combat this issue, Nwachuku networked with likeminded individuals through social media and joined Joy Ukaigwe, a data analyst, Uchechi Ukuku, a doctor in clinical psychology, and Mujidat Tutu Shotonwa, a licensed mental health technician and launched TalkNaija.

TalkNaija is an online resource that provides an open space for dialogue for those struggling with depression and anxiety.

“Our ultimate goal is to encourage Nigerians struggling with any mental health issue to seek treatment. We aim to do this by beginning with awareness,” said Nwachuku “we want to provide resources for those struggling and their families, and to support our fellow people. We want to humanize and destigmatize mental illness, because we know this will lead to better outcomes.”

Thus far, TalkNaija has received positive feedback from its participants. Nwachuku said he hopes to network with more mental health professionals as the organization grows and plans to have more public events to generate more participation in the initiative.

To learn more visit www.talknaija.org 

LINCOLN IN THE LENS

Lincoln Music Performance Major turns Passion for Music and Sound into Lifelong Career as **PRODUCER AND AUDIO ENGINEER**

By Devin Bonner

When Frank Brown Jr. '89 was a sophomore at Lincoln University, his father Frank Brown Sr., a prominent musician who worked with artist such as the Four Tops, recommended that he find more than one outlet to sustain himself financially upon graduating.

That semester, while performing with the LU Jazz Ensemble for a concert featuring Grover Washington Jr., Brown realized that he had a distinct interest in live audio. For the next two summers Brown interned at PBS affiliate WNET Channel 13 in New York.

His keen ear and talent with audio engineering systems caught the attention of the head of engineering at WNET. After working with WNET production staff for the DuPont Columbia Awards for Journalism, Brown was offered a full time job.



Frank Brown at the NJTV Studio

“I received a call during senior year from the operations department offering employment starting May 20, just 13 days after graduation,” Brown recalled.

While at WNET, Brown worked as an audio engineer for the McNeil Lehrer News Hour, The Eleventh Hour with Robert Lypseyte, Charlie Rose, Steve Aduabato, and multiple documentaries including the Jim Henson documentary on PBS. Brown also won an Emmy for a documentary about the 1997 mayoral race in New York City called “The City” with Raphael Pi Roman.

In 1996, Brown became self-employed and got re-acquainted with his love of music. He started touring as an audio engineer for hip hop artists such as Ziggie, Grand Puba, Onyx, SuperCat, Redd Foxx, and Screechie Dan. After seeing his work, R&B artists such as Joe, 3LW, Imajin and Destiny’s Child hired Brown to work on their tours.

When not on tour, Brown worked as audio engineer for his television clients. His client base included CNBC, WNET, MTV, VH1, ESPN, SCI FI, Access Hollywood, Univision and more.

Brown still works as a freelance audio engineer providing daily mixes for PBS affiliate NJTV News with Mary Alice Williams and other PBS programs.

“He is the audio czar in the PBS system” Aduabato said jokingly in a recent interview with Brown. “Frank has been taking care of the sound and virtually everything we do in public broadcasting.”

Despite his busy schedule, Brown still finds time for music mixing and production. This year, Brown along with Lincoln alumnus Reggie Parker '89 produced his second album, “The Renaissance Man”. **L**

Lincoln in the Lens is dedicated to alumni achievements in film, television, on stage, in photography and more generally in the arts. Email: lincolnin@lincoln.edu

THEATER COMPANY OF LINCOLN ALUMNUS FINDS NEW HOME AT ARDEN THEATER

This fall, the Arden Theater in Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood turned 30 years old. To mark the occasion, it brought on Lincoln alumnus Kashmir Goins '94 and his theater company GoKash Productions.

Kashmir Goins founded GoKash Productions a decade ago, and has kept it floating on little more than his own energy. He acts as writer, producer, director and performer – sometimes simultaneously.

“I had this burn inside me. There would be no peace if I didn't explore it,” he said.

He also works in the pharmaceutical industry, has a carpet installation company, created a child day care, and has owned and managed several real estate properties.

“I like to be maxed out,” said Goins.

A few years ago he quit his pharmaceutical sales job to focus to make a run at making theater full-time. But it didn't work out – not because he couldn't handle it. Rather, he didn't have enough balls in the air.

“At the end of that two years, I found I don't like this full-time theater thing,” he said. “I like it when I'm working, and I do this when I can. It was a weird thing.”

He has been producing theater semi-regularly for a decade, in various locations around town – mostly the Adrienne Theater, Plays and Players, and his alma mater, Lincoln University. Every show is a hustle for available space and time.

The residency at the Arden gives him something his theater career never had: stability. He knows where he is going to be for the next year. He knows he will have rehearsal time, and time to get the sound and lighting. He knows the box office will be taken care of, and the marketing.

“By being here, I have a home,” he said. “I'm not scrounging for rehearsal space. I'm not moving in the day before the first show.”

He even gets to have preview performances, the first of which began September 6: “Seventy IV Seconds...to Judgement” is an original play about a courtroom jury hearing a second degree murder case. To break their deadlock, they decide to re-enact the crime to get a better sense of what happened, in the process revealing their individual prejudices about race and class.



This spring, Goins will re-stage, “Five to Ten,” an original script concerning African American prison populations.

“Five to Ten” was the play that first got Nolan's attention when he saw it at Plays and Players a few years ago. After seeing it, he started talking to Goins about the possibility of a company residency at the Arden.

“He doesn't have to focus on box office, keeping the place clean, turning the lights on,” said Nolan. “Audiences will be attracted by the opportunity to come to this exciting new company doing work on our stages.” **L**

Kash Goins as Hambone, U.R. as Sterling, and Damien J. Wallace as Holloway in Arden Theatre Company's production of *Two Trains Running*. Photo by Mark Garvin

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EMMY AWARD WINNING LINCOLN ALUMNUS JOINS NBC10 AS REPORTER AND WEEKEND ANCHOR

By Devin Bonner

In October, Lincoln alumnus Dray Clark '00 joined NBC10 news in Philadelphia as a reporter and weekend anchor.

For the past 17 years, Clark has been a staple in the news industry. Since graduating from Lincoln University, the Chester County native has worked at various news stations throughout the U.S. His penchant for storytelling and prowess in front of the camera earned him numerous accolades including three Emmys and awards from the Press Club of Cleveland and the Associated Press.



Clark, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, launched his career in Macon, Georgia, before working at television stations in Cleveland, Ohio, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Clark gained national attention while working in Michigan as a journalist when he and his team profiled the three children of a family who suffered from Metachromatic Leukodystrophy.

In 2008, Clark returned to Philadelphia where he worked as a reporter and anchor at KYW-TV. In 2013, Clark joined WABC in New York as a reporter and news anchor.



Clark's talent and passion for the news are what led him to NBC10. "As a reporter, I get the chance to tell stories, a chance to shed light on a dark situation or help people find solutions through our storytelling and their willingness to open up," he said in a recent NBC10 news release "As an anchor, you're the facilitator of a conversation. You're delivering the news of the day and trying to do it in a very conversational and welcoming way, much like you would do with your friends or family at home. The most important aspect is gaining the viewers' trust. It's a real privilege to hold the position."

Outside of work, Clark is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and a family man. When not on air, he spends time with his son and daughter and is an advocate for empowering youth in his local community. Clark can be seen giving motivational talks to parents, students, and church groups. **L**

LAROSA '04 WINS 2 EMMY AWARDS



Jason C. LaRosa '04 recently won two Emmy Awards for his work at the Pittsburgh television station WPXI.

LaRosa, a technical director at WPXI, won the Emmys on September 9, 2017, at the annual awards ceremony of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

He won for best director for the best evening news—larger markets at 5 p.m. and a second Emmy as the director for best team coverage for the piece "Pittsburgh Water Emergency". These two wins are the first for LaRosa, however, he was also nominated in 2016 in one category as the director of the story "A Tragedy in Wilkesburg."

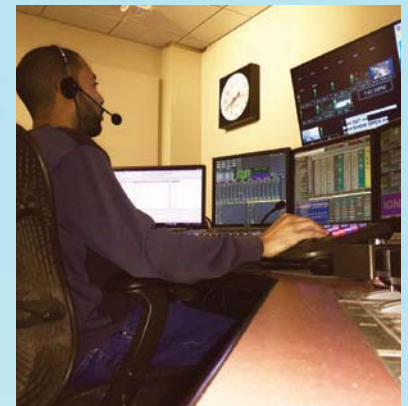
LaRosa earned a degree in English communications from Lincoln in 2004.

"I like movies and thought that would be a good first step to getting involved with the film industry."

While at Lincoln, LaRosa worked as LU-TV's general manager. He became a production assistant at WPXI TV in 2006 where he operated robotic cameras and was a floor director for daily newscasts.

"Directing became something I really enjoy, and the Emmys are the first two career related awards I have received."

LaRosa lives in Western Pennsylvania with his wife of eight years, Denise. They have two daughters, Gianna, 5, and Natalie, 3. **L**

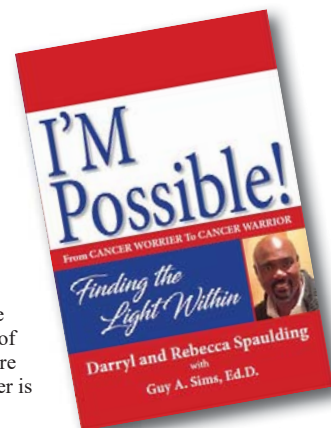


LITERARY LINCOLN

I'M POSSIBLE: FINDING THE LIGHT WITHIN From Cancer Worrier to Cancer Warrior

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In 2012, Darryl Spaulding went to his physician for a routine examination only to receive the diagnosis that he had Stage IV Colon Cancer. His initial reaction to this news was a mixture of fear, anger and avoidance. He even tried to negotiate with God to change his situation. You are invited to join Spaulding as he chronicles his journey as a way to share with others that cancer is not the end but the start to living a full and meaningful life.



DEAR DAUGHTER A dad's marriage advice on love, pain, healing and the law.

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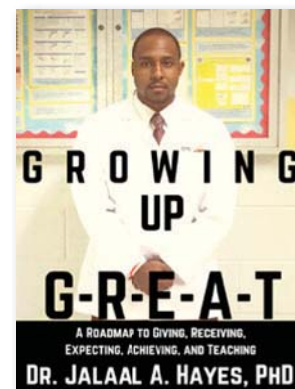
After 20-plus years of marriage and parenting, popular radio host, professor, and author Wil LaVeist uncovered a family secret that dropped him and his adult daughter to their knees. A chance DNA test revealed that his "daddy's girl" is not his biological child. LaVeist instead focused on the future, confronting the root cause that led to this tremendous pain and his daughter's resentment as she tries to cope with the truth. Dear Daughter is his love letter from a dad to his daughter, and to all women who've had broken relationships with their fathers that often lead to reckless choices that cause great pain. In this, ironically, pro-marriage work, LaVeist weaves the advice of experts with storytelling – including his own journey ending in divorce court, revealing the damaging flaws of paternity laws. He bridges the "deadbeat dads" gap, delivering transparent provocative dialogue on love, pain, healing and the law that good dad's share, but that many women miss when their fathers are absent or dysfunctional. Dear Daughter will appeal to women who are considering marriage and parenting, but also anyone who desires healthy long-term love relationships.



GROWING UP GREAT A Roadmap to Giving, Receiving, Expecting, Achieving, and Teaching

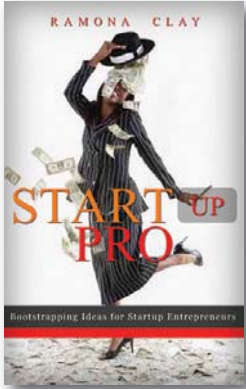
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This book serves as an inspirational story as well as a roadmap to show you how you can GROW UP and be GREAT as well. From my perspective, the word GREAT serves as an acronym: Giving, Receiving, Expecting, Achieving, and Teaching. The five words will serve as the five checkpoints that you will be learning and applying.



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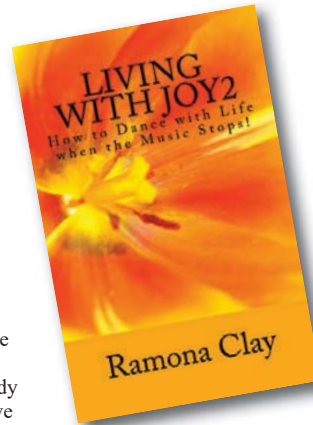
This book by a serial entrepreneur provides tools designed to help people free themselves from dead-end jobs and start successful businesses. Readers will find invaluable success secrets and fresh, simple steps anyone can take to get unstuck from a place of insecurity, finding the drive to take action, increase their income and transform their lives. The book includes new, creative ideas for startup businesses, information about how to start a business with little or no money, marketing tips to drive a business and generate income fast, effective business planning and financial management advice and much more. While "Startup Pro" serves as a useful resource for anyone wanting to start their own businesses, it is especially designed to empower women and those with limited resources.

LIVING WITH JOY2

How to Dance with Life when the Music Stops!

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Grab your favorite beverage and snuggle up with Living With Joy2: How to Dance with Life when the Music Stops - a book with heartwarming stories that will inspire you to look at life differently. It will restore your faith in mankind and God by letting you look at life through a different lens. Are you ready to feel great about life again? Are you ready to let go of fear, anguish, and disappointments? Then have faith. If you are still alive and breathing then God has a wonderful plan for your life - if you trust him. Somewhere, between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God is speaking.



REDEFINING ROCKSTAR LEADERSHIP

Making it work for you, not you for it!

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In this short read, Williams shared the insights and lessons that she learned when the bright light of her ever climbing ROCKSTAR and the immense darkness of her every growing inner misery, collided. For anyone who has been that trusted, sought after, get the job done, go-to leader (whether in your business, your career or life in general) you know the highs of that ROCKSTAR Label. However, there are also the lows. Especially if you are living your life based on other people's visions and expectations versus your truth.



At a point when she seemed to "have it all," Williams had to slow it down, put it on pause, reevaluate and shift her mindset, her priorities, her motivations and her "why". She had come to realize many things, including; all that time she spent trying to conform and contort did not guarantee her the life she truly desired. In this book, she shares the steps and actions that she took in order to embrace and redefine her ROCKSTAR so that it worked for her and she was no longer working for it.

As a CEO in your business, career and/or life you need to take the reins and lead with authority, clarity, confidence, ease and most importantly authenticity. This book is a catalyst to get you jump started in the direction of that goal. In it, you will find relevant lessons, true stories, aha moments, and actionable tips that you can implement immediately to get into action.

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Dr. Joseph Finley Murray '41, born on July 16, 1915 in Pleasantville, New Jersey, recognized at a young age that education could provide vast opportunities for advancement in all areas of life. This understanding brought Murray to make a bold request of a senator he happened to befriend while caddying at a private golf course. He wanted to attend college. Murray told the senator, "I don't want to spend the rest of my life being a caddy. I'm smart enough to go to college, and I'd like to become a doctor." With the senator's support Murray won a gold scholarship and enrolled at Lincoln College, now Lincoln University. He was initiated into the Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity at Lincoln College on April 4, 1941. After graduating from Lincoln in 1941, Murray continued his education at Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1953, he was commissioned in the United States Army and deployed to Korea. He received the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Meritorious Unit Citation.

Finley practiced dentistry in the Capitol Hill area of Washington D.C. His 50 years of dentistry included pro bono work and teaching at Howard University College of Dentistry. He proudly stated he was never sued.

Over the course of his long life, Murray purposefully used his education to improve the lives of those around him—from the college students he taught and mentored as a student teacher and dentist; to the men and women in the U.S. armed forces whom he served honorably; to the members of the community who patronized the dental practice he operated for nearly 50 years.

Murray died peacefully at the age of 101 on January 2, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington, and was laid to rest at Quantico National Cemetery with military honors.

As Murray cherished the value of education and witnessed the impact on his life and on the lives of others, it is a cornerstone of his legacy.



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Endowed by Baxter D. Smith '67

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

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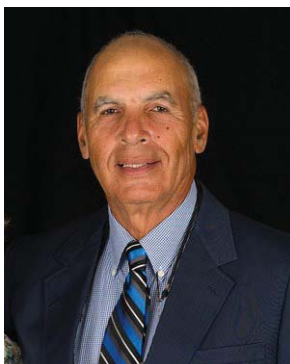
Although **Baxter D. Smith '67** majored in psychology and minored in anthropology, he began his tenure as a Lincoln student with the dream of becoming an astronomer.

A lover of science and human nature, Smith had been an amateur astronomer as a child. He built his own reflecting telescope that he brought to campus and used it to explain the night skies to fellow students. As a high school student, his interest and understanding of astronomy was so advanced that he was permitted to take summer astronomy classes taught by professors from the University of Pennsylvania at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Smith had a second love: writing. He had a passion for investigating the world around him and storytelling, which he put to use in his career in print journalism where he was a newspaper reporter and editor, a magazine writer, and foreign correspondent based in the Caribbean.

The Philadelphia native retired in 2011 and splits his time between Baltimore, Maryland, and Long Beach, California. **L**

To set up an endowment, please contact Leona Williams in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 484-365-7454 or lwilliams@lincoln.edu.



Alumnus, Trustee Gives Back with Gift of Workforce Development

By Brianna Hayes '15

Lincoln University Trustee Donald C. Notice '79 has served Lincoln University in a number of ways. Chief among his contributions to the campus is the internship and career readiness program that he founded for students attending Lincoln University. Notice has hosted interns from Lincoln University for over 10 years at West Harlem Group Assistance Inc., (WHGA), an award-winning community-based development corporation established to encourage, facilitate, and strengthen the economic viability of Harlem through affordable housing and social service programs. Notice has served as the executive director for 20 years.



In 2008, Notice started an Urban Planning Fellowship program in conjunction with Lincoln University and the Urban Technical Assistance Project (UTAP) of Columbia University. Throughout the eight-week summer fellowship program Lincoln University students researched and analyzed data surrounding issues affecting urban communities in the Harlem area. The data discovered by the interns was used by WHGA to help the organization better understand the community they serve. “We started this program to increase minority participation in urban planning,” explains Notice. “WHGA and UTAP bring these youths striving for higher education degrees together to analyze the urban setting and achieve alongside graduate interns through technical training, project development and urban planning and design lectures.”

Notice continued to broaden his program and formed the WHGA Urban Fellowship for Lincoln University students. Fellows were then placed in various departments and sites throughout the WHGA organization related to their field of study. Not only does the program equip students with the skills and technological knowledge in the urban development and affordable housing field, but it also provides each and every student with the transferable knowledge to bring along to their future career paths. “I have gained so many experiences and lessons by interning at the Communities for Healthy Food Hub”, says Emani Parsons a Lincoln University '17 health science major that interned with WHGA summer 2016. “I learned how to help clients manage their pantry visits, created itineraries for farmers’ market walks, and improved databases to store client information.”



To date, WHGA has provided paid internships to 24 Lincoln University students and throughout the years have went on to permanently employ four at its company. One of the alumnis from the internship program, Isaac Boateng was recognized as one of Lincoln’s 40 under 40 in 2015 and has went on to start his own business, Babu Global, a full-service global marketing, creative and communications agency.

“Black college graduates across the nation are increasingly facing difficulty in securing gainful employment. As alumni it’s our responsibility to open doors and create opportunities for future generations of Lincoln University graduates trying to gain entry into an increasingly competitive job market,” states Notice. “Fellowship and Internship opportunities provide students with opportunities to develop analytically, to expand their ability to think critically, develop the interpersonal skills and cross-cultural understanding that is crucial in today’s economy.”

“However the benefits are in no way one-sided. WHGA benefits greatly from their presence over the summer and over longer term periods of employment with us. Students and recent graduates bring new perspectives and technological literacy to our organization which has lasting positive impacts on the programs we provide to the Harlem community,” said Notice. **L**

CLASS NOTES

1960s



Frederick A. Miller '68 received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Sage Colleges in Troy, New York, on May 13. Miller served as a member of the Sage College's Board of Trustees from 2005-17. He is chief executive officer and lead strategist of The Kaleel Jamison Consulting Group Inc. in Troy, a company that assists organizations in creating inclusive collaborative workplaces that unleash the talent and creativity of the people of the organization. Cited as a forerunner of corporate change, he is a frequent and much sought-after speaker at international conferences and has authored, co-authored or edited numerous articles and books, including the classic *The Promise of Diversity* (2002, Berrett-Koehler Publishers). He has led transformative change interventions in Fortune 50 corporations, large not-for-profit organizations and government agencies throughout the United States, Europe, Australia and Asia. Miller is a past member of the board of directors of Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. and currently serves on the boards of Day & Zimmerman, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Center for Automated Technology Systems and Hudson Partners, among others. He was the first person to serve on all three boards of the most prestigious organizations in his field – the Association for Talent Development, Organization Development Network and National Training Labs. He has garnered numerous awards from community and industry organizations, including the youngest recipient of the Organization Development Network's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1968 from Lincoln University.

1970s

Aaron C. Bass Jr. '72 has been named a Lifetime Achiever by Marquis Who's Who for his nearly 45 years of service in the field of educational administration. He was a learning specialist at the Urban Career Education Center and a research assistant and research associate for the School District of Philadelphia. More recently, he served as a research and assessment specialist for William Penn School District. Bass also served as an adjunct professor with Pennsylvania State University. Bass holds a psychology degree from Lincoln University and is also a graduate of Temple University and Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Ezra E. Hill Jr. '73 has joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty as a realtor focusing on sales in western Baltimore County and Baltimore City. He has two years of real estate experience and 30 years of experience as an educator for the Maryland State Department of Education. He earned his bachelor's degree at Lincoln in economics and business.



Donald Hunt '77 was inducted into the 2017 Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame on November 2, 2017. "It's quite an honor being inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. They had a great induction ceremony. I really appreciate all the recognition. This honor certainly means a lot to me and all my family and friends." In 2016, Hunt was inducted into the Philadelphia Black Basketball Hall of Fame's inaugural class. Hunt has been a sportswriter with the Philadelphia Tribune since 1983 covers a range of sports from high schools to the city's professional sports team. According to a November 2017 article by the Philadelphia Tribune, Hunt is believed to be the first African-American print journalist to be inducted in the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. The first class was inducted in 2004. The 14-member 2017 class includes such as former Philadelphia Eagles quarterbacks Randall Cunningham

and Ron Jaworski, former Detroit Piston Ray "Chink" Scott, former NBA Player and current NBA Executive Vice President of Referee Operations Mike Bantom and others. Hunt was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Wilt Chamberlin commemorative stamp, which was issued by the United States Postal Service in 2014. Hunt has authored two books on basketball, "The Philadelphia Big 5" and "Chaney: Playing for a legend." Also in 2014, Hunt was honored with the Phoenix Club of Philadelphia's Annual Legends Award at the Dawn Staley Award luncheon.

1990s

Carolyn Walker-Diallo '97, Esq., MBA has been named to Huffington Post's list of "15 Inspirational Muslim Women in 2017". The Huffington Post article says Walker-Diallo was "sworn in on the Quran as a New York City civil court judge in December 2015. Diallo received backlash for swearing in as a judge on the Quran but her action is inspirational to many people around the world." Walker-Diallo is the first Muslim woman elected to serve as a Judge in the United States and the first Muslim elected to serve as a Judge in the State of New York.



Bertram L. Lawson II '98 has been promoted to senior vice president of operations at Y in Central Maryland. His 20-year career at the Philadelphia Freedom Valley Y has spanned operational, membership, grant delivery, partnership, fundraising and program development work. Most recently, he directly supervised six executive directors and three association department heads and was responsible for a budget portfolio exceeding \$32 million. In his new role, Lawson will provide operational leadership for the Y's Baltimore City health and wellness operations, Baltimore County swim centers, mentoring, school partnerships and camp programs. Lawson is a native of North Philadelphia.



Clovis Gallon '99 spoke at the African American Teachers Summit in January in Harrisburg. The event was hosted by the Interdenominational Ministers Conference of Greater Harrisburg, the NAACP and MLK Leadership Development Institute. Gallon is a special education teacher at William Penn Senior High School in York and the head coach for the varsity boys' basketball team. He earned his bachelor's degree from Lincoln University and his master's degree from Eastern University. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He has been a board member for the York Boys Club, vice president of the York Boys Club, union representative for the York City Education Association, and has served on various committees throughout the school district to assist with the enhancement of the school district and the York community as a whole.



2000s

Jackie Concepcion '04 has been promoted by Welsh Mountain Health Centers to chief executive officer. Concepcion, of Lancaster, was hired by Welsh Mountain in 2014 as director of community wellness and development. She has 20 years of experience in human services. Concepcion has a master's degree in human services from Lincoln University. Welsh Mountain, with four locations, including its New Holland headquarters, provides medical, dental and behavioral health services. With 98 employees, it served 15,000 patients last year.





Dreena Whitfield '05 was named one of the top 25 African American public relations millennials to watch by Huffington Post. Whitfield is the founder and CEO of the New Jersey-based firm WhitPR. Born in Newark and raised in Westfield, the New Jersey native graduated from Lincoln with a mass communications degree.

Faith Friendship Ministries in Mountville has hired **Gwendolyn F. Didden '06** as executive director. Didden spent the past nine years as executive director of Family Promise of Berks County. With more than 25 years' experience in growing and managing non-profit and social service agencies, she is able to work within government as well as business arenas, making connections and implementing sustainable programs. She holds a bachelor's degree from Kutztown University and a master's degree in human services from Lincoln University.



YWCA Lancaster has hired **Ali Wimer '06** as director of communications and community engagement. She most recently worked at Fenn Sparrow in Washington, D.C., as a technical and business development writer. She has a master's degree from New York University.

Alvin Herring '07 has recently been promoted to program director at ConnectPoints, a program of Family Service of Chester County that conducts in-depth assessments of individuals and families throughout Chester County who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.



Gwendolyn Deniece Blackshear '09 is working toward a doctorate of education degree at Drexel University in educational leadership and management with plans to graduate in 2019. She has taught in the School District of Philadelphia since 2003. Her grandfather is also a Lincoln alumnus, Dr. Warren E. Blackshear '43.

Ololade Fatunmbi '09 was selected as one of 50 young, diverse American leaders in the innovation economy to meet with 50 of their Chinese counterparts at the inaugural US-China Youth Forum on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Opportunities in December 2017 in Shenzhen, China. The forum was sponsored by the U.S. State Department and the All-Youth China Federation. After graduating cum laude from Lincoln in chemistry, she earned a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 2015. She was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pennsylvania under the The Postdoctoral Fellowship for Academic Diversity Program before joining the National Science Foundation as a Science and Technology Policy Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Augustine Schmader*, a 16-time track and field All-American with more than a decade of college coaching experience, has been appointed track and field head coach at Indiana University East in Richmond, Indiana. Schmader previously served as an assistant coach at Lincoln University, Barton College, and the NCAA Division I program Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania. During his college career at Lincoln, Schmader was a 16-time All-American and two-time NCAA Division III national champion. He began

his coaching career as an assistant at Lincoln, where he coached the sprinters, jumpers, and middle distance runners and worked with 11 national champions and 35 All-Americans. Schmader coached 24 conference champions, 60 all-conference performers and four national qualifiers during his years at Barton and Saint Francis. He was the recruiting coordinator at both Barton and Saint Francis. Schmader earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts at Lincoln.

2010s

Ted R. Green '11 was sworn in as East Orange, New Jersey's 14th mayor on Jan. 1, 2018, at Cicely Tyson Community School of Performing and Fine Arts. A longtime East Orange resident, Green has been active in East Orange political and civic affairs for nearly three decades, first as a member of the Third Ward Democratic Municipal County Committee and his wards' block associations and civic groups, and later as Third Ward Councilman in 2006, a position he has held for three consecutive terms.



A former aide to New Jersey State Senator Richard J. Codey, Green is a 1982 graduate of East Orange High School and holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Cheyney University, a master's degree in sociology and human services from Lincoln University and certification as a housing counselor from Rutgers University.

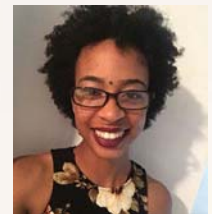
Over the past two decades, he has worked in the fields of property maintenance and housing revitalization, serving as assistant compliance officer for the City of East Orange, assistant director of code enforcement for the Township of Irvington, compliance specialist at Brick City Development Corporation, and most recently, Irvington Township's director of housing and building construction.

In 1990, Green founded Green's School of Martial Arts to provide instruction in the discipline of martial arts, as well as offer enrichment, mentoring and cultural programs for students. He and his wife, June, are proud parents of two sons, Eric and Salahudyin, and four grandchildren.



Veronica Carr '16 has worked for Nanny Jack & Company, an African American heritage consulting firm, for more than a year as a digital media strategist and staff writer. Nanny Jack & Company uses its vast archive of African American material culture to lecture, curate exhibits, conduct tours, consult with institutions, such as universities and museums, write books, and create websites, blogs, and podcasts.

Cherica Collie '16 has successfully completed all parts of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant examination. Collie recently joined PricewaterhouseCoopers Bahamas as an associate in risk assurance. She completed a series of successful internships and one year practical training with the PricewaterhouseCoopers New York office after graduating from Lincoln in accounting.



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Best Kept Secret

Bond – Hill Scholarship Provides Full Scholarships for Professional and Graduate School

By BreJona Whitlock

The Horace Mann Bond - Leslie Pinckney Hill Scholarship provides full scholarships, including fees and textbooks, to highly qualified graduates from Lincoln University and Cheyney University.

The scholarship originated in 1983 to desegregate the Commonwealth's public institutions of higher learning. It is named in honor of two prominent presidents—Horace Mann Bond of Lincoln University and Leslie Pinckney Hill of Cheyney University.

In fall 2017, 20 Lincoln University graduates received Bond-Hill Scholarships (see sidebar for their names and programs) and six students from Cheyney University were awarded Bond-Hill Scholarships to enroll in Lincoln University graduate programs: Eugene Lett, Lugene Kennebrew, Neville Hill-Brown, Kimberly Carter-Ford, Cynthia Mason, and Kyle Morris.

Students have up to five years to claim the scholarship after joining one of the approved programs at partner schools (see sidebar for partner schools). The number of scholarships awarded and renewed each year is based upon the available funds from the General Assembly. Awards vary by individual, based on the student's graduate program and institution.

Eligible programs fall within two tiers. Tier 1 includes law, medicine, podiatry, and dentistry. Tier 2 includes public administration, business, public health, administration, education, counseling, STEM, health sciences, and computer sciences. Based on available funding, additional scholarships may be used towards doctoral programs as well. Students may receive the scholarship for a maximum of four academic years (eight full-time semesters) as long as they maintain satisfactory academic status as defined by the graduate institution and make academic progress toward the professional degree.

Students who are interested in applying must meet certain requirements. Application packets are due April 18 of each year. To learn more, visit <http://www.lincoln.edu/bondhill> or contact Lenetta Lee, dean of students, at 484-365-7527 or llee@lincoln.edu.



Horace Mann Bond

Horace Mann Bond (1904–1972) served as Lincoln University's first African American president and first alumnus president from the years 1945 through 1957. Between the 1930s and 1960s he had a major influence on desegregating education. As an intellectual with Pan-African leanings, Bond was the only college president to participate in the All-African Peoples' Conference in Ghana during the time of its liberation from colonialism. His work, and that of other educators like him, set into motion the historic forces that found expression in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s within the US.

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Lincoln Graduates Receiving the Bond-Hill Scholarship

Lincoln Alumnus & Scholarship Recipient	Program	Graduate School
Alileah Alexander '13	Social Work	Temple University
Aaron Bennett '16	Leadership Development	Penn State
Ndubisi Chikwem '11	Medicine	Penn State
Alexis Collier '16	Medicine	Temple University
Maxine Cook '15	Leadership Development	Penn State
Tamia Davis	Educational Leadership	California University
Chalwe Diallo '13	Medicine	Penn State
Ian Gatheca '15	Business	Temple University
Ahmeeya Goldman '17	Software Engineering	Penn State
Chisom Ihejirika '17	Law	Penn State
Abena Kwegyir-Aggrey '17	Medicine	Penn State
Richard Lancaster '12	Leadership Development	Penn State
Imani Milliones-Roman '16	Educational Leadership	Temple University
Dion Robinson '12	Leadership Development	Penn State
Kanika Stewart-Jones '14	Social Work	Temple University
Dexter Stuckey '11	Leadership Development	Penn State
Carmelo Thomas '13	Business Administration	Temple University
Ashley Torres '15	Social Work	Temple University
Autumn Vogel '14	Medicine	Penn State
Shanae Wilson '17	Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship	Temple University



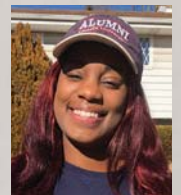
V. Carr



A. Collier



M. Cook



T. Davis



I. Gatheca



C. Ihejirika



A. Kwegyir-Aggrey



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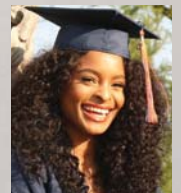
K. Stewart-Jones



C. Thomas



A. Torres



S. Wilson

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BELOVED VETERINARIAN

Orville R. Walls '63, a much-loved veterinarian who maintained a practice in the Germantown area of Philadelphia for more than four decades, died September 6, 2017. He was 76.

He was a member of the Class of 1963 at Lincoln University where he majored in chemistry and biology. In March 2017, the Alumni Association of Lincoln University presented him with its distinguished service award.

Over the years, Walls treated a wide variety of animals, and when their owners were unable come to his office, he would make house calls. It was his compassion in treating his animal patients and his kindness in dealing with their owners that attracted a large and loyal following.

Raised on a farm in Kennett Square, the son of a physician, he graduated from Kennett Consolidated School and then Lincoln University. After completing a master's degree in biomedical engineering at Drexel University, he worked for a time in the anatomy laboratory at Einstein Hospital, Southern Division.

Walls' career plans changed, however, when he attended a tutorial on animal practice given by a veterinarian friend of his father. Soon after, he applied to the veterinary school at Tuskegee University in Alabama — one of the few veterinary schools accepting African Americans — and graduated in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry and a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

He returned to the Philadelphia area in 1969, becoming the third black veterinarian licensed to practice in Pennsylvania.

During the course of his career, Walls had been a doctor to a Philadelphia Police K-9 unit and had worked with the Pennsylvania SPCA and the 4-H Club. He also had assisted other veterinarians at the Bustleton Avenue Animal Hospital, the O'Neal Animal Hospital, the Morris Animal Refuge and the Chel-Wayne Animal Hospital. **L**

1940s

Robert Lincoln Boyd '48, of Los Angeles, CA, October 29, 2017

1950s

Allen Baxter, Jr. '51, of Philadelphia, PA, October 7, 2017

Talbot D. Bulkley Jr. '51, of Cochrane, MA, October 14, 2016

Paul L. Cannon, Jr. '56, of Harrisburg, PA, July 10, 2016

Thomas O. Mills, Jr. '57, May 23, 2017

1960s

Orville R. Walls '63, of Philadelphia, PA, September 6, 2017

Keorapetse Kgositsile*, of Johannesburg, South Africa, Jan. 3, 2018

1970s

Gregory Peck Coleman*, of Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 29, 2017

Katrina Reese Moss '73, of Washington, D.C., November 9, 2016

Gale Overton-Houston, of Abington, PA, July 9, 2017

Sister of Debra Overton '76

1980s

Beulah Maxwell, of Baltimore, MD, September 8, 2017

Mother of Carmen T. Maxwell '82 and Carla Maxwell Ray '82

1990s

John Fairfax '94, of Jenkintown, PA, September 21, 2017

Dawn M. Rudinski '97, of Lemoyne, PA, August 25, 2017

Ronald A. Tyree '91, of Philadelphia, PA, August 27, 2017

2000s

Maisha Bradley '07, of Philadelphia, PA, November 3, 2017

Lavine "Lav" Grimes '11, of South Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 11, 2016

Duran Thomas '07, of Philadelphia, PA, September 21, 2017

Charlie James Thompson '10, of Bayonne, NJ, November 17, 2017

Former Staff & Faculty

Lois Fernandez, of Philadelphia, PA, August 13, 2017

Former adjunct faculty member in the master's program in human services

Elizabeth (Beth) Headley Paul, of Fairfield, CT, August 23, 2017

Taught German languages for two years

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