

The Inauguration of
BRENDA A. ALLEN, PH.D.

Friday, the Twentieth of October
Two Thousand Seventeen
Two O'clock in the Afternoon

Lincoln University
Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center Lawn
Lincoln University, Pennsylvania



163 years



Historic Chapel

A Legacy of Producing Leaders

Since its founding in 1854, Lincoln University, the nation's first degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU), has been internationally recognized for its commitment to excellence in scholarship and service. Lincoln University graduates have distinguished themselves in many fields including medicine, science, theology, education, law, and the arts. In addition to our more visible graduates – Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall '30, poet and playwright Langston Hughes '29, the first president of Nigeria, Nnamdi Azikiwe '30, and the first president of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah '39 – Lincoln University and its graduates have achieved the following additional distinctions: participated in the founding of eight universities in the United States and the model for the U.S. Peace Corps, and published the first alumni magazine of any college or university (1884). Lincoln graduates also include the first African American Bishop of the United Methodist Church, Roy C. Nichols '41, and the first African American female rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, Lillian Fishburne '71.

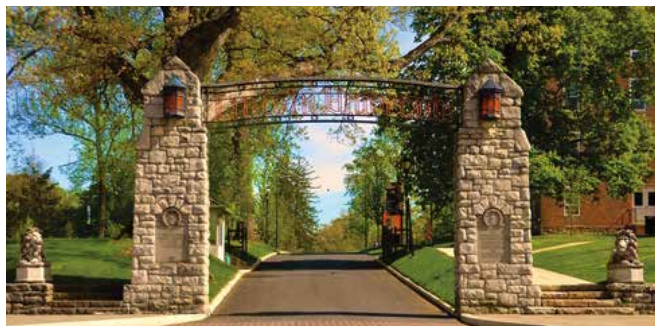
The University's beginnings can be traced back with recognition to its founder, Presbyterian Minister John Miller Dickey; his wife, Sarah Emlen Cresson; and the first two students, James Ralston Amos and his brother, Thomas H. Amos. Lincoln University was initially chartered as Ashmun Institute in honor of Jehudi Ashmun, the first governor of Liberia, and renamed Lincoln University in 1866 after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Since its

inception, Lincoln has attracted an interracial and international enrollment from the surrounding community and region, and around the world. The University admitted women students in 1952, and formally associated with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1972 as a state-related, coeducational university. Lincoln University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Lincoln University has had 14 presidents in its distinguished history with President Brenda A. Allen currently at the helm. They include Dickey (1854-56); John Pym Carter (1856-61); John Wynne Martin (1861-65); Isaac Norton Rendall (1865-1906); John Ballard Rendall (1906-24); William Hallock Johnson (1926-36); Walter Livingston Wright (1936-45); Horace Mann Bond (1945-57); Marvin Wachman (1961-69); Herman Russell Branson 1970-85); Niara Sudarkasa (1987-98); Ivory V. Nelson (1999-2011); Robert R. Jennings (2012-14); and Brenda A. Allen (July 2017-present).

Lincoln University's historic campus is located on 422 acres in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. Currently, Lincoln also operates an additional location at 3020 Market Street in Philadelphia.

Lincoln University remains committed to preserving its distinction as an intellectual and cultural resource for this region.



Brenda A. Allen, Ph.D.

FOURTEENTH PRESIDENT OF LINCOLN UNIVERSITY



Dr. Brenda A. Allen was named the 14th president of her alma mater, Lincoln University in Pennsylvania on May 11, 2017. She began her tenure on July 1, 2017.

From July, 2009 through June, 2017 she served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Winston Salem State

University (WSSU). Dr. Allen was also a tenured member of the faculty there, holding the title of Professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences. At WSSU, Dr. Allen's primary responsibility was to provide executive level leadership for the institution as it pursued its academic mission. Dr. Allen was responsible to the Chancellor for the overall coordination and effective implementation of the University's academic programs, and exercised leadership in promoting quality instruction, research, and university and public service. She had responsibility for developing and administering the academic policies and regulations of the University, and in collaboration with other senior officers, she had lead responsibility for the development of the University's annual budget and long-term financial plans.

As Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, Dr. Allen provided oversight and leadership of the following academic and operating units: the College of Arts, Sciences; Business and Education; the School of Health Sciences and University College.

Other units reporting to the Provost included: Information Resources (IT and the Library); Institutional Planning, Assessment and Research; the Division of Lifelong Learning (Evening and Weekend Programs, Continuing Education, Distance Learning and Summer Session); the Honors College; Enrollment Management (Admission, Financial Aid, and the Registrar); the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning; the Center for Community Safety; the Center for Health Disparities; and the Center for Design Innovations.

Dr. Allen departed WSSU with a legacy of achievement. Her many accomplishments included leading revision of the curriculum, overseeing the establishment of WSSU's first two doctoral programs, expanding undergraduate research funding, restructuring academic support to strengthen advising, creating an Office of Faculty Affairs, strengthening standards for tenure and promotion, and helping raise more than \$ 10 million for capital projects, scholarships and other student support. Under her watch, the university's retention and graduation rates rose dramatically and the number of students engaged in research and study abroad also increased.

Dr. Allen served as Associate Provost and Director of Institutional Diversity before moving to WSSU. There she was credited with helping to raise nearly \$15 million to support diversity goals, co-authoring a successful \$3.3 million NSF ADVANCE Grant, and leading efforts that culminated in 36% and 45% increases in the number of women and minority faculty members, respectively.

Prior to joining Brown University, Dr. Allen held a number of academic and administrative positions at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Promoted through the ranks at Smith to Full Professor Dr. Allen served as the chair of the African American Studies Department, the Assistant to the President and Director of Institutional diversity, and Special Assistant to the Provost.

Prior to her tenure at Smith College, Dr. Allen spent three years at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut where she held several positions, including Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Psychology, and Lecturer in the Departments of Psychology and African American Studies. Dr. Allen holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Lincoln University, a master's degree in Experimental Psychology and a doctorate in Developmental Psychology, both from Howard University in Washington, DC.



Symbols of Office

MEDALLION

The ceremonial medallion, worn by the University president during Commencement and other academic ceremonies, features the Lincoln University seal. The name of each Lincoln University president is inscribed on an individual plate around the chain.



MACE

The ceremonial mace is a highly ornamented staff of metal and wood that is carried by the marshal ahead of the president and platform-party dignitaries during Commencement and other academic ceremonies to represent authority. Lincoln University's mace features the University seal. The practice dates back to the medieval times when knights carried maces during processions for kings.



Order of the Procession

(Audience Please Stand For Procession)

University of Delaware ROTC Color Guard
Bearers of Country Flags
Lincoln University Student Organization Representatives
Elected Officials
Bearer of the Lincoln University Mace
Delegates of Higher Education Institutions *(Ordered by Founding Year)*
Lincoln University Deans, Department Chairs, and Faculty

Platform Party

President's Cabinet
Lincoln University Board of Trustees
Ministers
Former Acting President of Lincoln University
President of Lincoln University Student Government Association
Chair of Lincoln University Faculty Council
Representative of Higher Education Institutions
President of the National Alumni Association
Mayor of the Borough of Oxford
Representative of 13th District of Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Guest Speaker
Chairlady of the Lincoln University Board of Trustees
Fourteenth President of Lincoln University

The Inauguration of Dr. Brenda A. Allen

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

PRELUDE

University Band
Mr. Timothy Chambers, Director

PROCESSIONAL *(Audience Stand)* *Regal Procession by Clifton Williams*

INVOCATION

Rev. Frederick T. Faison
Chaplain, Director of Chapel

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDER

Dr. Patricia Pierce Ramsey
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

WELCOME REMARKS & PRESIDERS

Ms. Theresa R. Braswell
Chairlady, Board of Trustees

GREETINGS

Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The Honorable John Lawrence
13th District

Mayor of the Borough of Oxford, PA

The Honorable Geoffrey L. Henry

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Executive Vice President and Provost, Temple University

Lincoln University National Alumni Association

Mr. Darrell Braxton, President

Lincoln University Faculty Council

Dr. Zizwe Poe, Chair

Lincoln University Student Government Association

Mr. Gionelly Mills, President

MUSICAL SELECTION *Elijah Rock arranged by Jester Harriston*

Women of the Lincoln University Concert Choir
Dr. Camilla Horne, Director



INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Ms. Terri P. Dean
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Donald Julian Reaves
Chancellor Emeritus, Winston-Salem State University

MUSICAL SELECTION *Order My Steps by Glenn Burleigh*

Lincoln University Concert Choir and Band
Dr. Horne and Mr. Chambers

INVESTITURE OF PRESIDENT

Oath of Office

Dr. James A. Donaldson
Professor Emeritus, Mathematics, Howard University
Alumnus and Former Acting President of Lincoln University

Presentation of University Medallion

Chairlady Braswell

Prayer

Reverened Aleyah Lacey
Mount Teman AME Church, Elizabeth, New Jersey

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. Brenda A. Allen
Fourteenth President of Lincoln University

ALMA MATER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Faison

RECESSIONAL

Guest Speaker



Donald Julian Reaves, Ph.D., is a retired higher education professional. Dr. Reaves career in higher education of more than 35 years started in the classroom and concluded after serving as Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a position that he held for almost eight years.

Prior to his service as Chancellor, Dr. Reaves was the senior-most financial and administrative officer at two of the nation's leading universities: the University of Chicago where he served as Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer; and, at Brown University where he served as Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Reaves graduated from Cleveland State University with a degree in political science. After completing masters and doctoral degrees at Kent State University, Dr. Reaves joined the political science faculty at Northeastern University in Boston. While in Boston, Dr. Reaves also worked in public service, holding several positions at the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare, including Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Budget and Costs Control.

Active in professional and higher education organizations, Dr. Reaves was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Education to the Historically Black College and Universities Capital Financing Advisory Board. Dr. Reaves is also the former chair of the Roxbury Community College Board of Trustees in Boston, and the former vice-chair of the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Reaves has extensive board experience, both corporate and not-for-profit. Currently Dr. Reaves serves as a director of the Amica Mutual Insurance Company in Lincoln, Rhode Island, and as an independent trustee of the William Blair Mutual Fund in Chicago, Illinois. Previously, Dr. Reaves served as a director of Bank Rhode Island of Providence, Rhode Island.

In the not-for-profit sector Dr. Reaves has served an array of organizations, including, currently, as chair of the American Student Assistance Corporation Board of Directors, and previously on the boards of Tufts New England Medical Center Hospital in Boston and the Novant Health Triad Region Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

During his long career Dr. Reaves received numerous awards and honors for his performance and for his service, including two that were bestowed by the Winston Salem State University Board of Trustees. In recognition of his accomplishments the Winston Salem State University Board of Trustees named a newly constructed student center building in his honor, and upon his retirement, Dr. Reaves was given the title of Chancellor Emeritus.

A member of Sigma Phi Pi, Dr. Reaves lives with his wife Dr. Deborah Ross Reaves, a retired clinical psychologist, in Sarasota, Florida, and on Martha's Vineyard in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. They have two adult children and a recently arrived granddaughter.

Delegates from Universities and Colleges

FOUNDING & INSTITUTION

DELEGATE

1701	Yale University	Dr. Mark Curchack, <i>Alumnus</i>
1746	Princeton University	Mr. Charles E. Corpening, II, <i>Alumnus</i>
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1830	University of Richmond	Doron Samuel-Siegel, <i>Associate Professor of Legal Writing, School of Law</i>
1855	Penn State University	Dr. Kristin Woolever, <i>Chancellor, Penn State Brandywine</i>
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Alma Mater

by A. Dennee Bibb, 1911

Dear Lincoln, Dear Lincoln,
To Thee we'll e'er be true.
The golden hours we spent beneath
The dear old Orange and Blue,
Will live for e'er in memory,
As guiding stars through life;
For thee, our Alma Mater dear,
We'll rise in our might.
For we love ev'ry inch of thy sacred soil,
Ev'ry tree on thy campus green;
And for thee with our might
We will ever toil
That thou mightest be supreme.
We'll raise thy standard to the sky,
Midst glory and honor to fly.
And constant and true
We will live for thee anew,
Our dear old Orange and Blue.
Hail! Hail! Lincoln.

