
Student Wire

March 7, 2022 – Healing Message

Roaring Forward: Healing Our Community, Making Meaningful Change:

Dear Lincoln University Community,

Our campus continues to grieve the recent heartbreaking events - the violence against members of our community, loss of one of our own. What occurred on our campus, in our home, was senseless and goes against our university's values and the character of our community.

As many of you know, the Chester County authorities made an arrest in connection with the fatal incident, and I hope justice prevails. In the [Philadelphia Tribune](#) I shared a piece acknowledging this moment, and outlining pathways to begin moving our institution forward. We are on a journey of healing, restoration, and rebuilding and we will always celebrate the life of Jawine Evans. I am committed to reclaiming our identity as a safe campus of high academic achievements, a place of scholars, an institution motivated to create meaningful change in this world, and a place filled with a rich history.

I write today to share that we are partnering with Jordan Shelby West, PhD, a national consultant in higher education, to engage in a four-phase project through Spring 2023 to assess the university's climate for students, staff, faculty, and our extended community. Dr. West identifies as a scholar practitioner, and serves as a passionate and committed leader for creating meaningful and sustainable institutional change in higher education since 2009. Dr. West's consulting experience includes facilitating focus groups, developing strong reports with realistic recommendations for institutional leaders, and providing high-level, tangible implementation plans that lead to positive change and a stronger community.

Dr. West will begin phase one of her work later this month by meeting with students, faculty, and staff. Dr. West will seek to understand perceptions of the current university climate and aspirations for the future university climate. Dr. West will immerse herself in the campus environment, review policies and practices, and much more

As we embark on this journey, I want to be clear that the opportunities ahead are endless. I am ready for us to hold up the mirror and learn from you where we have room to grow. I also believe each of you chose Lincoln University for a reason, and it is important to know that we chose you too. Now, I need each of you to join me in continuing to make this place the institution you each deserve. I hope you use your voice.

Sincerely,

Brenda A. Allen
President

