

Dr. Laurellen Treisner Retires

Longstanding DMS faculty member, Dr. Laurellen Treisner, will be retiring from her position after the Spring 2020 semester. Dr. Treisner has served the Department of Mathematical Sciences and the broader Lincoln community for 25 years. During this time, she has dedicated her efforts to providing exceptional education and a positive undergraduate experience for all of our students.

Dr. Treisner's legacy includes several important contributions to our curriculum. Her work was instrumental in designing our Computational Mathematics track and bringing ALEKS into our entry-level courses to provide students with additional learning opportunities. She was also the first to recognize the need to split our lowest level math course into two separate courses, a structure the department still uses to this day. She served as chair of our department back when we were combined with the Computer Science department. Her colleagues describe her work in this position as superb, bringing swift resolutions to any issues the departments faced. She also served on the General Education committee for three years, experience she later leveraged when she led the department in our efforts to standardize several of our entry-level courses.

Dr. Treisner also demonstrated an extraordinary level of commitment to the well-being of our students. Her outstanding effectiveness as a teacher is recognized by many faculty members across our institution and by most of her students, many of whom point to her as their favorite math teacher. Dr. Treisner was even known to go above and beyond the classroom to help students resolve issues such as housing, financial assistance, and even more personal matters.

The department would like to take this opportunity to thank our friend and colleague for all the good she has done here. Dr. Treisner is a shining example of the Lincoln Legacy. We wish her the very best in the years that follow.

Congratulations to Graduating Students

Our department successfully graduated five math majors this year: Ms. Jaznaé Smith, Mr. Aangoo Tucho, Mr. Goshen Mfon Nkanta, Mr. Roshawn Titus, and Mr. Emmanuel Odofin. Our mission is to prepare our students for the many challenging opportunities that await them after graduation, whether in competitive professional employment or advanced studies. Indeed, three of our graduates have shared the plans of their promising futures with us.

Ms. Smith will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology this fall. She has received a Teaching Assistant position to fund her studies. Mr. Tucho and Mr. Nkanta will both enroll at the McCallum Graduate School of Business at Bentley University this fall. Both men were awarded a prestigious Discover Bentley scholarship, which will cover the majority of their tuition. Mr. Tucho will pursue a MS in Finance (Analytics), while Mr. Nkanta will pursue a MS in Digital Innovation.

To help share this wonderful news, we have included statement from two of our recent graduates that highlight their experiences with here in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Lincoln University.

Jaznae' Smith

I am Jaznae' Smith, I recently graduated Lincoln University with a Mathematics and Engineering Science major, and a Physics minor. When I first got to Lincoln, my major was undecided but I knew I wanted to be in STEM. I knew I had a love space and building things, but I did not know how I could pursue anything like that. I eventually picked up a major in engineering and saw how I only needed three to four more math classes to get the other major. I did not expect for me to love the math department as much as I did. It was a very rigorous program, but my professors and classmates were always there for me.



I have always loved math and helping others with it, but tests would freak me out. I can honestly say that the Mathematics department helped me improve my test taking and studying skills especially Differential Equations. Taking that class my sophomore year not only helped me tremendously, but it also convinced me to add the Mathematics major. Although it technically is my second major, I never looked at it in such a way. Although my hardest classes were my math ones, and

my GPA would've been better without them, I loved pretty much every class. Being challenged in my courses helped me grow and definitely prepared me for my next steps.

Despite graduating during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Mathematics department has continued to reach out to me and support me from afar. Now, as a graduate, I am pursuing my Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Aangoo Tucho

Lincoln University was a blessing for me and my future. The math department helped me set a path for my life after I completed my undergraduate degree in Mathematics with a concentration in Computational Mathematics. I have chosen to now embark in a MS in Finance (Analytics) from Bentley University. I considered Dr. Pathak as my mentor during my undergraduate experience and was able to engage in an undergraduate research project with his guidance. I'm appreciative of all the technical skill I obtained during my time at Lincoln and will carry them with me as I move on.



The department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our graduates on their incredible accomplishments. We hope that their education here will continue to serve them well through whatever challenges life brings them.