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Mahoney's Missive

From the president's pen

Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney

As readers may know, I returned in early January from a most enjoyable, meaningful and productive three-month sabbatical. I spent a good deal of time in San Francisco and Cupertino, California, at the homes of my two granddaughters. A typical day consisted of my rising about three hours earlier than others in the households so that I could use this quiet and uninterrupted time to check email, conference with cabinet members by phone, and work on various campus-related projects. I then spent the bulk of the day in the delightful role of grandma, returning to work again once the little ones were in bed for the night. It was the best of both worlds for me.

I am grateful to the Lincoln University Board of Curators for their support of my sabbatical. I also thank Mr. Curtis Creagh, vice president for Administration, for his service as interim president during my hiatus. I know that the entire LU team of administrators as well as our expert faculty and staff all continued to give their exemplary level of service during my months away. I deeply appreciate the professionalism of Lincoln's employees. These employees ensured that the institution continued to serve its constituents and fulfill its mission.

In the pages of this newsletter, you will read about the accomplishments of some of the LU employees, students, and friends of the university, along with other highlights of the past several months. Among a number of significant occurrences, I was gratified to receive a letter informing me that a Lincoln student has been chosen to participate in the Federal Service

Student Ambassadors Program (see p. 6). I was also pleased to learn that Chief Billy Nelson and members of the LU Police Department had volunteered their time to ensure that two area children had a happy Christmas (see p. 2). And in moving words, former Rep. Ike Skelton gave what would be his last speech as an elected official at the Veterans' Day celebration on campus on Nov. 11, 2010 (see p. 3).

Perhaps one of the most significant recent events is Lincoln's selection, by the American Council on Education (ACE), as one of seven institutions chosen to participate in a new project, *Creating Global Citizens: Exploring Internationalization at HBCUs*. As part of the project, Lincoln University will develop a strategic plan to advance our internationalization efforts. Spearheading our involvement will be Dr. Annette Digby, vice president for Academic Affairs; Dr. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell, head of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Journalism/director of Study Abroad; and Ms. Mary Beza, director of International Student Affairs.

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LU Police Officers Shop with Kids

Two happy children saw their dreams come true in December, thanks to the Lincoln University Police Department's participation in the Take Our Youth Shopping (T.O.Y.S.) event. According to LU Chief of Police Billy Nelson, his unit was invited by the Cole County Sheriff's Department to participate in this program that identifies needy families and then helps the children realize their Christmas wishes. Chief Nelson's involvement with this program stems from his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, an organization which, along with local police departments, has played a role in the event for a number of years. When the invitation was issued, he saw an opportunity to strengthen relations between Lincoln University and the community, and to highlight the importance of charitable involvement.

With funding provided by contributions from employees of the state Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections, the Missouri State Troopers Association, Lodge 19 of The Fraternal Order of Police, the Cole County Sherriff's Auxiliary, and the Jefferson City Jaycees, three members of the LU Police Department accompanied two children on a Christmas shopping trip to K-Mart. Officers Mario Ayuso, Heather Hankins, and Roger Armstrong assisted the children as they made their selections. Chief Nelson and his officers were touched by the fact that the children put much thought into figuring out what they could purchase for a sister, brother, mom or dad and still have funds left for the toys they wanted.

In addition to the shopping spree, the children were delighted to see Santa Claus and McGruff the Crime Dog arrive by helicopter and land in a circle created by patrol cars.



Officers Ayuso, Armstrong, and Hankins help make these children's wishes come true.

"This was an event I felt strongly about participating in," Chief Nelson states, "and I believe it can shine a bright light on the university. I would like to encourage student groups and campus organizations to get involved in the future."



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The Global Citizens initiative is partially funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Eduardo Ochoa, assistant secretary for Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education, noted that the grant "is one of several efforts we are undertaking to give HBCUs, minority serving institutions, and other schools the tools they need to educate students for success in our global society." Molly Corbett Broad, ACE president, asserts, "In the 21st century, if we do not prepare our graduates to join the global workforce, our economy and country will fall behind. That is why the Department of Education's support for this effort and the work of these institutions is so critical." I could not agree more. Lincoln University strives to prepare our graduates for the global workplace. Our partnership in the Global Citizens project will give us the means to further enhance our involvement in international endeavors and to increase opportunities for our students abroad and for those international students we welcome to our campus. This is indeed an important initiative.

And so, as we begin another semester, we do so with increased attention to the needs of our students and to the institution's role in our community, our nation, and the world. Lincoln University is garnering the attention that our efforts have produced.

Rep. Skelton Says Farewell

On November 11, 2010, Representative Ike Skelton celebrated Veterans' Day at Lincoln University for the 24th consecutive year. Among those gathered in Scruggs University Ballroom to mark the occasion were members of the LU administration, faculty and staff; ROTC cadre and cadets; numerous members of the Missouri National Guard, including Major General Stephen Danner, the Adjutant General of Missouri; MO National Guard Chief of Staff Colonel Wendul Hagler; Jefferson City Mayor John Landwehr; Jefferson City Administrator Steven Rasmussen; Cole County Sheriff Greg White; Carl Vogel, former state senator; Dave Meyer and Kevin Callaway, executives for Central Bank; and various members of local civic associations and clubs.

Addressing those assembled, Rep. Skelton noted poignantly that it would be his last time to do so. In his speech, he praised the men and women who serve in America's armed forces and recalled his own ancestors who had instilled in him a reverence for those in the military.

According to Skelton, his early American ancestors took part in the American Revolution. His great-grandfather was a veteran of the Civil War, and his father served in the Navy during World War I as a fireman aboard the USS MISSOURI.

Skelton recounted that, when he was nine years old and in fifth grade at Central School in Lexington, his father was asked, as a veteran, to speak in the Armistice Day program at nearby Odessa High School. His father took young Ike to Odessa on that day, November 11, 1941, where he spoke about America and its freedoms. Rep. Skelton recalled that his father told the students in attendance that there were those who might be called to defend those freedoms. A scant month later, on December 7, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and four days after that, Hitler declared war on the United States. Of those Odessa students, two young men were killed in Europe only two years later.

Rep. Skelton's love and support for those in the military was shaped by his memory of these events, as well as by those that followed: World War II; the Korean conflict, in which many of his generation served; the Vietnam War; the Persian Gulf War; and today, those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. "Our men and women in uniform are national treasures, and we are blessed that each generation has answered the call to service," he said.

For most of his years in Congress, Skelton has been a member of the House Armed Services Committee. He noted with pride some of the projects on which he and colleagues on the committee had collaborated, including building support for the Army National Guard and the Missouri National Guard Training Center in Jefferson City, and spearheading efforts to make Whiteman Air Force Base and Fort Leonard Wood the premier military installations in the nation.

Turning his attention to the fact that this Veterans' Day speech would be his last, he noted that because generations of Americans have fought to protect this country's freedoms, U.S. citizens are able to participate in peaceful, democratic elections, as they did on Nov. 2. And while he could not deny that he wished the outcome of that election had been different for him, "the poll results . . . are a living demonstration of the power of democracy."

The students, faculty and staff of Lincoln University have been fortunate to have the support of Rep. Ike Skelton for the past 24 years. He has been vocal in his praise of LU's ROTC program and its cadets. He has tirelessly given of his time, particularly every Nov. 11, to showcase the institution. He also has been an active and staunch supporter of the educational and research programs offered by the university. The employees and students of Lincoln University thank Ike Skelton and wish him the very best as he enters the next phase of his life.



Rep. Ike Skelton addresses ROTC cadre and cadets, Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, and others gathered on Nov. 11, 2010, for the annual Veterans' Day celebration.

The President's Circle Luncheon

On November 18, 2010, the first President's Circle Luncheon was held in Memorial Hall. This initiative brings community leaders to campus in an effort to provide a forum for engagement between the university and the community. Those responding to the invitation to this first luncheon were Ken Littlefield, Central Bank; Mayor John Landwehr; Darla Porter, Modern Litho; Senator Carl Vogel, Coca Cola Distributing; Gary Wilbers, Mid-America Wireless; Brent VanConia, St. Mary's Health Center; Dick Wilson, Central Bank; Larry Merry, Ameren UE; Carrie Carroll, Carrie's Hallmark; and Alice Lefholtz, donor.

At the luncheon, the Welcome was given by Victor Pasley, LU Foundation president. Mr. Pasley outlined objectives for the luncheon: to increase awareness of Lincoln University's educational and research programs; to foster community outreach and engagement; and to seek advice, questions, and ideas from participants regarding present and future programs and community involvement. The occasion was given and introductions were made by Kevin Callaway, Foundation board member. LU students and Foundation scholarship recipients Latrice Stringer and Patrick Pollock were also on hand for the luncheon. They greeted guests and shared information about themselves, including their intended graduation dates and future plans.

After the group enjoyed a lunch and conversation, LU President Carolyn R. Mahoney made a presentation that highlighted pertinent university information. Included in her presentation were enrollment statistics: 3,349 students were enrolled for the fall 2010 semester, the highest enrollment since 1996 and a 1.1% increase over



Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney with attendees of the November President's Circle Luncheon

fall 2009. She noted that the most popular academic programs are nursing, business, criminal justice, education, psychology, computer science, agriculture and biology. Lincoln University, she reported, is a major area employer, with approximately 500 full-time employees.

Dr. Mahoney also reported on current research endeavors, including a number of military research programs. Among these is the Center for Suicide Prevention and Studies, through which a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) screening tool is nearing field testing status. This tool will act as an early warning detector of PTSD in soldiers. Another branch of military-related research at the university features the testing of laser, acoustic, and nanotechnology strategies to improve detection of IEDs and other unexploded ordinance. All areas of military research currently underway seek to improve life and conditions for the nation's soldiers.

The president's far-ranging report to the community leaders included many other examples of the programs and services currently underway at Lincoln University. After her report, luncheon attendees engaged in a spirited discussion of possible "communiversity" collaborations and endeavors.

The plan is to continue these luncheons on a quarterly basis, with a different group of community leaders each time.

Peace Corps Option Now Available to LU Students

Lincoln University has become the first institution of higher education in the state of Missouri to join more than 80 other U.S. colleges and universities in offering graduate students the opportunity to serve in the Peace Corps as a part of their educational program. In December 2010, the Peace Corps added Lincoln to its Master's International program, which it describes as "a partnership that allows Peace Corps volunteers to receive graduate school credit for their service abroad."

Under the 23-year-old federal program, graduate students complete their first year of courses at their institution, then spend the next 27 months in the Peace Corps. At the end of their volunteer service, they return to their school to complete their master's program.

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According to Dr. Linda Bickel, LU's graduate programs director, Lincoln's involvement in the program "gives graduate students an additional option, and I think it's a good option for people who are already thinking about Peace Corps service, coming out of their undergraduate program." Bickel notes that graduate students will earn 9 graduate hours toward their degree while serving with the Peace Corps, reducing the amount of course work they will need to complete on their return to campus. "They will be under the supervision of a faculty member here on campus who will maintain contact with them while they're [serving] in the Peace Corps," she added.

Currently, two of Lincoln's graduate programs—business administration and environmental science—are linked to the Master's International program. Bickel states that students interested in this option must first apply for admission to one of these graduate programs. The Peace Corps component requires a second application procedure. She hopes to have students enrolled in the program by the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

Local Alumni Enjoy Breakfast with the Mayor

Approximately 30 local Lincoln University alumni were treated to breakfast and the opportunity to visit with Jefferson City Mayor John Landwher on December 10, 2010. The group gathered on the third floor of the Central Bank Annex, courtesy of Ken Littlefield, president of Central Bank.

In a letter to area alumni, Mayor Landwher related that, when looking into how many current central Missouri residents have graduated from Lincoln, he was impressed to find that the number was over 4,000. Seeking a way to bring the university and the community closer together, he invited alumna Colleen Taylor, owner of Midwest Travel, and Benecia Williams, LU's vice president for Advancement, to assist him in coordinating a get-together for coffee and to "hear about some exciting things going on at the university, exchange contact information, and talk about ways to get more involved."

LU President Carolyn R. Mahoney presented information to the group on the current status of the

university, including enrollment, programs, research initiatives, and outreach to the community. In her remarks, President Mahoney described Lincoln's plan to open a small meeting center that will be available for use by businesses and the community. Situated on LU's South Campus, the newly-renovated 3,500 square foot facility features two boardrooms, two meeting rooms, and a common area. It will offer free wi-fi accessibility and free use of audiovisual equipment. The center is expected to open in late spring.

President Mahoney also brought the group news of the university/community collaboration to establish a day care for 16 infants and toddlers on campus. The new facility was made possible through a partnership with Early Childhood Head Start and is located at 609 Marshall. LU's Office of Design and Construction planned the renovation and began work on the existing building this past summer. The center opened in the fall and was very quickly at capacity.

The alumni expressed a lively interest in the good news from their alma mater. On contact forms provided at the breakfast, they asked for periodic updates as well as for information on the local chapter. The following alumni were in attendance: Greg Gaffke, Eric Burgess, Roger Dudenhoeffer, Gary Wilbers, Gloria Enloe, James Gerling, Joseph Loethen, Vickie Muldoon, August Buechter, Colleen Taylor, Rose Ann Ortmeier, Rod Chapel, Sr., Winston Rutledge, Brent Crane, Randy Bickel, Emily Scruggs, James Jaegers, Jane Szabados, John Meyer, Felix Wulff, Darrell Mantle, William Edmonson, Frank Burkhead, Jerome Offord, Janet Maurer, and Donna Cavitte, president of the J.C. alumni chapter.



LU Student Selected as Federal Service Ambassador



Henry Winkleman

Henry Winkleman, an LU junior majoring in agribusiness, is no stranger to federal service. In 2008, this Freeburg, Missouri, native worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Office in Washington, D.C., and in that same year he was designated a USDA 1890 National Scholar. In 2009, he was employed with the USDA's Missouri State Office for Rural Development (RD) in Single Family Housing. Last summer, he interned at the USDA's National Office in RD's Rural Housing Service Multi-Family Housing's Preservation and Direct Loan Division.

Mr. Winkleman's federal service does not end there. President Carolyn R. Mahoney has been notified by Amanda Davis, program associate for Education and Outreach with the Partnership for Public Service in Washington, D.C., that this goal-oriented LU student is one of 47 students across the country who has been chosen for the Federal Student Ambassadors Program for the 2010-2011 academic year. The Partnership for Public Service, according to Ms. Davis, started the student ambassadors program in an effort to help federal agencies attract the best and brightest young people. Students in the program are learning about the ways in which government affects lives. The program "will educate these students and teach them how they can make a difference," Ms. Davis states, and will "increase interest in federal jobs and internships on

college and university campuses through passionate student advocates actively promoting public service." During the fall 2010 semester, student ambassadors across the country planned events, coordinated activities with career services, and provided information to fellow students on internships and future careers with the federal government.

While in high school, Mr. Winkleman applied for and received a USDA/1890 National Scholarship. "I wanted to attend an institution in mid-Missouri so that I would be close to home," he says. "The USDA scholarship enabled me to attend Lincoln University.

Winkelman is enthusiastic about his experiences and training. "Working at the USDA Missouri State Office for Rural Development in Single Family Housing was a great fit for me," he says. "One highlight while working there was going to banks across the state to do compliance reviews on our guaranteed loan program lenders." Speaking of his selection as a federal service ambassador, he relates that he has already done presentations and workshops on campus for students on résumé writing and on how to find and apply for federal jobs and internships. He plans more such workshops for this semester. "I will also be having informal one-on-one peer advising sessions to help answer any questions students have about the federal government, such as hiring procedures," he promises.

After graduation, Winkleman plans to work for the USDA's Rural Development Office.

Dr. Mahoney expressed pride in the fact that a Lincoln student was selected as one of these elite and vital student ambassadors. "At a time when our government is facing a range of complex issues and challenges, including health care reform and the lingering effects of the economic recession, it is imperative that universities take a leading role in introducing our top students to federal service. We can all be proud that a Lincoln student will be in the front lines of this effort."

Beacon on Lincon Faculty and Staff

The endeavors of Lincoln University's faculty and staff are far-reaching and continue to have a positive effect not just on students but on the community, the nation, and the world. This month, the Lincoln Beacon shines on the following employees:

Dr. Hwei-Yiing Johnson, associate professor of Research, reported on the completion of the Thurgood Marshall College-Funded "LU Green Roof and Green Wall" project in December 2010. Dr. Johnson was selected as the winner of the 2010 Thurgood Marshall College Fund Energy Conservation Award for Faculty. She received a grant award of \$40,000 to fund her project. The green roof and wall system were constructed on LU's Busby Farm and now function as a living laboratory for students as well as for outreach and other purposes.

Mr. Dan Turner, KJLU program director, produced a Christmas program that was sent to 48 radio stations across the country. The program was broadcast in major markets such as New York, Chicago and Atlanta as well as in smaller venues. The four-hour special, a "Classic Soul Christmas Countdown," featured the best 50 classic soul Christmas songs of all times.

Dr. David Bouras, assistant professor of Economics, co-authored the publication, "The Economic Trade-Offs Between Stocking Fingerlings and Stockers: A Mixed Integer Multi-Stage Programming Approach." The article is published in *Aquaculture Economics and Management*, Volume 14, Issue 4, 2010.

Dr. Jonathan Egilla, assistant professor of Research, has been nominated by Dr. Paul Zankowski, commissioner, USDA Plant Variety Protection Office, to serve on the 2011-2012 Plant Variety Protection Board. Dr. Egilla is a horticulturist and crop physiologist with LU's Cooperative Hydroponic Research Program.

Dr. Jim Rooney, DoD programs administrator and professor of Biology; **Dr. Patrick Henry**, Prime Power School program manager and professor of Education; and **Ms. Kathy Pabst**, Project Enrollment manager and director of Continuing Education and Extended Studies, comprised the LU team collaborating with Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) on the submission of a successful Department of Defense grant proposal to support training for the Prime Power School at Fort Leonard Wood. On Jan. 6, the LU team

traveled to Fort Wood for the kick-off meeting with CTC members. Following the meeting, Ms. Pabst enrolled 32 soldiers who began classes on Jan. 10 for 15 weeks of intense academic course work for which they will be granted course credit through Lincoln University.

Dr. Debra Greene, head of the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy, has been appointed to the National Collegiate Honors Council Standing Committee on Small Colleges.

Dr. Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell, head of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Journalism/director of Study Abroad, has been selected as LU's representative to the Missouri/London Program sponsored by the Missouri Consortium for International Programs and Studies.

Dr. Annette Digby, vice president for Academic Affairs, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Council for Academic Affairs Executive Committee of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

Dr. Roberto Ike, head of the Department of Business and Economics, wrote a book entitled *Clergy New Dealers: A Perspective on Social Welfare Policy and Change*, published in 2010.

Dr. Manzoor Chowdhury, assistant professor of Business Administration, published his article "A Comparative Analysis of Recent U.S. Recessions: Evidence from Secondary Data" in the December 2010 issue of *Business Review*.



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