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From the President

As the newly-inaugurated 13th President of Lincoln University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I consider myself a member of the Class of 2016. Like those students, I am excited about the prospects of the future, especially since new leadership affords the opportunity for an institutional renaissance. I am working diligently to that end.

Overall, Lincoln has deep-rooted traditions and a legacy of excellence that is evidenced by the global leaders this institution continues to produce. Few universities, our size or larger, can boast such a record. Aside from our esteemed administration, faculty and staff, our students and our 13,000 plus alumni are our greatest and most valued resource. When those of you achieve, we achieve; and so we will continue to embrace and celebrate those successes. While we always welcome our visiting alumni, we especially encourage you all to return for three significant events. They are our newly-scheduled Founder’s Day Observance in February; Commencement in May, at which all focus should be on our graduates and their full indoctrination as active and supportive alumni; and finally, Homecoming in October. These events recognize our history, celebrate our achievements and allow us to reconnect with our extended Lincoln family.

As in this and all future Lincoln Lion issues, we celebrate the aspirations, accomplishments and commitment of our students, alumni, staff, faculty, administration and friends, who enhance Lincoln University’s standing not only as the nation’s first historically Black degree-granting institution, but as a global institution preparing all students to seize the mantle of leadership anywhere in the world.

In this issue, we highlight our study abroad and international students, who are blazing new standards of excellence in academics and global service while the University is establishing a presence at institutions worldwide. On campus, our distinguished faculty is making a difference with our students, in their fields of study and abroad. And most of all, our alumni are showing their support to their alma mater and achieving distinction in almost every profession and pursuit imaginable. We are realizing our charge.

Today, Lincoln University is celebrating an institutional renaissance and is increasingly becoming a global force to be reckoned with.

Hail, Hail, Lincoln!

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FROM THE EDITOR

Lincoln University has changed considerably since I first walked through our historic gates, as an English and Journalism student, here in 1987 to my return home now as the Director of Communications and Public Relations and Editor of its publications. This is not the same Lincoln many of us knew. The cornfields are gone; so have the meals in the S.U.B.; and our beloved icons, which have left the university or passed on like Dr. Jean A. White, Dr. H. Alfred Farrell ’34, Dr. Frank “Tick” Coleman ’55, Rev. Cannon Thomas W.S. Logan ’35 as well as so many others who offered strong examples and helped guide us all as Lincoln women and men.

Now, others must grasp the baton.

Like us, the University has grown up, but with a new landscape, new buildings, new faces, new policies as well as a new academic vision and social philosophy.

Lincoln has changed, I believe, as it has needed, to remain competitive and to advance the legacy of excellence which we have become accustomed.

With that, so shall our publications. We are developing and embracing new content and a design, which will better showcase various aspects of the Lincoln University community as well as highlight our global influence and contribution to education.

In this issue, we officially welcome our visionary 13th President Dr. Robert R. Jennings as he charts the course for the University. We highlight our long tradition and commitment to the study abroad program, international students and establishing our international presence. Then, we celebrate 100 years of distinction and service from the men of Nu Charter’s Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first and oldest Greek-lettered organization and chapter at the university as well as their effort to erect a monument to the nation’s first African American Supreme Court Justice and Nu Charter brother Thurgood Marshall. We also recognize an unprecedented online collaboration of our students, alumni, staff and supporters in our victory over Alabama A&M, Cheyney University and other HBCUs in The Home Depot® RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL challenge whose $50,000 grand prize grant will help restore and preserve our historic Alumni House.

In the last year or so, our alumni have also taken the arts and entertainment industry by storm. Many alumni have written books continuing in our rich literary tradition of Langston Hughes ’29, Larry Neal ’61, Lincoln Professor Charles V. Hamilton, Everett Hoagland ’64, Ja A. Jahnnes ’64, Donald Bogle ’66, Gil Scott-Heron (early 1970s) and Brian Jackson ’73.

Others are establishing a presence both behind and in front of the camera in the footprints of actors Oscar Brown ’40 and Roscoe Lee Browne ’46.

We continue to advance our legacy of excellence. So, I invite you to acquaint yourselves with the new Lincoln.

Hail, Hail Lincoln!

LU of PA Welcomes New Trustees

John Lawrence is a Pennsylvania State House Representative for the 13th District. Prior to his election, he worked as a client service account officer for J.P. Morgan Chase. A southern Chester County native, he is a graduate of Wilmington Christian School in Hockessin, Delaware, and Penn State University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. State Rep. Lawrence is a member and Sunday school teacher at Hockessin Baptist Church and resides in Kemblesville with his wife, Rebecca, and their daughter.

Harry Lewis, Jr., a retired principal of Coatesville Area Senior High School, has held various positions in his 41 years in education, including social worker, special education teacher, physical education teacher, track coach and assistant principal. He received a bachelor’s degree from Winston-Salem State University and holds master’s degrees from both West Chester and Cheyney Universities. Lewis, a celebrated former track coach at Coatesville Area Senior High School with an unprecedented championship record, has also received numerous community honors, including the two-time Clarence “Big House” Gaines Unsung hero Award, the two-time State of Pennsylvania Man of The Year, the City of Coatesville Outstanding Citizen – Hall of Fame among others. In addition, he also serves on the board of directors of the YMCA of the Brandywine Valley and chairman of the board of directors of the Brandywine Health Foundation and is a charter member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Winston-Salem State University chapter, 1960), Lily of the Valley Masonic Lodge #59, the National Alliance of Black School Educators and past president of both the Pan-Hellenic Assembly of Chester County, PA and the Coatesville Area Jaycees.

Sheila L. Sawyer ’71, a retired English teacher and former administrator, began her career as an instructor at Lincoln and as a study center supervisor for its Upward Bound Program for more than a decade. She later joined the West Chester Area School District, where she taught on both the middle and high school levels. While there, she also developed and taught the first African American Literature curriculum. Sawyer received a bachelor’s degree from Lincoln and a master’s degree in teaching from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Sawyer has also done doctoral work at Immaculata University and holds a Pennsylvania Department of Education certification in Administrative Leadership. An active member of St. Paul’s Baptist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the League of Women Voters, she is Senior Editor and contributor to the anthology, Lincoln University: An Unfailing Legacy.

Matthew D. Dupee earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Penn State University (with high honors). A Rotary Foundation International Scholar at the University of Glasgow, he received his master’s degree in Soviet East European Studies there. Dupee also holds a Juris Doctorate from the Dickinson School of Law, where he received the DiNicola Scholarship for legal study abroad and completed a diploma program in Florence, Italy. He (cont. on page 5)
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maintains a general practice of law in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, but has had professional paid consultancies in nonprofit institutional advancement, serving as Vice Pres. of the University of Glasgow for American Operations and Special Projects Director for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, where he was involved in the acquisition of the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. In addition, Dupee is a principal in a number of commercial real estate partnerships and serves as a professional trustee for several charitable and fraternal philanthropies. Among his many affiliations, He has served as President of the Philadelphia branch of the English-speaking Union, the Penn Club of Philadelphia, the Franklin Inn and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. Dupee is also an internationally-recognized Freemason and currently serves as a leading executive officer of several national Masonic organizations and charities. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including those from the Royal houses of England, Portugal, Ethiopia, Rwanda, the Philippines, Russia and the Republic of San Marino.

DeWayne Walker ’13, a senior Mass Communications major, is president of Lincoln University’s Student Government Association and host of WWLU-TV’s #1 show, L.U.V. (Lincoln University Viewpoints). Actively preparing for a broadcasting career, Walker participated in a competitive internship in the web department at WCAU-TV-10, an NBC affiliate, in Philadelphia and is a student member of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ). He is a recipient of the University’s Merit Scholarship and has also been named to the Dean’s List from Fall 2010 to the present. Walker, who is executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of State-Related Students (P.A.S.S.), currently serves as a mentor in Lincoln’s Boys to Men mentoring program and is a certified student leader through the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals.

The 169-Year-Old Hosanna Church Rekindles Its Relationship With Lincoln

The 169-year-old Hosanna A.U.M.P. Church, adjacent to the campus of Lincoln University of Pennsylvania on the corner of Baltimore Pike and Ashmun Avenue, has rekindled its relationship with the University, many of whose first students were members.

After a School of Humanities and Graduate Studies Convocation on Sept. 25, which explored the historic relationship of the small brick church with the nation’s first degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU), students, faculty and staff agreed to provide services to support the church’s operations, which continues to hold services every Sunday.

“I have one word: amazing,” said Hosanna Pastor Reverend Thomas Warren said. “The faculty, students and administration are amazing as demonstrated in their effort and attitude. I feel safe in saying Hosanna and the community will remain grateful.”

The University’s accounting and finance faculty will assist the church with its financial dealings; communications faculty and students will write press releases and assist with community outreach efforts and an archive documenting the relationship between the two historic institutions will be established at the Langston Hughes Memorial Library.

The church, which was part of the Abolitionist movement, is also being documented in the Abolitionist Map of America Project iPhone app and website as part of PBS’s flagship history documentary series, American Experience. The map will be populated with archival photographs, illustrations, portraits, ephemera, etc., related to the abolition movement and pinned to a specific location on the map.

Two CEBES students awarded $17,500 in grants

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded two of Lincoln’s Center of Excellence in Business and Entrepreneurial Studies students $17,500 in grant funding under DOT’s Dwight David Eisenhower HBCU Fellowship program.

The recipients were: Michael Frazier, an Accounting & Finance major received $10,000 in funding while Joseph Brown, a Management & Entrepreneurship major, received $7,500 in funding.

The fellowship, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration’s Technology Partnership Programs (TPP), is meant to "attract qualified students to the field of transportation and research, and advance transportation workforce development" and required the students to write an abstract and a collaborative report entitled, "Moveable Walkways To Reduce Pollution, Congestion and City Stress Levels."

The students were also provided a one-time expenditure to attend the annual Transportation Research Board (TRB) conference held January 13-17, 2013.

Four Lincoln Students Awarded Scholarships At NABA Eastern Region Student Conference (ERSC)

Four Lincoln students were among 32 students who received scholarships at the National Association of Black Accountants’ Eastern Region Student Conference (ERSC) on Oct. 4-7 in Bethesda, MD.

The scholarship recipients were: Chilima Chola, who received a $1,000 scholarship from Deloitte, Igory Nnani, $1,000 from Grant Thornton, LLP; Trevor Kamhenga, $1,000 from PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP; and Maxwell Moomba, $5000 from Eastern Region of NABA, Inc.

A group of thirteen Lincoln students, along with Faculty Advisor and Professor Kennie Edwards, joined more than 650 other students from across the country at the annual conference, which offered professional seminars and interviews as well as networking opportunities with fellow students, recruiters and professionals.

In addition to the scholarship recipients, the following Lincoln students attended the conference: Olufumilayo Aladekomo, Terrica Bellamy, Britany Beverly, Cherica Collie, Trevor Davenport, Oluwarotimi Ibiado, Kenny Jean-Claude, Kevin Tennet, Shantal Wynter.

NABA, whose mission is to address the professional needs of its members while developing and inspiring future leaders who will shape tomorrow’s accounting and finance positions, has established a series of career development programs that serve its members at the national, regional, and local levels.
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The University has notably changed since Jan 2. when Dr. Robert R. Jennings took the helm as the 13th President of the Lincoln University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation’s first historically Black degree-granting institution.

The 61-year-old University president’s apparent boundless energy and speed to get things done, combined with his fiscal-minded approach to governance and his philosophy of viewing students as “customers,” all contribute to Lincoln’s transformation from an HBCU best kept-secret to a premier global university with a long and illustrious history of producing world leaders.

“Lincoln remains one of the great citadels of learning,” Dr. Jennings says. “Under my tenure, we will continue to forge new frontiers of excellence through academics, athletics, student life and leadership.”

A former president of Alabama A&M University, who has served in various positions at Wake Forest University, North Carolina A&T State University, Albany State University, Norfolk State University and Atlanta University, Dr. Jennings is a graduate of Morehouse College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology. He earned a master’s degree in educational psychology and elementary education, a specialist degree in inter-related learning and a doctorate in administration and policy studies from Atlanta University.

Dr. Jennings, who administers and negotiates with the savvy and business acumen of a Fortune 500 CEO coupled with a minister’s charisma and appearance, regularly dines with students in the cafeteria, invites them to dinner at his residence, and also has increased their opportunities for input, establishing the Student Executive Council, comprised of 36 student leaders, members of the President’s Cabinet, the Director of Communications and Public Relations, the Director of the Physical Plant, Director of Public Safety, the Dean of Students and one or two other administrators. He also convenes periodic male and female-only meetings with students, faculty and staff to discuss what it means to be Lincoln men and women.

Dressed in one of his signature bow ties, Dr. Jennings undoubtedly does things differently, and now, so do Lincoln’s students. Many male students, en masse, now voluntarily wear ties on the third Tuesday of every month and the females wear scarves. Some male students are now encouraging the males to wear ties every Thursday. Most students also eagerly acknowledge or engage other adults and visitors who pass them by. While seemingly not worth mentioning, these behavior changes are dramatic when one considers the negatively pervasive trend that influences how young adults dress and the lack of deference paid to adults nationwide.

His zero-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol, and a return to mandatory campus-wide bi-weekly convocations — once an age-old Lincoln tradition during its early days as a male-only institution — are also striving to enrich the campus social, academic and community-oriented culture.

For alumni, Dr. Jennings has met numerous times with delegations in various cities across the country to share his vision
AND ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT, both through service and financial contribution—he personally has given $30,000 towards student scholarships and aid in his first nine months on the job.

“The alumni know what our charge is, and we will stand up to that charge,” says Kimberly A. Lloyd, a Trustee and chair of the University’s presidential search committee. “We are with (him), but we, as alumni, have expectations too. That is not to go back to the past, but to take us to heights never before.”

All these efforts were made before his inauguration this past September, when Dr. Jennings received a standing ovation as he accepted the mace, medallion and presidential charge from Board of Trustees Chairman David G. Evans, who called him “highly qualified and prepared to advance the university’s legacy of excellence. We welcome and embrace his visionary leadership and are committed to help him meet the needs of the people of our state and the Lincoln community.”

During his inaugural address, Dr. Jennings offered an ambitious vision for the university’s future not only calling for sweeping improvements in enrollment, international student recruitment, retention, infrastructure, programs and courses, faculty development and assessment, distance learning, research grants and fiscal management, but outlining how he plans to achieve them amid a looming financial crisis.

"Under my leadership, Lincoln University will contribute its intellectual and creative expertise in developing innovative approaches to meet the changing needs of its communities and society at large," he declares. “Thus, my vision is that the University will be a progressive growing institution with an expert workforce that delivers aggressive and comprehensive programs marked by effective support systems, efficient operating principles and sound fiscal practices.”

He offered his remarks before a crowd of distinguished guests, administrators, faculty, students and alumni who gathered in the University’s elegant International Cultural Center for a formal ceremony with an academic procession, including Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, presidents from area colleges and universities, members of Lincoln’s Board of Trustees, state, regional and local officials, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—the president’s fraternity, alumni, and others.

“This is a president of vast talent and admirable life experience,” says Governor Corbett, who offered greetings on behalf of the State. “He (Dr. Jennings) could have worked anywhere, but he chose Lincoln – a place that has taught us all to believe in excellence.”

Corbett, who recognized Lincoln’s legacy of distinguished alumni, says that schools two to four times its size would envy such a record of excellence.

Chester County Commission Chairman Terrance Farrell, who also brought greetings from his office, is a Trustee and grew up on Lincoln’s campus. Both parents were Lincoln graduates. His father, a prominent Lincoln professor, graduated magna cum laude in 1934.

“I believe (Jennings) is the right man at the right time to advance Lincoln’s legacies,” says Farrell.

Lincoln’s Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. F. Carl Walton, also the Inauguration Chair, echoed sentiments regarding the Dr. Jennings’ immense and infectious energy.

Aside from the recently re-established nursing and engineering programs, Dr. Jennings intends to establish a master’s degree program in chemistry with an emphasis on green technology and a doctoral program in educational administration. The University will also strengthen ties with the Barnes Foundation as it relates to the school’s majors in Art History, Art Education as well as those who plan to pursue new courses in Museum Operations. In addition, he is also recommending a continuing education program at both the main campus and at the Graduate Center in Philadelphia.

To increase enrollment, he has already signed articulation agreements with 9 community colleges (at the time of the Inauguration.) Currently, 10 articulation agreements have been signed with community colleges in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey.

Of all students, he hopes to admit one third of his entering classes from among talented and gifted students who graduated in the top 10 percent of their class. Another third would be among those average students who chose Lincoln for various reasons, while the other third, he describes as those who, without a bachelor’s degree, may have little hope of charting the kind of future they envision for themselves.

In the next five years, he projects the construction of at least one more suite-style dormitory and an additional 1,000 students through the use of online learning and distance learning technology as well as new campuses or institutional partnerships in South Africa, Ireland and Asia.

During that same period, he says the University will also seek to increase undergraduate international student enrollment from 8 to 15 percent, retention of all undergraduates to 80 percent as well as ensure that 80 percent of all students graduate in five years or less.

He suggests that building partnerships through the Center of Excellence for Business and Entrepreneurial Studies, savings recovered due to an increase in grants and contracts as well as increases in enrollment from distance learning and other offerings will help to fund some new initiatives as well as address financial constraints.

Dr. Jennings hopes to raise $36 million for the growth of the college.

“We will be diligent in charting Lincoln’s course for the future, and it is our belief that with a plan and well-thought-out strategies, we will achieve our goals,” Dr. Jennings says. “Lincoln’s course ahead is poised for greatness, and I am honored to be at the helm at this time in its history.”
Baseball legend Hank Aaron and his wife and partner in philanthropy Billye; singer and songwriter, LEDISI; Queen of Gospel Music Pastor Shirley Caesar and Aramark Board Chairman Joseph Neubauer were among those honored Sunday, Sept. 23 at the University’s First Annual Lion Awards Program at the prestigious Union League of Philadelphia, Governor’s Ballroom.

The black tie awards program capped four days of inaugural activities for President Dr. Robert R. Jennings, who chose to forgo an Inaugural Gala for an event that not only recognized and honored others, but that would produce contributions to benefit scholarships for Lincoln University students.
“It is only fitting that we, Lincoln University, the nation’s oldest degree granting institution for African Americans, affiliates itself among those who have established a legacy of excellence,” said Dr. Robert R. Jennings. “The Annual Lions Award Program offers a great opportunity to recognize and honor the tremendous contributions of these extraordinary individuals across their various fields of endeavor.”

Other honorees included: Humanitarianism – Carol Ware, President, 1675 Foundation; Athletics – Clive Terrelonge, ’94, two-time Olympian and 1995 IAAF World Indoor Championship Gold Medalist for Jamaica; Education – Dr. Ivory Nelson, 12th President of Lincoln University; Law – Robert L. Archie, ’68, Esq., Partner, Duane Morris, LLP; and Military Service – Lillian E. Fishburne, ’71, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret.).

One of the honorees, LEDISI, who also sang for President Barack Obama and the First Lady as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference that weekend, performed “What A Wonderful World” and offered a rousing, soulful encore performance of “God Bless The Child.”

Prior to the conclusion of the event, the Union League also unexpectedly awarded President Dr. Jennings its prestigious Union League Award, which honors individuals for personal excellence and integrity, respect for country and its revered institutions and by the living example set as an admirable standard of citizenship.

“(Dr. Jennings) epitomizes the very spirit of this award,” said Frank Giordano, Union League member and Host Committee Chairman of the Lion Awards. “He is an effective, intelligent, inspirational leader. His significant contributions and achievements cross an incredible broad spectrum from academia to community service to both the public and private sectors. This is a man that is changing the world.”

Members of the First Annual Lion Awards Program’s Host Committee included: Frank Giordano, Chairman; the Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Co-Chair; Sheldon M. Bonovitz, the Honorable Carolyn T. Comitta, Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste, Bishop David G. Evans, the Honorable Dwight Evans, the Honorable Terence Farrell, the Honorable John Farrell, the Honorable John Lawrence, Harry Lewis, Jr., Jerry Lopes, George C. McGriff, Jr., the Honorable Cherelle L. Parker, the Honorable Dominic Pileggi, Gary Rawlings, Donn G. Scott and Gary Smith.
Since 1859, five years after its founding, Lincoln University, the nation’s first African American degree-granting institution, has sent its students abroad – decades prior to the founding of the other Historically Black Colleges and Universities. By 1915, 49 international students from Liberia, South Africa, British West Indies, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Canada, England, Haiti, Panama, and Scotland were attending Lincoln. With the inauguration of its 13th President, Dr. Robert R. Jennings, Lincoln’s renewed global perspective towards education promises to increase student participation by 7 to 10 percent in study abroad programs, international student enrollment from 8 to 15 percent and launch an aggressive effort to establish Lincoln University’s presence globally.

“One of the things that excites us so much is that Dr. Jennings is willing to say those things,” says Constance Lundy, Director of International Programs and Services. “The students are really the trailblazers because they are doing all these fantastic things. After their study abroad experience, they (our students) develop a healthy respect and appreciation of those cultures. They realize that the American way is not the only way. That is a transforming experience.”

Dr. Jennings has argued that the benefits of study abroad programs go beyond the studied curriculum, to increase students’ knowledge and understanding of a global world as well as prepare thoughtful leaders that benefit humanity. He, himself, has studied abroad as an Oxford Scholar under the Oxford Roundtable at Harris Manchester College in Oxford, England; as a Fulbright-Hays Fellow at the Institute of Pernambuco in Recife, Brazil; and as a Charles Merrill Summer Fellow at the University of Ghana in Accra, West Africa.

From the 1980s until now, more than 550 Lincoln students have studied abroad with many recent graduates working not only in key foreign service or international positions, but also in education, medicine, and a myriad of other professional fields, including: Ebonique Padgett ’96, the China and Asia Multi-lateral Affairs Officer for the U.S. State Department; Dana Olds ’99, Chief of Party for International Foundation for Electoral Systems in Kinshasa, Congo; Dr. Lamonte Aidoo ’07, Lincoln’s first graduating senior Fulbright recipient, recently named an Assistant Professor of Romance Languages at Duke University; and Dr. Maryanne Arienmughare ’04, who practices medicine.
Not to mention, many of Lincoln’s international graduates have also risen to great prominence in their own countries, including Nnamdi Azikiwe, ’30, Nigeria’s first president; Kwame Nkrumah, ’39, first president of Ghana; and Dr. Sibusio Nkomo, ’81, former chairperson, National Policy Institute of South Africa and his wife, Dr. Renosi Mokate, ’81, outgoing director for Africa, The World Bank.

“For our (exchange or international) students, it’s an opportunity for them to come in contact with African American culture,” says Lundy. “It exposes them to our history and the role we play in America. People who are not African American often have these skewed perceptions of the African American community, but now they have a window that their friends and parents will never have. It also increases the number of students who want to go abroad because they know someone (from another country).”

Matiya Dumic, a junior Information Technology major from Serbia, agrees.

“(My favorite thing has been) getting to meet African American culture from another angle or point of view that I didn’t have in my country or in the other international projects I had experienced,” he says. “I see the differences, the values, the goals. (It’s) expanding my worldview and my international mindset.”

A junior English and Education major from China, Xiao Fu, echoes Dumic’s sentiment and was surprised at Lincoln’s family-oriented culture.

“I think the best thing is that I get to see the real America,” Fu says. “It’s really different from what I learned in books. People are really friendly (at Lincoln). Everybody hugs. In China, we don’t hug people. We don’t hug strangers.”

Currently, Lincoln has 49 international students from 17 countries, including China, Italy, Poland, the Bahamas, Trinidad, Tobago and Nicaragua. Three of those students from Eastern Europe, Central America and Asia are funded through the U.S. State Department’s UGRAD grant to help promote diversity, which covers tuition and fees while the University waives room and board costs.

In addition, international students participate in orientation, cross cultural activities, international student advisement and receive regulatory assistance, including I-20 completion all through Lincoln’s Office of International Services.

Likewise, Lundy explains that a major obstacle for students of color, who wish to study abroad, has also been funding, making grant funds critical.
“I wanted to go to Spain last semester in the summer, but the funds weren’t available. My family’s funds just weren’t there,” says DaQueata Johnson, a 21-year-old senior business management major with a minor in entrepreneurship from Chester, PA, who hopes to study abroad in Dublin, Ireland at the American College Dublin (Irish American University) next semester. “In Dublin, whatever funds we have for Lincoln would cover most of that.”

Johnson, who hopes to open a chain of college campus-based beauty salons, says she has never flown and has barely voyaged outside of the state of Pennsylvania.

“I need to get out of my element, and it’s an opportunity that presented itself to me; I am going to take it,” she says. “I’m very scared, but I’m not going to let my fear stop me from a new experience or something that’s a once in a lifetime.”

Two years ago, the Heinz Foundation awarded the university a $29,000 grant through the Vira I. Heinz Women In Global Leadership Program for five female students to study abroad or to perform service-learning abroad under one of five programming areas: Arts and Culture; Children, Youth and Families; Economic Opportunity; Education; and the Environment. The Program enabled students to study in Costa Rica, Spain, Argentina, Peru and France. Last year, three students were also funded and spent the summer in Costa Rica, Argentina and France.

Under the Program, all students also must present a community engagement project on a global issue related to the study or service-learning abroad location at their home institution. Students also attend the two V.I.H.-sponsored retreats at the University of Pittsburgh, where the 40 recipients from 10 Pennsylvania schools participate in workshops dealing with leadership, communication and cross cultural issues.

In 2012, the U.S. State Department’s Gilman Scholarship funded six students to study abroad in the summer and fall. Each student received up to $5,000, and if one of 14 different cultural languages was studied, such as Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian or Farsi, a student was awarded an additional $3,000. Gilman awardees studied abroad in China, Costa Rica and Morocco in summer 2012, while other students spent the fall of 2012 in England, Morocco and Ecuador.

For the last 12 years, Lincoln University, as a member of the College Consortium of International Studies along with 100 colleges, has also sponsored its own programs internationally, serving as the school of record at the KCP Japanese Language Institute in Tokyo, Japan; the Anglo American University in Prague, the Czech Republic; the Polytechnic of Namibia in Namibia, southern Africa, where a Lincoln alumnus, Dr. Tjama Tjivikua, ’83, now serves as president; and at the Bahceseir University in Istanbul, Turkey.

Since 2007, Lincoln’s Center of Excellence in Business and Entrepreneurial Studies has offered a summer school session in Dublin, Ireland at the American College Dublin, which was initiated by its director, Dr. Oswald Richards. The Center offered another summer session at Escuela de Espanol in Burgos, Spain last year as well.

“This teaching experience has afforded greater insights into the workings of the integrated and interlocking global economic systems,” says Dr. Richards of his experience. “I have used this knowledge to transform and infuse internationalization into my undergraduate and graduate business courses. Students benefit from exposure to cohorts of students and professors with diversified, international background and experiences. The quality of instruction, cultural interactivity and broader-based curricular immersion has given students a holistic view of the global environment in which they must inform and operate.”

As a result of Lincoln’s strong reputation with international students and its existing global presence, foundations and other organizations have recognized that the institution is an ideal place for transition and training. For the last six years, the University has prepared international students destined for other institutions through the Fulbright Pre-Academic and Gateway Orientation programs under a state department grant.

From 2006 to 2008, Lincoln, which trained 90 students, received more than $247,000 in grant funds for the two-week-long Pre-Academic program. That program is designed to enhance English and writing skills for international students who are pursuing graduate or doctoral studies. The Gateway Orientation program received $166,000 and trained 130 students in its five-day-long effort, which included workshops designed to provide exposure to U.S. academic and non-academic culture from 2010 to 2012.

“This is a wonderful collaborative effort between Faculty and Administration,” says Lundy. “I look forward to it. They do a great job.”
President Jennings led Delegation of Presidents to Equatorial Guinea

Dr. Robert R. Jennings, President of Lincoln University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, led a delegation of college presidents to the Equatorial Guinea International Leadership Conference on October 16-21, 2012.

Representing the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, Dr. Jennings and other US presidents joined mayors from across the African Continent, 50 city administrators from the World Conference of Mayors, other professionals representing expertise and organizations in the areas of education, eco-tourism, cultural arts and archiving, healthcare, energy, mining and the environment for five forums representing public and private interests.

“I am honored to have joined such a prestigious body and certainly plan to use this opportunity to leverage contacts and establish networks for my university as we expand our global presence worldwide,” Jennings said prior to his trip. “While I am on the continent, I will also spend some time meeting with officials at the Polytechnic of Namibia, where one of our graduates serves as the President. He has arranged for me to meet with several of our alumni and we will be reintegrating our articulation agreement for student and faculty exchanges.”

The Conference took place at Malabo, Equatorial Guinea Sipopo Conference Center.

President Dr. Robert R. Jennings recognized study abroad students on effort toward global university vision

President Dr. Robert R. Jennings recognized three study abroad students for their outstanding achievements and contribution to his vision of a global university at its Board of Trustees meeting in September.

The recognition came on the heels of the President’s Inaugural Address earlier on the same day in which he spoke of the importance of programs that increase knowledge and understanding of a global world; praised study abroad benefits for the student and humanity; and established as a University priority that at least 7 to 10 percent of the student body would participate in such programs.

“The benefits a student can expect to gain from joining a study abroad program go far beyond the curriculum material they study,” said Dr. Jennings in that speech. “Oftentimes the classroom teaching style will be different. The lifestyle and social rhythms within the walls of the university or educational center are often different, forcing students to expand their social skills.”

The students recognized included: Grace Chikwem, a senior majoring in English Liberal Arts with a minor in Spanish; Chalwe Diallo, a Chemistry major and member of the Class of 2013; and lastly, Darius Braswell, a sophomore pursuing a degree in Political Science and Philosophy.

“The achievements of these students continue to actualize our mission of being a global university,” Dr. Jennings said. “Each of these students has studied abroad, enhancing the learning experience that they receive from Lincoln University and giving them a more worldly view of being able to operate not only in this country but in others.”

Chikwem is the daughter of John and Susan Chikwem and follows in the footsteps of her brother James, who graduated in the Class of 2006, her sister, Adaece, who graduated in the Class of 2010, and another brother, Mark, who graduated in the Class of 2011. She was honored in 2010 and 2011 as a Presidential Scholar after maintaining a 4.0 GPA in her freshman and sophomore years. In her junior year, Grace studied abroad in two countries. She spent the fall semester in Scotland, the land of her maternal grandparents, at the University of Stirling; and in the spring semester, she studied in Seville, Spain. After completing her bachelor’s degree at Lincoln, she hopes to complete a Fulbright fellowship before pursuing graduate studies and a career in writing.

Diallo, a United States citizen, is a native of Zambia. She is the fourth of her sisters to attend Lincoln, all of whom are doctors – the same path she plans to pursue. She is a member of the Horace Mann Bond Honors Program and she has participated in two study abroad programs. The first in Seville, Spain in the summer of 2011 with The College Consortium for International Studies and the second in Bangkok, Thailand during the spring of 2012 with the Knowledge Exchange Institute. She conducted research at the University of Iowa through the Prostate Cancer Research Summer Training Program during the summers of 2010 and 2012. She is currently working with the Supplemental Instruction Program as a Supplemental Instructor for Organic Chemistry I.

Braswell, a Virginia native, is a Merit Scholar, a member of the Lincoln University Concert Choir, an ROTC Commanding Officer, a United Nations Ambassador and a distinguished student writer. Last summer, he studied in Fes, Morocco.

Lincoln Establishes Board of Visitors

Last May, President Jennings convened a group of more than 30 professionals from around the country as well as University Administration officials in an inaugural meeting and effort to forge strategic community and corporate relationships to help advance the mission and development of Lincoln University. Jerry Lopes, president for Program Operations & Affiliations with American Urban Radio Network, is serving as Board of Visitors chairman. The Board, which decides to meet twice a year – once in the Spring as well as the Fall, met again in October. Dr. Jennings sees the group as being instrumental in bringing positive attention to the University, which represents an interactive, multidisciplinary community.
Aside from the annual football game, step show, concert and parties, HOMECOMING 2012 offered students, parents, alumni and visitors a host of different activities, including a first-time ever off-campus Homecoming parade through Oxford, a groundbreaking for the Thurgood Marshall monument, a $100,000 pledge for student scholarships and a formal gala – all three part of the NU Chapter Centennial Celebration of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; the award of The Home Depot’s $50,000 RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL grant, a tribute honoring Lincoln’s earliest women graduates and a book signing for the An Unfailing Legacy project, whose sale proceeds benefit student scholarships.
One hundred years ago, 14 Lincoln students gathered in secret to establish a chapter of the nation’s first Black fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, on its campus on November 22, 2012 – merely six years after the fraternity’s founding at Cornell University in 1906. While the act violated an age-old Board of Trustees policy against secret organizations, the scholarship and character of its members, who operated as “a club,” earned Trustee recognition for the chapter a short while later.


“The entire ceremony was conducted with such a degree of perfection scarcely anticipated in so young a chapter,” Fraternity Founder Jewel Henry Arthur Callis wrote in a letter dated February 21, 1913, after he attended the chapter’s first initiation. “The brothers there are strong men, and the society must soon wield a great power for good in this school.”

And it has.

Since its establishment, the Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has spawned some of the Fraternity’s most illustrious and distinguished members, including: Paul Robeson, legendary American signer, actor and political activist; the nation’s first African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; Robert L. Carter, noted Civil Rights lawyer; New York Supreme Court Justice Bruce M. Wright; diplomat and former U.S. Ambassador
Horace Greeley Dawson, Jr.; diplomat Franklin Williams among many others. Two members of the illustrious group, Robeson and Marshall, also have been honored on U.S. postage stamps.

“Nu Chapter initiated over 300 members of this House who harnessed a fraternal spirit and vision,” says Mark S. Tillman, the Fraternity’s general president-elect, who offered remarks at Nu Chapter’s Centennial Gala. “Each of these brothers turned their torch into Nu’s eternal flame as this chapter made significant contributions to Alpha’s history and Lincoln University’s history. Nu Chapter should always stand strong in the eyes of its peers, and it should always be in the discussion as one of the great chapters of this Fraternity.”

Over the years, Nu Chapter has also invited and honored some of the nation’s leading figures to Lincoln’s campus with its prestigious Alpha Medallion Award, presented to: Robeson, Marshall, U.S. Vice President Hubert Humphrey, then-U.S. Senator from Minnesota, renowned opera singer Marian Anderson, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, Dr. Mary MacLeod Bethune, Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.

And now Nu Chapter’s alumni ranks, under the auspices of the Nu Chapter Alumni Society, in conjunction with its college brothers, are commemorating its Centennial with a year-long slate of activities, including an effort to erect a statue honoring one of its most distinguished brothers, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, on the campus. The groundbreaking, its historical exhibit and its gala – the group’s signature event, which honored Marshall, Rev. Thomas Logan, an Alpha brother and Lincoln alum, but non-Nu chapter initiate, former Lincoln Track Coach Cyrus Jones, not a member of Alpha, and the chapter’s “Brothers of the Decade,” representing several decades to its founding, were held during the University’s Homecoming Activities on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27.

“For every chapter that reaches this milestone, it tells the world that Alpha continues to lead,” says Aaron Crutison, Alpha’s current acting-general president.

Aside from the estimated $60,000 in corporate donations the Nu Chapter Alumni Society must raise to erect the Marshall monument, the society has also pledged $100,000 to establish and endow its Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund at the University.

“The brothers of Nu Chapter are Alphas first, and Alphas never fail to rise to a challenge,” said Leon M. Sutton, Sr. Esq., chairman of its Centennial Committee. “We will build this monument, and we will endow this scholarship, both fitting tributes to the legacies of this distinguished chapter and university.”

President Jennings, (center), also an Alpha, poses with two Lincoln alums and fellow Alpha Brothers, Kwame Ulmer ’96, (left), and Charles E. Spaulding ’78, (right).

Eric Christopher Webb ’91, is a 1989 Nu Chapter initiate and Chairman of the Nu Chapter Centennial Historical Committee. To learn more about Nu Chapter Centennial Activities, The Thurgood Marshall Monument or The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, visit: www.aphianu100years.com.

**WHO WERE THE FOURTEEN IMMORTALS?**

- Ten of the 14 Nu chapter founders graduated in 1913 with two of them, having received their bachelor’s degrees in 1910, earned master’s degrees at Lincoln in 1913. The other three received their undergraduate degrees in 1912, 1914 and 1916.

- Twelve graduated with distinction; two graduated cum honore; eight graduated cum laude; and two graduated magna cum laude, one of whom was Valedictorian and the other was Latin Salutatory, who gave the entire graduation speech in Latin.

- In addition, most of these men were also honored for excellence in multiple disciplines, including one for excellence in Latin and Political Science and History; one in Modern Language; one in English Bible; one in Sociology and Economics; one in Latin and Greek, English Bible and History and Political Science. Two of the Immortals, brothers, were honored for excellence in Natural Science and each awarded the Bradley Medal in Natural Science with one, who also was honored additionally for excellence in English Bible; another was awarded the Obdyke Prize Debate Medal; and lastly, one for excellence in English and Philosophy.

- Ten earned multiple or advanced degrees.

- Among them, at least four taught at the college level; One, in addition to teaching, served as a psychotherapist and minister while another served as a Dean of Theology; three others were doctors; and four were dentists.
Final Scene of Million Woman March 15th Anniversary Documentary Filmed At Lincoln

A documentary commemorating the 15th anniversary of the historic Million Woman March in Philadelphia captured its final scene during a panel discussion featuring its co-founders and organizers on its present day implications at Lincoln University on Oct. 16.

George Tillman, the Memphis, Tennessee-based businessman turned filmmaker, conceived the idea after he was invited to videotape a group of women, who were traveling from Memphis to the gathering in Philadelphia, an event that attracted the likes of Jada Pinkett-Smith and Winnie Mandela among others.

“This is the last shot of the film,” said Tillman. “This film is important to show where women, African American women, have come 15 years later… showing people of African descent there can be unity among us and that showing that what leaps and bounds in progress have taken place.”

He plans to premiere the film in Philadelphia in 2013. Among the panelists at Lincoln were: Asia Coney, a public housing advocate and co-chair of the Million Woman March; Zola Aminiti, an entrepreneur, who coordinated the vendors involved with the event; and Paula Pebbles, a Philadelphia developer, activist and founding organizer.

The trio, who explained their individual roles in organizing the historic March, discussed its challenges, its triumphs and its implications for young women today.

“It has not changed,” said Coney, who did, however, acknowledge some anecdotal success for Black women. “The conditions that existed in 1997 are the same today.”

Coney explained that while the media and technology have played a major negative influence on how young women represent and degrade themselves today, it is the Black community’s responsibility not to support it.

“You just can’t point the finger on our young women,” she said. “You have to look at the sources who are supplying the capital that ensures that this is perpetuated continually.”

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Veteran Media Educator Adam Clayton Powell III Discusses Digital Media In Africa

Adam Clayton Powell III, a veteran media educator and son of acclaimed congressman, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., and jazz and classical pianist, Hazel Scott, discussed how digital media is driving change on the African continent in an Oct. 4th All University Convocation sponsored by The School of Humanities and Graduate Studies.

Powell III, a senior fellow at the University of Southern California’s Annenberg Center for Communication Leadership and Policy, discussed his recently released study, Bigger Cities, Small Screens: Urbanization, Mobile Phones, and Digital Media Trends in Africa under the topic, “Digital Media in Africa, More Advanced than the United States?”

“We all know that if you want to study the early beginnings of humanity, you have to study Africa; because the first men and women walked on the African continent,” he said. “To study the future as well as the past, we need to study Africa; because there are innovations taking place on the continent which are a preview of what we’re going to see here (in the United States) shortly.”

Powell, who offered detailed statistics of African media use, current trends and independent media opportunities, explained that African engineers and scientists have launched a telecommunications satellite which is leading the “digital media revolution but has gone largely unnoticed outside of Africa.”
Lincoln University, the nation’s first historically black degree-granting institution, defeated Alabama A&M, Cheyney University and others in The Home Depot® RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL Campus Improvement Grant Program with the award of its Grand Prize $50,000 Tier I Grant.

The Home Depot, the world’s largest home improvement retailer, awarded Lincoln’s grant, Saturday, Oct. 27 during a formal presentation at halftime of the Lincoln Lions Homecoming football game against the Bowie State University Bulldogs. Grant funds cover restoration costs of the porch and exterior of Lincoln’s Alumni House, one of the historic buildings on the campus.

“This is a sweet victory for Lincoln University of PA and demonstrates a wonderful example of school spirit through an organized and collaborative voting effort by students, alumni and supporters of this great institution,” said Lincoln’s President Dr. Robert R. Jennings, also a former president of Alabama A&M, which Lincoln soundly defeated by 11,786 votes.

Online voting, from February 14 to April 10, ended with Lincoln receiving 239,633 votes. Alabama A&M, The Home Depot’s first-ever Campus Pride Grant winner, receives a $25,000 grant for the Huntsville-based HBCU while Tier II Grant winners, who receive $10,000 awards, include: Cheyney University, Cheyney, PA; Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MO; Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Fisk University, Nashville, TN; Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Gadson State Community College, Gadsen, Alabama; Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL; Texas College, Tyler, TX; Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.; Denmark Technical College, Denmark, S.C.; and Miles College, Fairfield, AL.

“The RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL program continues to grow each year,” said Melissa Brown, manager, Multicultural Marketing, The Home Depot. “Receiving more than 1.75 million votes this year, the HBCU community really galvanized their students, alumni and social networks to encourage their supporters to vote.

The 2012 RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL winners were chosen by a combination of public, online voting and review by a distinguished panel of judges, which this year included: Laz Alonzo, actor; Dr. Lezli Baskerville, President, National Association for Equal Opportunity In Higher Education and, Monica Newman McCluney, Director, Corporate Alliances, United Negro College Fund, both returning judges for the third straight year; Justin Durant, NFL Player for the Detroit Lions; and Gregory Moore, Esq., Commissioner, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).
The Lincoln Community Players presented *Man of La Mancha* Friday, Nov. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 11 at Lincoln University’s Ware Center Theater. Show time for the musical, which was free and opened to the public, was 7 p.m., except for Nov. 11th at 2 p.m. The musical, directed by Dr. Kirsten C. Kunkle and conducted by Dr. Christine Limb, is the inaugural performance for the troupe comprised of students, faculty, and staff of Lincoln University along with members of the local community.

“This performance represented an excellent opportunity for the local community to appreciate what Lincoln University has to offer not only as an academic resource, but for cultural enrichment, entertainment and community engagement,” said Dr. Kunkle, who is also an Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera Workshop at the university. “We also hope the performance inspires a large cadre of the community to join or support our organization.

*Man of La Mancha*, adapted from Dale Wasserman’s non-musical 1959 teleplay, *I, Don Quixote*, which was in turn inspired by Miguel de Cervantes’ seventeenth century novel, *Don Quixote*, tells the story of the “mad” knight, Don Quixote, as a play within a play, performed by Cervantes and his fellow prisoners as he awaits a hearing with the Spanish Inquisition.

Dr. Maribel Charle Poza, Chair and Associate Professor of Spanish of Lincoln University’s Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, along with her students offered a special pre-performance lecture opening night at 6:30 p.m.

The program was sponsored by the Langston Hughes Program for the Promotion of the Arts and funded by the Seiple Foundation.
From the Director of Alumni Relations

Exhilarating, tumultuous, inspiring! These are some words that come to mind when I think back on my first three months at Lincoln University. The University is poised for a burst of growth, and a force to propel this growth is the passion and dedication of alumni, faculty, students and staff. This is apparent in when you look at some recent data...

- Eleven Regional Alumni Chapters are in various stages of revitalization including a brand new Chapter in Chester County.
- We have started a Pre-Alumni Council on campus with 40 student members. Two members have already attended a conference in North Carolina to head up a Green Campus Initiative at LU.
- The inauguration of President Jennings featured a distinctive “Orange & Blue Line” made up of distinguished alumni representing the unbroken legacy of Lincoln University; we had representation from the class of 1941 through to the class of 2011.
- The Alumni tribute call to action was answered with a mighty roar – Trustees Archie, Lloyd and Johnson organized an event that raised more than $86,000 for the Presidential Scholarship Fund.
- Alumni Relations Office has moved to the third floor of the historic Lincoln Hall, and we now have a reception room to welcome visiting alumni, a seminar room to conduct meetings as well as to house the student calling program.

As impressive as these achievements might be, we all realize that our work has just begun. I launched an alumni engagement survey in July to get an idea of how you view the Alumni Relations office. There were 241 responses to a detailed survey which yielded valuable feedback. We shall use this data to plan future programs, make improvements and yes, even give ourselves a few pats on our back for a job well done.

I have found that Lincoln alumni are like no other! They care deeply and are not shy about expressing their opinions. However, when we view the business of higher education, words alone create only noise. To make your voice heard, you must follow your words with an annual gift to your alma mater. There is no substitute for alumni support – a gift of any size allows Lincoln to count you among her supporters. I strongly urge you to visit www.lincoln.edu and give your annual gift online today. You can also send your check in the envelope in this issue of the Lion and let us know that we can count you among the architects of Lincoln’s future.

In conclusion, let me emphasize that I welcome any and all conversations. Please do not hesitate to contact your Alumni Relations Office at 800-726-3014 or at alumnirelations@lincoln.edu.

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Lincoln Honors Early Women Pioneer Graduates & Former Trustees

Three of Lincoln's first female graduates along with three former female Board of Trustees members were among those honored during its 2nd Annual Women of Lincoln University reception on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the University's International Cultural Center.

While Lincoln, formerly Ashmun Institute, was founded as an all-male institution, it began admitting its first female students in the early 1950s. The Institution did, however, have a prior practice of allowing professors' wives to attend.

This year's event, which recognized the 'Pioneer Daughters of Lincoln University' '55 through '68' and the 'Pioneer Daughters of Lincoln University Board of Trustees,' featured remarks from Lincoln's first female graduate, Gladys W. Walls '55 as well as from Sondra E. Draper '64 and Carol A. Black, Esq. '67.

Among the former Board of Trustees recognized were: Dolores Coleman Kirby '72 (BOT 1987-1995), Dr. Sharlene V. Roberson '80 (BOT 1994-2003) and Dr. Adrienne Gray Rhone '76 (BOT 1995-2003), also the Trustee Chair from 1999-2003.


Lincoln Inducts

By Brian Howard

A Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, a coaching legend, a beloved Lincoln icon and football pioneer and a two-time Olympian are among 11 highly-accomplished athletes inducted as the inaugural class of the Lincoln University Athletics Hall of Fame in September.

In addition to the HOF induction banquet on Friday, Sept. 28, the Hall of Fame inductees were also introduced during halftime as the Lions battled Johnson C. Smith in the Sept. 29 CIAA showdown.

“We are extremely honored to recognize the 2012 Inaugural Hall of Fame Class,” Director of Athletics Dianthia Ford-Kee said. “These individuals have excelled as students and athletes while attending Lincoln and/or serving as an employee of University. Annually, we will continue to recognize the contributions of former student-athletes, employees and friends of Lincoln University Athletics.”

Inductees include: Manuel Rivero (posthumously), Dr. Frank “Tick” Coleman (posthumously), Munford Merrill “Monte” Irvin, Ashley Parker, Clive Terrolonge, Dr. Tarron Richardson, Barrington “Barry” Fearon, Rhondale Jones, Tehma Hallie Stanton Smith, Robert Eugene Smith and Dr. Leonard L. Bethel.

Manuel Rivero, who served Lincoln University and the Department of Athletics for a total of 55 years, founded and chaired the Health, Recreation and Physical Education Department in 1947. He served as chair and athletic director until he retired in 1977. Rivero also was the head football, baseball, track, tennis and basketball coach during his tenure at Lincoln.

As a student-athlete Dr. Frank “Tick” Coleman, was a quarterback of the football team and a member of the wrestling team. In addition to his own participation in athletics, he was the manager of the basketball team and sat on the intramural council, furthering his involvement in athletics. Dr. Coleman served as the Director of Alumni Relations from 1981-1998, recruiting students to attend the University even after he left. He received an honorary doctorate from Lincoln University in 1984, and played a major role in the return of football in 2008. Dr. Coleman was an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees for 10 years.

Munford Merrill “Monte” Irvin attended Lincoln University and was a star football player. But he did not just play football, as he was a standout baseball player and was one of the first black players to be signed after Jackie Robinson broke the baseball color barrier in 1947. In 1951, Irvin sparked the New York Giants’ miraculous comeback to surpass the Brooklyn Dodgers in the pennant race, batting .312 with 24 homers and a league-best 121 runs batted in, which put them en route to the World Series. He was ranked third in the National League Most Valuable Player voting during that season. Irvin was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973.

Today, he serves on the Veterans Committee of the Hall of Fame and actively campaigns for recognition of deserving Negro League veterans. In 2010, the San Francisco Giants officially retired his number 20 uniform, and he threw out the ceremonial first pitch in Game 1 of the 2010 World Series. At 93, Irvin is the oldest living African-American to have played in the Major Leagues.

Ashley Parker, who was an NCAA Division III Woman of the Year Finalist, captained the 2006-2007 women's track & field team and was a member of the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field 4x400 National Championship Team. Parker was a top three finisher at the 2006 Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships in the 4x100 and 4x400. A six-time All-American, Parker earned second and third-place finishes in the 400m and 55m at the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.
in 2007. She is the first female in Delaware State University history to attend the Senior Woman Administrators/Athletic Directors Conference in 2004-2005.

Clive Terrolonge, who is the associate head coach of the women’s track & field team at the University of Connecticut, earned 19 Division III All-American honors in the 400m, 800m and 4x400 relay. He was an NCAA Division III three-time champion in the 80m, two-time champion in the 400m and holds the NCAA Division III record in the 800m. Terrolonge who earned the 2010 Indoor & Outdoor Northeast Region Coach of the Year honors, is a World Champion and a two-time Olympian for Jamaica. He was inducted into the NCAA Division III Track & Field Hall of Fame at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships in Waverly, Iowa in May, 2005.

Dr. Tarron Richardson was the first player to score more than 1,000 points and have 1,000 rebounds in Lincoln University history. Averaging 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds a game established him as recipient of the 1998 Sam Cozier Award, given to the top small-college basketball player in the East. During his time at Lincoln (1996-1999), Richardson amassed 1,512 career points, second all-time leading scorer in Lincoln University history. Richardson is currently the City Manager in Desoto, Texas.

Barrington “Barry” Fearon, who became Lincoln’s first National Champion in 1983, was a two-time individual National Champion in the 400m (1983 & 1985). He also captured the 1985 Indoor 400m National Championship. Fearon held the school record in the 400m for more than 20 years. He captained the track & field team from 1983-85 and anchored Lincoln’s first National Championship Team. Fearon, who was regarded as Lincoln’s greatest runner at the time of his graduation, achieved All-American honors 16 times in only five National Championship meets (four outdoor and one indoor) in the 200m, 400m, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay.

Rhondale Jones, who was a member of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Association (USTFCCA) Division III Silver Anniversary Team in 2006, was inducted into the Delaware Track & Field Hall of Fame in 2009. She earned 16 All-American titles in track & field and nine NCAA Division III women’s outdoor track & field individual titles in the 100m, 110m hurdles and the 200m (three straight years). Jones, who currently holds the NCAA Championship record for the 200m with a time of 23.72 set in 1999, was named the NCAA Division III Most Outstanding Student-Athlete in track & field for her accomplishments in NCAA competition.

Tehma Hallie Stanton Smith, who is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar, Maryland State Bar, Washington, D.C., State Bar and National Bar Association, holds the record for the most points scored by a freshman basketball female. She also holds the school record for points scored with 1,552. Smith is a very active alum and supporter of Lincoln University athletics as a board member of the Lion’s Pride Club. While at Lincoln, Tehma also played volleyball and was on the women’s track & field team.

Robert Eugene Smith earned 12 letters and was on the Dean’s List all four years at Lincoln. As a member of the football, men’s basketball and baseball teams from 1948-1953, Smith was All-Conference in each sport and earned the Legend Award. He was the first Lincoln men’s basketball player to have back-to-back 50-point games. Smith, who was the head men’s basketball coach, track & field coach and assistant football coach from 1956-1965. He became the Athletic Director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore from 1965-1968; and after leaving UMES, he worked at Rutgers University as the Sports Information Director. Smith was the first African-American to be named the COSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) President.

Dr. Leonard L. Bethel, who retired after 42 years on the faculty at Rutgers, earned four letters from football and track & field, and three from wrestling. During his senior year, Bethel was the top tackler in the CIAA and was named co-captain for the Howard-Lincoln football game in 1960. He was the head shot putter, javelin and discus thrower while on the track team from 1958-1961. On the wrestling mat, Bethel was a heavy weight semifinalist from 1960-1961.
Collaboration between Alumni Relations Office and Trustees Raise More Than $90,000

Alumni gave a meaningful and tangible tribute to Dr. Jennings to formally welcome him into the Lincoln family during Inauguration activities. Trustees Robert Archie, Esq., ’65, Kimberly Lloyd ’94 and Rev. Dr. Kevin Johnson collaborated with the Alumni Relations Office to raise more than $90,000 in cash and pledges to benefit the Presidential Scholarship Fund. Those interested may still contribute. Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 800-726-3014 to contribute.

Lincoln University Scholarship Fund Receives $5,000 Contribution

President Jennings accepts $5,000 contribution to President’s Student Scholarship Fund from “All That Jazz Fundraiser” sponsored by Trustee Sharman Lawrence-Wilson, MHS ’98, (center), and former Trustee Howard H. Brown, ’68, Esq., (far right).

Dr. Beacoats ’88 Named NABSE 2012 Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Eric J. Becoats ’88, Superintendent of Durham Public Schools, has been named the National Alliance of Black School Educators 2012 Superintendent of the Year. The award, named in honor of longtime educator and founding member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Joseph E. Hill, was presented November 17th during the organization’s 40th annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Each year, the award is given to the Superintendent who has demonstrated a quality of leadership that has resulted in significant positive outcomes for students of African descent. Founded in 1970, The National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) is a national non-profit organization devoted to furthering the academic success of children - particularly children of African descent. NABSE is dedicated to improving both the educational experiences and accomplishments of African American youth through the development and use of instructional and motivational methods that increase levels of inspiration, attendance and overall achievement.

Alum Corbin Featured in ESSENCE Among 21 Most Eligible Bachelors

V 3. Greg Corbin ’03 was featured in ESSENCE magazine’s November 2012 issue among its 21 most eligible bachelors. Corbin, a poet, is the founder of the Philly Youth Poetry Movement, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides a safe space for Philadelphia teens to discover the power of their voices through spoken word and expression.

In the issue, the 33-year-old Corbin discussed his passion, what he finds sexy about Black women, how to get to his heart, his journey and what you’d be surprised to know about men.

“We’re afraid to be afraid,” Corbin said, responding to the latter. “We want to give somebody all of us, but sometimes we put up walls. We crave the nurturing of a woman and want to give her the same.”
Lincoln Alum and Harvard Emeritus Professor Dr. Martin Kilson ‘53 discussed and signed copies of the book, *Pride of the Lions, A History of Lincoln University from 1945-2007* he co-authored with principal author, Dr. Levi Nwachucku ’67, professor and chair of the Department of History and Political Science at Lincoln on Oct. 22nd at the Ware Center Theater.

The book continues where Dr. Horace Mann Bond ’23, the first African American president of Lincoln University, ends with his seminal Lincoln history, *Education For Freedom: A History of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania.*

Dr. Kilson, the Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government (Emeritus) at Harvard University and the first African American to achieve full professorship and tenure at that University, is also the author of several books, including: *Political Change in a West African State: A Study of the Modernization Process, The Making of Black Intellectuals and the Transformation of Black American Intellectuals.*

He received his bachelor’s degree from Lincoln University in 1953 and was the valedictorian of his graduating class. From Lincoln, Dr. Kilson went on to earn his master’s degree and Ph.D., respectively, in political science at Harvard University.

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‘Odyssey To Save Ulysses’ Moves Closer to Competitions and International Film Festivals

Ulysses “Butch” Slaughter, a 2002 master’s degree graduate in Human Services, is transforming tragedy into triumph with his new documentary film, “Odyssey To Save Ulysses,” about his reunion and reconciliation with the man, who he witnessed at 12-years-old, murder his mother, Clarice. That man was his father, Ulysses Slaughter, Sr.

Last year, Slaughter confronted his father about years of domestic violence and the shooting via a satellite-prison interview, which aired on ‘The Dr. Phil Show.’ That show led him to document his journey of healing prior to his father’s death in May 2012.

Currently, the filmmaker and life coach, who is the author of two books and hosts a television documentary series, Reconnections, is soliciting support to cover entry fees, promotional and marketing costs and travel to film festivals, which possibly includes: Sundance Film Festival, Tribeca Festival, Atlanta Film Festival, Nashville Film Festival and others. Aside from those efforts, he also conducts workshops and presentations as well as offers products through his The Odyssey Project, an innovative human development campaign designed to stimulate and support comprehensive and heroic reconciliation between individuals and groups.

Visit: www.theodysseyproject.biz

Fred Thomas, Jr. ‘91 Acts It Up as Sonny in ‘The Bachelor Party’

Fred Thomas, 43, plays the character, Sonny, in “The Bachelor Party,” last year’s straight-to-video-release directed by Donald Welch. The film, starring Lamman Rucker, Essence Atkins, Caryn Ward, Christian Keyes and R&B singer Ginuwine, centers around 30-year-old Lance, who is marrying Michelle, the girl of his dreams, and his closest buddies, Trey, Reny and Akeem, who are throwing him a bachelor party. What starts out as an innocent evening of fun and frolic quickly turns bitter when tempers flare, vendettas are revealed, painful memories surface, friendships are tested.

Thomas, a writer, actor, director, producer, who likes to create projects “that entertain and touch people’s lives,” is also founder, CEO of Man Myth Legend Productions, where his projects include creating THE HUMOR CLAUSE Channel which features the comedy web series ILLTOWN215, CASTING BLUES and AFTER THE ONE NIGHT STAND?

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Documentary on Trailblazing Cultural Icon, Architect and Artist Jackson Burnside, III ‘69 in Post-Production

“Jackson Burnside, Native Son,” a new documentary chronicling the life of Bahamian cultural icon and noted architect and artist, Jackson Burnside III, ’69 is in post-production.

“He was not just an artist, but also a famous architect,” said Karen Arthur, who is documentary co-producer and director along with her husband, Tom Neuwirth. The couple also featured Burnside III in an earlier documentary, “Artists of the Bahamas.” “(Burnside) designed most of the buildings at Atlantis – Paradise Island. He was more of a cultural icon and he learned a lot at Lincoln about his African heritage not just his Bahamian heritage. He made sure all of that lived on in all of his work.”

Burnside, who died in 2011, was educated at Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) and the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Fine Arts where he studied in the Design Studio of Louis I. Kahn, having earned two master’s degree in Architecture. After graduation, he worked with Kahn, and with Arup Associates, a division of the world-acclaimed Ove Arup Partnership, on institutional and industrial projects. He later became the first Bahamian Senior Architect for the Bahamas Ministry of Works before entering private practice.

He later founded the Doongalik Studios, which helped establish the Bahamas as an international center of creativity.

The film, available later this year, reveals Burnside’s legacy through interviews with himself, family and friends, archival footage, architectural renderings and his paintings.

“We are challenged to make the kinds of things that live long after we are gone,” Burnside has said. “And those things very seldom even live in the material. What they live in is the emotion that a person gets when they experience whatever expression it is that you pass on.”
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relationship to the deceased.
Liberians were among the earliest international students at Lincoln University, formerly Ashmun Institute. Above are two sets of photographs of Lincoln University students from Liberia. The first taken in 1871, when they arrived, and the second in 1879. The Liberians are: Samuel Sevier, John Savage, Robert Deputie, and Alonzo Miller. Courtesy of Langston Hughes Memorial Library, Lincoln University.

For most American colleges and universities, global education is a new trend or catchphrase, but for Lincoln University, it is a part of our enduring legacy of excellence. While our founders initially intended the University as a place to educate, uplift and prepare early American Blacks for emigration to Africa as a gradual solution to the racial tension caused by slavery, the University’s rigorous curriculum ultimately propelled its American and international graduates to the pinnacle of American life and world leadership during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Institution’s historic commitment to global education is clear and since as early as 1859, Lincoln has been sending its students to study abroad. Then by 1915, 49 international students from Liberia, South Africa, British West Indies, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Canada, England, Haiti, Panama, and Scotland were attending. Today, an equal number of international students attend, but now from 17 countries, including China, Italy, Poland, the Bahamas, Trinidad, Tobago and Nicaragua.