Dr. Edward Anthony Rankin
Family inspiration Leads to success

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Dear Lincolniters and Friends:

This edition of Alumni Line is brimming with information that makes us proud to be alumni and friends of Lincoln University! There are stories that highlight the individual accomplishments of various alumni, along with articles about collective efforts to advance the mission and goals of the campus.

As I scanned the pages of this Alumni Line, I remembered so clearly the excitement of our 2008 National Alumni Convention and Homecoming. Amidst beautiful weather, a record number of attendees gathered to interact with each other and to learn about and celebrate our progress. Inductees to the Alumni Hall of Fame, the Athletic Hall of Fame, and the ROTC Hall of Fame were accomplished and inspirational individuals. And it was a distinct privilege to dedicate the new residence hall and name it after former president Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs.

After Homecoming, the campus turned its attention to closing out the semester. The culmination of these activities was the Commencement Ceremony on December 13th, during which we awarded degrees to some 150 graduates. Mr. Hardy Dorsey, President of the Lincoln University National Alumni Association, delivered the commencement address. His outstanding, timely and important message of accomplishment, hope and promise was both well delivered and well received.

Speaking of accomplishment, Lincoln University was selected by the Tom Joyner Foundation as the February 2009 School of the Month. As you read about this exciting radio show and related opportunities, you also will learn about Pathway to Greatness, a bike tour and fundraiser that will be “kicked off” on the Tom Joyner Morning Show during February. Details about both these terrific and important events, and about how you can be involved, are available in this magazine and on the LU website at www.lincolnu.edu.

As you read this edition of Alumni Line, you will be inspired by the actions of Lincolniters who are personally happy and professionally successful, and who reach back to support current students. I am grateful to them and to all of you for the individual and collective expressions of commitment and dedication to Lincoln University.

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Mahoney, Ph.D.
President
Dear Alumni,

One of our major highlights of 2008 was the week of October 6, when the Jefferson City Alumni Chapter hosted our 68th National Alumni Convention, which was followed by Homecoming ’08. This issue of Alumni Line includes several features and photos that you’ll enjoy.

During the convention, a primary focus was on plans to work with our 19 local chapters to bring about an increase in overall alumni participation and giving. Also during the convention, five LU alumni were inducted into the LU Athletic Hall of Fame, six into the Alumni Association Hall of Fame and two recognized as Distinguished Alumni. Congratulations to all of the awardees.

Our significant challenges in 2009 include: 1) increasing alumni chapter participation by 20% which will give us more than 1,000 alumni in the Association in 2009; 2) answering the Tom Joyner “Chapter Challenge” by raising $25,000 by February which will increase scholarship dollars to $50,000; 3) raising $1 million in scholarship dollars through the Pathway to Greatness initiative with the help of our 19 chapters and the Tom Joyner Foundation; and 4) having each of our alumni and friends recruit one new member across the country into the Alumni Association this year.

During the month of February, Lincoln University will be the Tom Joyner School of the Month and will host a kick off in Kansas City on February 6. Chapters that meet the challenge and raise at least $5,000.00 will be recognized on the Tom Joyner Morning Show. There will also be some matching fund opportunities, but each chapter must raise as much as possible and at least five chapters must raise at least $5,000.00 for any kind of matching funds to be realized through the Tom Joyner Foundation. We will continue the fundraising through June with the “Pathway to Greatness” effort which you will read more about in this edition.

Thanks to each of you who have contributed so much to our beloved Lincoln University. Please plan to attend our National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, July 23 thru 26, 2009.

Regards with LU Spirit,

Hardy K. Dorsey, Sr.

Hardy K. Dorsey ('69)
National Alumni President
Many of us have a role model—that one person that we aspire to emulate. For whatever reason, that person has touched us and made us strive for excellence. Dr. Edward Anthony Rankin (’61) is no exception, but as he grew up he didn’t seek a hero from the sports or entertainment world, as is the case with so many of today’s youth. His greatest inspiration came from within his Holly Springs, Mississippi home.

As a child, Dr. Rankin listened to his father tell stories of his own youth. One of those stories was about an orthopedist who treated a leg fracture his father received while playing high school football. Rankin also recalls the high regard his parents held for the African American doctor who delivered the newborn Edward Anthony at the Rankin family home and for Dr. Anthony Jones, another African American doctor, who took over that first doctor’s practice.

With those stories in mind, Dr. Rankin began to plan a career in medicine while still in elementary school. He looked up to the three doctors who had served him and his family over the years, but it was his father’s unrealized dream that pushed him toward attending medical school.

“My dad had kind of wanted to go to medical school,” says Dr. Rankin. “The opportunities (back when my dad came up) to go to medical school (for a black person) in Mississippi weren’t very great.”

Dr. Rankin says education has always been important in his family, beginning with his grandparents. It wasn’t just about getting an education, but about getting the best education available, which is how, Dr. Rankin says, he ended up attending the laboratory high school at Mississippi Industrial College.

“The public schools at that time were limited in what they taught, so they didn’t teach a foreign language or typing,” he explains. “Mississippi Industrial College… my parents worked there, and they had a lab school. So I did my last two years of high school in the college lab school where I could get a foreign language and typing skills that I couldn’t get at the public school.”

After high school, Dr. Rankin headed north to attend Lincoln University. A favorite aunt, Maxine Rankin, worked at the university as the Executive Secretary for President Earl Dawson. “It was my aunt. Hearing her talk...
about the school made my decision to enroll at Lincoln an easy choice. We came from Mississippi, and Lincoln was bigger and better than anything she’d seen there,” Dr. Rankin recalls. “She was a real promoter of Lincoln. She thought it was the greatest place in the world, and I agreed with her.”

A chemistry major, he still found time to be actively involved in student life. He served as chapter president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He also was a member of the ROTC, which he chose to pursue in case he didn’t reach his goal of becoming a doctor. “That decision, as so many others in his life have been, was based on another family value.

“People ought to always have a ‘Plan B.’ The military was my ‘Plan B.’ I had an uncle, who was a career military officer, so I did four years of college ROTC. I was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at graduation from Lincoln University, but obtained a deferment to attend medical school.”

Upon finishing his undergraduate work at Lincoln, the future Dr. Rankin was accepted into Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he graduated in 1965. Not long after that, he married Frances Espy, a recent graduate of Fisk University. Dr. and the new Mrs. Rankin relocated to Washington D.C., where he began an internship at Walter Reed General Hospital, and she began medical school at Howard University.

Completing his residency in orthopaedic surgery in the midst of the Vietnam War and later during his own tour of duty, he saw firsthand the physical effects of war on the nation’s veterans. For a year, Dr. Rankin was the Chief of Orthopedic Surgery with the 12th and 95th Evacuation Hospitals in Vietnam, which earned him the Bronze Star Award.

During his time in Vietnam, he began using his talents to help those who wouldn’t otherwise receive it. “A colleague, Dr. Dan Morgan, and I set up the Children’s Orthopaedic Clinic for the Vietnamese in Da Nang, which stimulated my interest in delivering orthopaedic care in developing countries. I subsequently have done volunteer orthopaedic work in Africa, visiting Liberia, Ethiopia and Malawi, spending a month in each place,” says Dr. Rankin.

He has also treated patients in Cuba and South Africa as part of orthopaedic delegations.

Dr. Rankin is involved in numerous medical organizations, most notably the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He was elected as the academy’s first African American president in 2008. Dr. Rankin is also a member of the American Orthopaedic Association; the American College of Surgeons; the American Society for Surgery of the Hand; the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society; and the Eastern Orthopaedic Association. He also serves as an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

His work has earned him recognition and awards from numerous medical bodies and other organizations, including from his alma maters. He received the Lincoln University Distinguished Alumni Award in 1992, and was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003. Rankin received the Meharry Medical College Distinguished Physician Award in October 2008.

In September 2008, Dr. Rankin was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame. A program of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., it recognizes graduates of Historically Black
Colleges and Universities for service to their alma mater and their subsequent success. When asked his thoughts on his latest recognition, Dr. Rankin pays homage to where his journey started.

“It was obviously a great honor and I certainly attribute a lot of it to my experiences at Lincoln and the opportunity to attend Lincoln and to get an excellent education,” credits Dr. Rankin.

Unable to attend the ceremony due to a prior conflict, Dr. Rankin called on Lincoln University President Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney to accept the award on his behalf.

Just as he was inspired by his family, Dr. Rankin now inspires others. In addition to his busy practice, he is a faculty member at the Howard University and Georgetown University Schools of Medicine. While healing his patients is the most rewarding part of his career, he also enjoys educating tomorrow’s medical professionals.

“I work with medical students and with other residents-in-training, so the opportunity to help train other young doctors is obviously very rewarding,” says Dr. Rankin. “I have had the privilege and pleasure of being both a role model and a mentor to a number of young, outstanding orthopaedic surgeons.”

Dr. Rankin knew his family respected those in the medical profession, despite not having one physician among them. Today, medicine is “the family business.” Dr. Frances Rankin, the young co-ed he met while he was in medical school, is a psychiatrist. Her sister, Dr. Jeannette Espy Burton, is an obstetrician. Their father, the late Dr. Theodore Espy, was a general practitioner. The Rankin’s eldest son, Tony Jr., was a medical student at Howard University, when he passed away at the age of 24. The couple’s youngest son, Dr. Marc Rankin, specializes in sports medicine and shares a practice with his father.

Looking back over his life, Dr. Rankin is most thankful for the people, like his father, who have held a special place in it. Despite accolades he has received, what is most important to him is making sure the man whose dream he made his own, would be pleased.

“I think my father would be as proud of me today as I am of my own son, who works right beside me.”
Family ties are previous threads.  
No matter where we roam,  
They draw us close to those we love,  
And pull our hearts toward home.  
— Author unknown

Alumni Association Board of Directors Highlights
Hardy Dorsey gave the President’s Report and reviewed Core Values and Leadership, Vision, and Opportunities for the Alumni Association and progress made in achieving goals.

Donna Cavitte, member of the Jefferson City Chapter, brought greetings on behalf of her chapter and gave a brief overview of the convention plans:

President Dorsey congratulated Benecia Williams on her appointment as Interim Vice President of Advancement and the fine job she’s doing. Highlights of Benecia’s report included:

- New alumni directory in 2010 – Harris Publishing – book and CD formats will be available – alumni will be contacted by email – chapter presidents are to inform their constituents.
- New affinity relationship with Nationwide Insurance - benefits include alumni discounts for all types of insurance coverage. The University receives funds commensurate with the number of alumni that sign-up with the company. If you are already insured by Nationwide, LU can get credit for your membership. As a result of the affinity contract, Nationwide Insurance is a sponsor for this year’s homecoming. The company does not sell its mailing lists.
- The University has purchased Net Solutions, a product that makes online giving possible. The university website will feature access to online giving and an interactive Alumni Report form. The updated site is expected to be online by the end of January 2009.
- Richard B. Foster’s grandson found his grandfather’s original handwritten letters chronicling Lincoln’s founding. He donated them to the University. They are housed in Page Library.

Nomination Committee Report – William Gillispie

Nominees for offices in 2009-2012 are:
Earl Wheatfall – President
Lovell Lemons – Vice President
Roosevelt Ferguson – Treasurer
Jeremy Bradley – Secretary

Mr. Gillispie acknowledged the other members of his committee, Cortez Bradley, Bette Dix and Herb Ellis.

University Branding/Logos
A distinct brand and clear strategy help the public define who we are. All alumni chapters will receive copies of the two logos and the slogan approved for use by alumni chapters. Chapter presidents will receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation detailing the work on university branding.
Emails, phone calls and notes received by the administrative staff shared the same message, “This was the best Homecoming ever!” James Tippin’s (’64) Homecoming commentary included his wife’s, Billie Tippin (’63), observation that having varied activities made the difference. Billie Tippin has not missed a Homecoming since 1963; hence, is the ultimate Homecoming critic. So, 2008 Homecomers, we concur. This was a fantastic Homecoming!

Holding the 68th National Alumni Association Convention in tandem with Homecoming added a new dimension to both events. Alumni/student interaction is a primary benefit of an on-campus convention. Students had the opportunity to mix with alumni and attend plenary sessions. Alumni attended the Student Government Association Senate meeting, participated in the Spirit Rally and celebrated the Coronation. Seventeen of the 19 chapters were present: Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Dayton, Denver, Detroit, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Memphis, Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco, St. Louis, Southeast Missouri and Washington, D.C. The 69th Convention will be held in Memphis; and the 70th National Convention will be held on campus with Homecoming.

Homecoming festivities began with fireworks on Sunday, October 5, but for most Homecomers it began Friday, October 10 during the Spirit Rally where Dr. Mahoney, Mr. and Miss LU and Alexis Williams, SGA President welcomed alumni and recognized the athletic teams, band members, cheerleaders, alumni chapter presidents and spirited students. Following the Spirit Rally, reunion classes moved to the student union for the Reunion Class Luncheon and Memorial Service. With well over 200 alumni attending, this luncheon had the largest number of attendees in the last 10 years.
Record numbers were reported for all of the activities. The audience for “Joe Torry presents LU’s Got Talent,” filled all four rooms of the Capitol Plaza ballroom. Joe Torry “made light” of life and introduced alumni and student talent. LU does have talent, as demonstrated by the 1st place winner Renata Johnson, 2nd place, Samuel Morrell and the 3rd place student dance group, “LU’s Most Wanted Dancers.”

The parade was the largest in years and boasted 112 units including bands and drill teams. Sybil Wilkes, of the syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show, was the ultimate Grand Marshal, while Victor Pasley’s Pathway to Greatness 1866-2009 bikers, the Zebras and Miss and Mr. LU contributed to the excitement. What a parade!

Captain Mike Smith, Jefferson City Police Department, telephoned the Monday after Homecoming to say, “I cannot believe the level of excitement from my police officers. The parade had as many spectators as the Jefferson City Christmas parade; and that is our largest! There were a record number of spectators and no incidents.” What a FANTASTIC HOMECOMING!

The Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs residence hall was dedicated. Sherman D. Scruggs III reminisced about his days as a young boy living on campus in the President’s home, which was at that time located on campus. On Saturday night, he was sighted on his feet grooving to the sounds of the Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards. Parade Grand Marshal Sybil Wilkes didn’t stop after the parade; she was the Mistress of Ceremony for the concert and dance.

Alumni sang and danced with the Temptations. When the Temps had no more to offer, the GraDitude Band featuring D.C. Washington took over, and alumni danced into the wee hours of the morning. The concert and dance sold out.

Alumni and Friends, please believe, “the best is yet to come!” If you missed this Homecoming weekend, make sure this does not happen again.

Photos by Seth Garcia, Benecia Williams and Sherrey Young
The LU Alumni Association established its Hall of Fame to honor graduates (living or deceased) for their extraordinary achievements. Plaques are displayed in the Alumni Hall of Fame Room, located in Memorial Hall.

Benecia Williams, Interim Vice President for University Advancement, devotes a significant part of every day to maintaining the connection between LU Alumni and their alma mater. “The contributions of our alumni across the country are essential to continued success at Lincoln,” says Williams. “Alumni give time, talent and treasure, but they also distinguish themselves as leaders and professionals. Their accomplishments reflect on the work we do at Lincoln. We’re very proud of our Hall of Fame and were pleased to honor our 2008 inductees.”

Lloyd Lionel Gaines (‘35), Missouri Civil Rights Pioneer
In 1935, Lloyd Gaines graduated with a degree in history. He applied to the University of Missouri Law School, but his admission was denied on the basis of race. With the aid of the NAACP, Gaines sued the University of Missouri. The Supreme Court of Missouri ruled in favor of Gaines. The court decision established the principle of “equality of education.” His case, the first of a series of suits, ultimately led to the “Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas,” which declared segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional.

Honorable George Howard, Jr., (Attended 1948-1950), United States District Court Judge
Inspired to become a lawyer by the racism he experienced in World War II service, Howard studied pre-law at Lincoln University before transferring to the University of Arkansas. He received his juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas. Howard, who was recognized for his skills and fairness, was appointed to the Arkansas Court of Appeals, the Arkansas Supreme Court and the federal bench in Arkansas. He held the position of United States District Court Judge until his death at the age of 82 in 2007.

Dr. Elmer P. Martin, Jr. (‘69), Educator/Creator of Blacks in Wax Museum
A graduate with a degree in sociology, Dr. Martin received his master’s degree from Atlanta University School of Social Work, and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. He taught and chaired the Morgan State University Sociology department for 25 years. Martin was also the creator of the first wax museum in the United States devoted to black history, life and culture. The black history museum reaches out to children so they learn about obstacles overcome by historical figures.

Logan H. Westbrooks (‘75), Recording Company Executive
Westbrooks was among pioneering African American record executives. He was instrumental in the compilation of 25 platinum and gold records from artists such as Isaac Hayes, Johnny Mathis, Sly Stone, Earth, Wind & Fire, and Nelly. He was tapped by CBS International to evaluate investment opportunities in developing countries. In 1997, Westbrooks was appointed Ambassador for Africa to the Annual African Music Festival for Education in Senegal. Most recently he appeared in 2007 on the PBS production “Respect Yourself.”

Donald E. Hudson (‘53), College Head Coach
Donald Hudson came to LU as a scholar and talented athlete. He played football until his graduation and commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Army Engineers. Hudson earned his master’s in education from Springfield College in Massachusetts. During his tenure at Lincoln University, Hudson taught in the Health and Physical Education Department and coached football, basketball and track. In 1968, Hudson became the first black high school head football coach in Minnesota. Three years later, Hudson broke the color barrier nationally as the first African-American head college football coach at a majority white college, McAlester College, Minnesota.

Lemar Parrish (‘75), Professional Football Player
Born in West Palm Beach, Florida, Parrish joined the LU football team under Coach Dwight Reed. In 1970, he was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the seventh round of the NFL Draft. As an NFL player, Parrish was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times. After thirteen seasons with the Bengals, Washington Redskins and the Buffalo Bills, Parrish returned to Lincoln to complete his bachelor’s degree in physical education. In 2004, Parrish became the head football coach for the LU “Fighting Blue Tigers.”

Henry Stratman (‘72), Major General 3rd U.S. Army (Ret.)
Presently the highest ranking officer to graduate from the Lincoln University ROTC program, Major General Stratman holds a bachelor’s degree in physical education and received a master’s degree in systems management from the University of Southern California. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal. One of his last assignments was in Baghdad as the primary liaison for Ambassadors, top military officials and foreign leaders.
Established in 1975, the Lincoln University Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding ROTC program graduates. Nominees meet specific criteria which indicate outstanding service to the nation and the U. S. Army.

The ROTC Hall of Fame welcomed four inductees on October 10, 2008:

COL (Retired) Lawrence H. Davis ('71), Wichita, Kansas. Graduating with a degree in industrial relations and economics, Davis was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1971. He holds a doctorate of dental surgery from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Liberation of Kuwait Medal and Southwest Asia Peace Medal. COL. Davis runs a private dental practice. He and his wife Janie O. Alnutt Davis ('71) have two daughters.

LTC. (Retired) Henry J. Raymond ('55), Millersville, Maryland. Raymond holds a bachelor’s degree in physics and was commissioned in 1955. He also holds a Master of Education from Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland, and a doctor of education in counselor education from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. LTC Raymond’s awards and commendations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Viet-Nam Cong-Hua Commendation Medal, the Air Medal (6000 Air Hours), and the Bronze Star Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters).

LTC. Raymond is a professor in the Department of Counseling, Bowie State University. He and his wife Queenie A. Ackerman Raymond ('53) have two sons.

LTC (Retired) Ronald Reynolds ('76), Jefferson City Missouri. Reynolds graduated with a degree in education and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1976. He also holds a Master of Management from National University in San Diego, California. LTC Reynolds’ awards and decorations include Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon. LTC Reynolds is the Director of the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency. He and his wife Juanita have six children.

Dr. Howard F. Swonigan ('52), Beavercreek, Ohio. A member of Lincoln University’s first commissioning class, Swonigan graduated with a degree in business administration/economics and was commissioned in 1952. He holds a master’s degree in educational administration from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and a doctorate in counseling/education psychology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Swonigan achieved honors at Fort Lewis, Washington as top platoon leader during summer camp training. While at camp, he served as Regimental Executive Officer at the first major military parade and also as the Regimental Commander at the last parade. For his outstanding performances, Dr. Swonigan was awarded a certificate of performance and a trophy by the officers and enlisted personnel of the Lincoln University Army ROTC Program. He also served a brief internship at West Point.

Dr. Swonigan served as the Associate Vice President and retired as the Dean of Education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. He is married to Ethel M. Swonigan and they have three children.
Jack Bush, Sr. ('49). A member of the LU track team from 1946 to 1949, Bush was the Midwest Champion in the javelin throw. He was also a member of the football team from 1942 – 1949. After his graduation, Coach Bush had a successful basketball coaching career. He was named Coach of the Year 15 times, and was the five time winner of the Eddie Ryan Award as Best Basketball Coach in Kansas City.

Herman Gant, Jr. ('63). While at LU, Gant set many track records. In 1957, he ran the mile in 4:23. In 1959, Gant broke his record with a 4:20 time. Gant graduated with a degree in education, and in 1960 he coached the Lincoln University Cross Country Team.

Jesse James (deceased, '48). James, captain of the LU football team in 1946, was named All-Conference and All-American in 1946 and 1947. He received his bachelor of science and went on to have a successful career as an educator and coach in Missouri and Texas.

Leo Lewis ('55). Nicknamed the “Lincoln Locomotive,” Lewis started every football game for four years and led the Blue Tigers to unbeaten seasons in 1952 and 1953. He rushed for 4,457 years while in the Lincoln backfield. After graduation, he joined the Canadian Football League (Winnipeg Blue Bombers). Lewis returned to Jefferson City to serve as the LU Head Football Coach from 1973 – 1975.

Dwight T. Reed (deceased). Reed joined Lincoln University in 1949 and served as its Head Football Coach until 1972. His career record was 135-75-6. Reed also served as Athletic Director and as a coach for women’s track, men’s track and basketball. Reed coached 93 All Americans in four sports.

At left: Stephen Reed, grandson of Dwight T. Reed, accepts a plaque from Betty Kemna, Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance Officer, while Paula Jackson, Athletic Director, looks on. Below: Alumni President Hardy Dorsey congratulates Herman Gant, Jr. on his induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame.
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Colleen Taylor
Lessons Learned at Lincoln
Lead to Expanded Vision

Colleen Taylor (’82), President of Midwest Travel Consultants, says the best part of her job is making travel dreams come true. Taylor’s professional journey began at Lincoln University when she decided to enroll as a double business administration/marketing major after hearing about the university’s strong reputation within the local business community.

“Lincoln had a terrific reputation for its business school,” says Taylor. A scholarship, the location and the size of the university were all factors in her decision to attend Lincoln. “Lincoln offered the opportunity to get a good education and it was affordable. The teachers were always there and always seemed to have time for you,” she adds. “You actually had an identity. It was a very accepting university and the diversity of the campus was an attractive factor as well.”

The things Taylor learned at Lincoln are the tools she has applied to building her career. She even called upon a business plan, originally a classroom assignment, to launch Midwest Travel Consultants.

“At Lincoln I gained the knowledge and confidence I needed to go into business.”

Taylor is an active member of the Jefferson City business community and is the former president of the Jefferson City Downtown Business Association. She also serves as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Lincoln University Relations Committee.

“We’ve worked with KJLU for our Gala, and we have made several donations to the Lincoln University Music Department. This year, we got a whole team together for Alumni Day. We also partnered with Alumni Affairs to welcome Lincoln University Homecoming participants to the area. We have a wonderful institution right here in Jefferson City, and we are going to continue to build that relationship.”

Building and maintaining relationships is also the way Taylor has run her business for the last 26 years. “Our motto is ‘When you travel with Midwest Travel, you are never alone’, says Taylor. “Regardless of where you are…you can still call us and we will help you. We are your liaison in planning and travel. Everything is fixable if you have an advocate.”

When reflecting on where she is now and how far her career has come, Taylor says Lincoln University definitely helped her along the way. “I learned a lot of really important life lessons at Lincoln University. I made friendships, business and mentor relationships that I am still connected to till this day. Lincoln not only broadened my horizons, but it also broadened my scope of vision.”
For Candace (Price) Cheung (’71), there has never been any doubt about the almost medicinal effects of music on people with a varied range of ailments. Cheung says her mother was stricken with polio when Cheung was 4 years old. Despite her condition, Cheung says her mother still filled their lives with music.

“She taught us piano and singing, so I was surrounded by music,” Cheung recalls.

In addition to watching her mother’s daily life after the polio, Cheung says her father’s line of work also exposed her to other people’s disabilities.

“My father ran an interdenominational campground in the summer. For three weeks we had a range of handicapped children at camp, so I was always surrounded by people who had limitations, but didn’t have limitations,” she explains.

These factors guided Cheung toward her career in music therapy and led her to Lincoln University. Cheung says the location of the school was part of her decision to enroll at Lincoln, having recently moved to the Central Missouri area with her father. LU was one of three schools, which offered her major and was close enough to home. Still, the strongest selling point was the quality education she would receive.

“If you went in really serious about studying and wanted to learn, these teachers… all of them… would bend over backwards to work with you. You could get some of the finest educational experiences you ever wanted,” says Cheung.

Cheung’s memories of the faculty at that time ring like a “who’s who” of education. She recalls being taught history by Mr. Marshall Penn and piano by Mr. Eugene Haynes, Dr. O. A. Fuller was Head of the Department of Music.

“All of them were among the top black educators in the United States. They were known nationally,” she remembers. “Some of the best teachers…I’ve seen a lot of teachers. These guys knew their stuff, and they enjoyed teaching,” she adds.

Cheung was also active in the University Choir. Her fondest memories include the annual choir tours. Cheung chuckles as she remembers how she and her fellow choir members would try to avoid “Mama” Fuller, wife of Dr. O. A. Fuller, when she began dispensing prune juice about three days into every trip.

Her memories aren’t all bright though. “I was going to school at the time of the Vietnam War; some of the boys in the choir would go, and they never came back.”

As is the case for most college students, Cheung made many lifelong connections during her time at Lincoln. She met her future husband, Dr. Chi Cheung, in an Adolescent Psychology class.

After years in private practice working with mentally retarded adults, today, Cheung and her husband own New Horizons Community Support Services, Inc., which assists long-term mentally ill patients. The agency operates in Jefferson City and Columbia and serves more than 200 clients.

Cheung has always had a sense of direction for her life, but she still never imagined it to look the way it does today.

“You really don’t know when you’re starting out that that’s what’s going to happen… and then all of a sudden, it’s there.”

Marching Musical Storm entertains football fans

The Lincoln University Marching Musical Storm performed before a sold out crowd during the November 23 St. Louis Rams versus Chicago Bears football game at Edward Jones Stadium in St. Louis. The drum line performed during the pre-game festivities and the entire band brought the halftime entertainment.

The Lincoln University Marching Musical Storm is made up of 100 musicians, flag line and dance team members and is under the direction of Rhonda Harper, a graduate of Lincoln University.
**LINCOLN UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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A sparkling and wonderful addition to the campus of Lincoln University, the Sherman D. Scruggs Residence Hall was dedicated on October 9, 2008. The dedication was an exciting element of Homecoming and Alumni Convention activities. This was an especially thrilling moment for those who have worked to strengthen student housing, and the Scruggs family. Sherman Scruggs, III, son of the late Dr. Scruggs, recalled his time as a child at Lincoln University and can still easily navigate his old stomping grounds. Scruggs’ wife Joann Peters Scruggs (’56), daughters and grandchildren also attended the dedication as did Sybil Wilkes, granddaughter of Dr. Scruggs and co-host of the Tom Joyner Morning Show. She will be an integral part of the February broadcasts featuring Lincoln University as the School of the Month, and will also chair the Pathway to Greatness event scheduled to begin in April.

The dedication featured the burial of a new time capsule. Following the unexpected recovery of the 1958 time capsule, university administration and alums were inspired to create a new capsule with contributions from the university, students and the community.

The new residence hall is not the first building to feature the Scruggs’ name, and has been confusing to students and alumni that do not realize that Scruggs University Center, the student union which was dedicated in 1966, is named for Jefferson City businessman, Clifford G. Scruggs. While the newly erected residence hall is named for the 11th President of Lincoln University, Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs. Clifford Scruggs, (whose name is on the student union) was the owner of Scruggs Lumber Company and served on the Lincoln University Board of Curators from 1925, until his death in 1957. During his time on the board, Curator Scruggs served as Secretary of the Board and Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He also signed checks for the university, until the duty was assumed by a paid staff member.
Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs

Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs served as the 11th President of Lincoln University, from 1938-1956, making him the longest serving president in the school’s history. Dr. Scruggs, who had previously served as the Supervisor of Elementary Schools in Kansas City, Kansas, is credited with ushering in a new era at the university, one that saw not only changes in the physical structure, but also in the administrative oversight.

Less than one year into Dr. Scruggs’ administration, graduate studies were added to the course offerings at Lincoln. The school began offering courses in the summer of 1940 and seven students enrolled to pursue either the Master of Arts in Education or the Master of Arts in History degrees.

In the 18 years that Dr. Scruggs served, the university’s infrastructure grew considerably. Logan Bennett Hall, a residence for upper class female students was completed in 1938. In 1940, Libby C. Anthony Hall was brought online to accommodate freshman and sophomore women. Plans for Inman E. Page Library date back to 1940, but the building was not opened until 1950, due to shortage of funds. Irving C. Tull Hall opened in 1953, and served as a home for male students.

Dr. Scruggs believed in providing the best possible education to Lincoln students, which meant hiring the best educators. Among them were: Dr. Arthur E. Pullam, Jr. (1939); Dr. Charles E. Dickinson (1940); Dr. Thomas D. Pawley (1940); Dr. Charles M. Hoard (1941); Dr. O. Anderson Fuller (1942); Dr. Oliver C. Cox (1948); and Dwight T. Reed (1949).

In 1954, Dr. Scruggs was invited to tour Europe as part of a goodwill contingent headed by San Francisco State College. While in London, Dr. Scruggs suffered a stroke. He returned to the campus in 1955, but the effects of the stroke prevented him from carrying out his duties, resulting in his retirement.
Robert G. Flowers, Class of 1958, and a native of Evansville, Indiana, fills the room with energy and enthusiasm. Homecoming 2008 drew him back to Lincoln University to celebrate his 50th class reunion. Flowers shares that 2008 was a memorable year. As Principal and Founder of the RGF Consulting Corporation, based in Fort Washington, Maryland, he has been deeply involved in advancing veterans in small business. This year, his peers nominated him for the “Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year” from the Washington Metro District Office of the United States Small Business Administration. The award is a significant honor, representing his years of advocacy for veterans and veteran-owned businesses.

There are no thoughts of resting on his laurels. “I feel good, and I look forward to doing more,” says Flowers. He plans to continue training services to small businesses and is expanding his client base to include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Mandated under the White House HBCU initiative, work is underway nationally to strengthen educational programming at nationally recognized HBCUs. “Did you know,” Flowers asks, “that over 14% of African American higher education students attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities? Nearly one in four baccalaureate degrees earned by African Americans nationwide come from HBCUs.”

With a Business Education degree in hand, Flowers joined the United States Army in 1958. “The study habits I developed at Lincoln University helped me immensely in the officer training courses. After completing 22 years of service as an officer, I decided to develop a new career path as a business entrepreneur.” And, Flowers is always eager to put his skills to work. “Because of the way I came up, I was able to learn quite a bit in my business endeavors. I’ve received good training knowledge, and I know how to run a business. It’s sort of second nature.” Flowers says his company is growing. “We’ve found our niche in the consulting arena. There were two employees when the RGF Consulting Firm was established in 1998; now there are more than 100.”

Robert Flowers is one of many Lincoln University alumni, who are also donors. His class reunion celebration also included a tour of the campus and a search for the brick he purchased to aid the Soldier’s Memorial Project. “You know,” Flowers reflects, “What I remember most about Lincoln is the camaraderie shared among the students. Those lasting bonds and experiences helped shape me into the person I am today.”

Robert Flowers poses with his classmates as they celebrate their 50th class reunion during the 2008 Homecoming festivities at Lincoln University. From left: Billy Arnwine, Frederick Ervin, Geraldine White Morris-Pickens, Jamesella Kaufman Dennis, Wendell Parker, Robert Flowers, Joyce Stevenson Hicks, John Bernard, Delroy Guess, Samuel Johnson, Oscar Williams

Robert G. Flowers poses with his classmates as they celebrate their 50th class reunion during the 2008 Homecoming festivities at Lincoln University.
Don Hudson ('53)
Former LU coach makes career history

Former Lincoln University Head Football Coach Don Hudson ('53) didn’t set out to make history with his career. “I always wanted to coach at the collegiate level. There just weren’t that many opportunities available to black coaches at that time,” says Hudson.

Hudson’s love for football can be traced as far back as his childhood, when he was a member of the Little League Football Team in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After high school, his dream to lead a team of his own was still alive. Following a call from LU Head Football Coach Ray Kemp, Hudson came to Lincoln to join the team.

College life was not the biggest adjustment for Hudson. It was life beyond campus that was a new experience for him. “Coming to Missouri was a different thing for me in terms of race relations,” he recalls. “When I first came to Jefferson City, we could go to the theaters uptown, but we had seats in the back. Coming from Pennsylvania, that kind of stuff was just new for me. That took some getting used to in those first couple of years.”

After graduation, Hudson served in Korea, and then returned to his alma mater. He held numerous positions and was also a member of the physical education faculty. He remembers those times fondly. “I had some wonderful teaching and coaching experiences at LU. We never took a back seat to any other schools or teachers. That was a major part of our success.”

In 1968, Hudson applied as Head Football Coach at Central High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As the first African-American high school head football coach, he made history in that state. “During those years, they were not hiring black coaches,” he explains. “The country was all up in the air about civil rights. I wanted to see more blacks in higher coaching positions.”

Hudson became the first African American head coach to lead a football team at a predominately white university when his next career step took him to Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. After nearly four decades, his accomplishment was recognized by Macalester College, ESPN, Minnesota Monthly and other national magazines. Hudson remains a modest person. “I’m a very humble man. I didn’t want a whole lot of attention on me. I just wanted an opportunity to coach on the collegiate level.”

Lincoln University recognized Hudson in 2008, when he was named to the Lincoln University Alumni Hall of Fame. Always a coach and always wanting more for the game of football, Hudson still sees room for progress in coaching. “I am thankful for my accomplishments, but there is still room for improvement. A great need for black coaches still exists.”

Preparing for leadership
2008-2009 Women’s Leadership Academy

Pat Pollock, Women’s Leadership Academy (WLA) committee chair, promotes this opportunity with pride. “The Women’s Leadership Academy prepares talented women to enter the workforce and to accept leadership roles,” she says. “Our program reaches out to women who are full-time undergraduates at Lincoln University. Carefully selected, participants must demonstrate leadership potential; maintain a 3.0 GPA; and submit a cover letter, resume and two references from university faculty.”

This year’s seven participants are among the brightest and best students. They have a combined cumulative GPA of 3.85. Since its inception in 1995, over 100 women have completed the Women’s Leadership Academy program. Following their selection in October, participants enter a full schedule of meetings, which begins with a tea hosted by the Zebra Club at the Sturdevant home. In February and March, Academy members translate their experiences into special presentations. An awards event closes the program at the end of March, but participants are expected to attend the President’s Gala, the Jefferson City Zonta Women of Achievement luncheon and a weeklong leadership seminar sponsored by the Sue Shear Institute on Women in Public Policy.

“The success of the WLA is largely due to the generous support of the President of the University, the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Advancement, Student Affairs, faculty, staff and community leaders.”
Regina Q. Banks ('02)

The California Employment Lawyers Association (CELA) has recently welcomed Regina Q. Banks as the organization’s first Legislative Director. In this role, Ms. Banks will maintain and coordinate CELA’s legislative presence in Sacramento, develop and maintain relationships with allied individuals and organizations, and serve as a resource for the public policy reforms that benefit California’s employees.

CELA is an attorney organization whose more than 700 members statewide represent workers in discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wage-and-hour, whistleblower and other employment matters. According to CELA Chair, David Duchrow, “CELA has grown tremendously, both in membership and in the scope of our activities over the past five years. With the addition of Regina Banks as Legislative Director, we are poised to make even greater strides in accomplishing our mission to help our members protect and expand the legal rights of working people through litigation, education and advocacy.”

Ms. Banks is a Sacramento native with many personal and professional ties to the area. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism with a political science minor from Lincoln University (MO) in 2002 and a Juris Doctorate from Valparaiso University School of Law in 2006. Ms. Banks honed her public policy and advocacy skills through her affiliation with many organizations nationwide including the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. where she served as Editor in Chief for the campus newspaper, The Clarion, and wrote about student life for the Jefferson City Tribune.

Iman A. Jefferson is a Media Relations Specialist for Burrell Communications Group in Chicago and is responsible for creating national African American consumer market public relations platforms and engagement strategies for McDonald’s USA. Prior to working for Burrell Communications, Iman served as Associate Editor for N’DIGO newspaper in Chicago. Iman believes her communications skills have been strengthened due to her experiences at Lincoln University where she served as Editor in Chief for the campus newspaper, The Black Collegian and Heart & Soul magazine.

Renee Jurgensmeyer ('89, '96)

A degree and career in nursing led one Scholastic employee to a position with Scholastic Inc. Renee Jurgensmeyer graduated from Lincoln University with a nursing degree and eventually found herself working in the health/safety field for Scholastic.

“I worked in the traditional nursing field for several years and then took a position as an Occupational Health Nurse. This position opened many doors for me in the fields of Human Resources, Safety/Health and Environment, eventually leading to my current position as the Safety Manager at Scholastic,” said Jurgensmeyer.

In any career choice, being able to communicate effectively with people is a top priority. “Attending Lincoln gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with lots of different people from different parts of the US. Also having the confidence that the education I was receiving at Lincoln was top-quality truly prepared me for life after college graduation,” said Jurgensmeyer.

Getting to know the staff at Lincoln helped Renee keep on track in college. “Two very important people that were influential during my college years were Nursing Professor, Lucy Brenner and Nursing Professor/Advisor, Connie Hamacher. Lucy Brenner taught me not only the aspects of nursing, but also how to develop myself personally and professionally. She was always challenging me, both in and out of the classroom, and in the end, teaching me to always see the bigger picture. Connie Hamacher was my Nursing Advisor. As an advisor she always had her door open and made time for her students. Through her leadership and guidance skills, she helped prepare me to practice nursing and see that I could overcome any obstacle that may arise. As an instructor, she was able to foster a learning environment in which everyone was able to learn,” added Jurgensmeyer.

Roger Brauner ('95)

After graduating from Lincoln University in December of 1995, Roger began working for Scholastic in January of 1996. Graduating from a small school like Lincoln University made the difference for Roger. “I was one of only 50 instead of one of 500 and I was able to get to know my professors and classmates. A number of classes helped prepare me for the various positions I have held especially the computer and statistics classes. In a production environment, it’s all about calculating efficiencies,” said Brauner.

Roger has been promoted within Scholastic several times over the last 12 years. Although he did not work for Scholastic while attending college, he sees employees benefit from doing so. “Scholastic offers many opportunities for advancement. Someone can start out at the ground floor while in college and then use that experience to better themselves and move up within the company,” said Brauner. “We have many positions that would allow someone to come in and get an understanding of what we do. They can then see if it interests them and then when they graduate, use the knowledge and their degree to advance in the company.”
Dr. David Akinola Cole, (*85,*86)
Dr. David Akinola Cole, 1985 B.S.Ed Honors Graduate and 1986 M.Ed Graduate, has been appointed Coordinator of Special Education Services with the Georgia Clarke County School District. He also teaches graduate courses at Piedmont College.

Yvonne Tate (*73)
After years of dedication to the St. Louis Public School System, Yvonne retired on 05/30/2008

Shamontiel Vaughn (*03)
Joined the editorial team of the 100 year old Chicago Defender, Black newspaper, as the Web Editor and a Writer. Both of her novels, Round Trip and Change for a Twenty will be displayed at Book Expo America, Book Expo Canada, Illinois Book Expo and the American Library Association Book Expo.

Bernard Lane (*51)

Greg Gaffke (*69)
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gaffke celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 27, 2008.

Albert Walker (*67)
Albert Walker has been named new Chairperson of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Board of Directors.

Lucius Jones (*71) passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2008, in Jefferson City. Mr. Jones served as a production printer and instructor of graphic arts at Lincoln University for 40 years, from 1948 to 1988. His skill in the classroom earned him recognition from the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation in 1975 and 1978 as one of the best graphic arts instructors in the country.

Mr. Jones graduated from Alabama A&M University in 1938 where he majored in printing, linotype operations and mechanics. He furthered his education throughout his career, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education from Lincoln University in 1971.

A Blue Tiger at heart, Mr. Jones was devoted to Lincoln University Athletics. He served for ten years as the university’s representative to the Mid-America Athletic Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. For twelve years he was the Chairman of the University Athletic Committee, and continued on as member until his passing. His infectious smile was often seen in the stands during football and basketball games.

Mr. Jones was also active with the Lincoln University Homecoming Committee. He served for ten years as a Homecoming Parade Marshal. He also volunteered with the campus television station JCTV and ABLE Learning Center, an adult literacy program. He was a lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Vivian, to whom he was married for more than 65 years, and their daug-
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Board of Curators Highlights - Fall 2008

Recommendations approved:
• FY 2010 Capital Improvements budget (with the new science building as the number one priority and the new academic classroom building as the number two priority)
• Development agreement with the City of Jefferson – Locust Street Improvements and Stadium/Leslie/Lafayette roundabout.
• Promotions: Abdoulaye Bah, Ronald Cregger, Rodica Ghinescu, Roberto Ike, Hwei-Yiing, Walter “Cal” Johnson, Martin Shinkut, Samson Tesfaye
• Tenure: Mara Aruguete, Abdoulaye Bah, Kylar Broadus, Roberto Ike, Hwei-Ying Johnson, Walter “Cal” Johnson, Gerald Kendrick, Nsalambi Nkongolo, Leilani Ramos, Samson Tesfaye, John Yang
• Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Marilyn Hofmann, effective upon her retirement July 1, 2008
• Purchase of 805 Atchison Court (Wesley Foundation)
• Naming of new residence hall at 800 Locust – Sherman D. Scruggs Hall
Alliance Against the Odds: The Manual Training High School Story, By Charles T. Ledbetter, Ph.D.

In this powerful account, Charles Ledbetter explores the history of the Muskogee Manual Training High School and the alliances that ensured a quality education for its students. In 14 years of research, Ledbetter explored the evolution of the African American community in Muskogee, Oklahoma, beginning in 1827, and the struggle to create an educational system regardless of legalized discrimination and limited resources. Alliance Against the Odds is a how-to book of the ways a diverse group of parents, teachers, principals and community formed an alliance to instill into African American students the knowledge, skills, drive and pride necessary to achieve success. Its purpose is to provide Muskogee’s African American population with a part of its history and to offer a model to school systems attempting to close the achievement gap.

Charles T. Ledbetter (63) received a degree in sociology from Lincoln University. He received masters degrees from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and from the University of Missouri – Columbia. His Ph.D. in education is from Kent State University. Following a distinguished career, Ledbetter retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel. He then served at West Virginia State University before retiring as Professor Emeritus in Education. Presently, Charles Ledbetter serves as the vice chair of the Archives and History Commission for the state of West Virginia. For his recent contributions to education, Ledbetter has been awarded the West Virginia “Living the Dream Award for Scholastic Work.”

Hattie’s Boy: The Life and Times of a Transitional Negro, By James E. Jones, Jr.

Offering both “historical and racial perspectives,” this autobiography draws us into the Little Rock of the 1920s and ’30s. There, in spite of struggles with poverty and segregation, Jim Jones’ grandmother inspires him to pursue his education. His grandmother is Hattie Cummings, and her lessons remain an integral part of his life.

Throughout the story, Jones often reflects on Hattie Cummings. Her influence is clear during his national involvement in labor law, equal employment, and affirmative action and later as he pursued a career in teaching at the University of Wisconsin. As a professor of law and industrial relations, he gained the admiration of students, faculty, and peers. His numerous awards include the 1991 UW Hilldale Award, the 1995 Distinguished Service Award (UW Law Alumni Association), and induction into the National Bar Association’s Hall of Fame.

James E. Jones (’50) graduated magna cum laude from Lincoln University with a major in government. Hattie’s Boy, was published by the University of Wisconsin Law School Press. Jones continues to consult and lecture. He and his wife Joan Turner Jones have two children.

Sentiments of Love, By Marie McIntosh Grant

Although she began reciting poetry as a child, Marie Grant’s decision to author a book of poetry came later in life. Sentiments of Love opens with Love Poem, written to her husband Joseph S. Grant (’50), who passed away in January 2008.

Grant’s poems are divided into 14 segments including Faith, Family, Commitment, Grace, Sharing, Endearment, and Friends. “Healing through the Arts” gives tribute to physicians and others for the care, warmth, and sharing exhibited to Joe and Marie. Marie McIntosh Grant (’50) is a retired school principal in Kansas City, Missouri, and Director of Public Relations at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Marie and Joe’s grown children are Pam and Rita.

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Dayton-Cincinnati-Columbus

On July 17, 2008, the Dayton-Cincinnati-Columbus Alumni Association Chapter assisted students from the Sinclair Community College Upward Bound Program. The 45 students visited the Lincoln University campus for a college tour. Five of the students will be applying for admission to LU in the fall 2009.

Los Angeles Chapter

The Los Angeles chapter held its 6th Annual Christmas Brunch Sunday, December 14, at Marina Del Rey Hotel near Los Angeles, California. The event was attended by Dr. Mahoney, Hardy Dorsey and Benecia Williams. Each brought greetings and updated the 50 alumni and friends who attended the brunch. Dr. Mahoney reported on current University events; Hardy challenged the chapter to raise $5,000 to be matched by the Tom Joyner Foundation, if raised by February 13; and Benecia discussed the Pathway to Greatness 1866-2009 initiative to raise $1 million for scholarships. Norm Williams, entertainer extraordinaire, entertained throughout the afternoon. He danced and sang a myriad of holiday tunes and melodies from varied eras in time.

Newly elected chapter officers William “Bill” Hardy, president; Phyllis Evans, vice president; Bettye Taylor, recording secretary; Margaret Tonodeo, corresponding secretary; Emma Rausch, treasurer; and Dr. Evelyn Brackeen, financial secretary were installed by Dr. Mahoney. The Los Angeles chapter extends a big “THANK YOU” to Phyllis Evans, who has served the chapter as president for the past six years; and to Julie Johnson, Al Smith, and Emma Rausch for the time and energy they spent planning and preparing for the fantastic afternoon brunch. It is always an enjoyable time when spent with Lincoln Alumni.

Denver Chapter

The Denver chapter held a potluck dinner January 4, for LU students at the home of Tom Washington (’48). The chapter, now over 25 years in existence, established the tradition of having a potluck dinner for students returning to Lincoln for the spring term over ten years ago. Thirty alumni, friends and parents were present to encourage Miya Stoudenmire, Michael Sanderson, and Andrea Campbell as they begin the new semester. Chapter officers are President, William Gray (’73); Vice President, Jeneva McQueary (’50); Secretary, Enolia Thomas (’60); and Treasurer, Chester Wofford (’47). President Carolyn R. Mahoney, Vice President Constance Williams and Interim Vice President and Director of Alumni Affairs Benecia Williams attended the gathering.
Chicago Chapter

The Chicago Chapter of the Lincoln University Alumni Association hosted a “Celebration of LU” on Saturday, November 1 at Harambee House. This event marked the golden anniversary of “Lincoln University: The School That Was Too Good to Die,” Ebony magazine, March 8, 1958.

Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, Lincoln University President, chronicled the growth of the historic university. Chapter President Otto M. Bradford, Event Chair Teresa Rai Knight and alumna Lois Farris Robinson honored 27 chapter members with the 2008 Lincoln University Alumni Association Heritage Award, which recognizes alumni who have given 50 years of service.

Silent Auction Chair, alumna Lilian Cartwright, owner of Cre8shuns by Lilian, provided an array of multi-cultural items. Financial Renaissance, Inc. contributed to the underwriting for this event. Patricia Doherty-Wildner and Seth D. McCormick, Jr., donated energy bags to all guests.

St. Louis Chapter

LU freshman from the St. Louis area received gift bags during the Alumni National Convention, October 8 - 10. Barbara Thomas organized the New Student Reception/Gift Bag event during the convention, which was held at Lincoln University. Thank you to members of the chapter for donated items and funds.

The Greater St. Louis Chapter held “A BLUESY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH” on Saturday, December 13, at the Renaissance, St. Louis Airport Hotel. Holiday festivities included a buffet meal; attendance prizes; and entertainment by LeJazz Hot “Music That Speaks for Itself” featuring Bensid Thigpen. Committee Chair, Lee Richardson introduced committee members: Jacqueline Williams, Georgia White, Gertie (Nell) Cheatham, and Julius and Bettie Dix. Vice President, Dr. Earline Butler, welcomed the guests and reminded them of the upcoming Founder’s Scholarship and the need to donate $143.00 for L. U. Students. She also commented on the Tom Joyner Scholarship, urging support to reach the $5,000 matching chapter challenge level. Chapter treasurer, Roosevelt Ferguson, was introduced as the incoming National Alumni Association treasurer. Ferguson reminded the chapter of the need to elect a new treasurer.

Special Note: Founder’s Day observance
Saturday, February 21, 2009
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.
Co-Chairs: Lillie Jones and Barbara Thomas.
This is the main scholarship fundraiser for the Greater St. Louis Alumni Chapter, and again this year a successful turnout is anticipated.

TELL US YOUR STORY

Every time alumni come together, be it for gatherings as large as Homecoming or those as small as a one-on-one meeting, stories are shared. These tales include significant, life-altering encounters, love stories about meeting future spouses, stories about special professors that helped shape the future for their students, and of course, tales of friendships that have passed the test of time. Yet, sometimes the most seemingly insignificant moments produce the fondest memories. I realize that in sharing these stories, the alumni of Lincoln University not only relive their histories, they also find the common ground that brings them together.

Hence, in the next issue of Alumni Line Magazine, and issues to come, your fondest memories will be published. So, tell us your story!

Stories may be shared through a letter, tape recording, via email or over the phone by calling Sandy Griffin at 573.681.5573. Sandy will be happy to record your story. So, please, please TELL US YOUR STORY!
The Lincoln University Foundation, Inc. has received a gift of $250,000. The gift from the Rufus Brackett, Jr. Trust was presented by Myrtle Cross, in memory of her late brother, the trust fund’s namesake. The Doss Family, cousins of Cross and Brackett, attended Lincoln University. The Rufus R. Brackett, Jr. Scholarship will be awarded to Missouri or Indiana residents. Three scholarships will be awarded per year.

Brackett is remembered as a longtime supporter of the pursuit of education and hard work towards the betterment of one’s life. Brackett was a paratrooper with the United States Army before later joining the Gary Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Fire Chief. He also owned and operated Brackett’s Electrical Service for more than three decades.

Myrtle Cross visited Lincoln University in June 2008, where she met with President Carolyn R. Mahoney and other members of the University administration, faculty and staff. Cross also met members of the Lincoln University Board of Curators and Foundation Board Members who were on campus for their regular June meetings.
Established in 1972 to encourage gifts to the university, the Lincoln University Foundation provides financial support to all areas of university operations. Among the most satisfying of its many activities is the Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Formerly held each spring, the Scholarship Luncheon was added to Homecoming celebrations to build relationships among Foundation members, benefactors and scholars. The 2008 luncheon was held October 9 at Page Library.

Mrs. Linda Moore Helm (’59), Foundation Secretary, welcomed honorees. Victor Pasley (’68), Foundation President, spoke to guests about the history and importance of the Foundation Scholarship Luncheon. Words of inspiration were provided by James McMahon (’61). Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President, thanked the Lincoln University Foundation and scholarship benefactors for their great commitment to students. She congratulated honorees on their success and praised the luncheon as a rare opportunity to link Foundation members, scholarship benefactors and students together.

The Foundation Scholarship Program honors academic excellence and leadership and provides the essential financial support so many of today’s students require to stay in school. To establish a scholarship or contribute to the Foundation Scholarship program, please contact University Advancement at (573) 681-5611 or advancement@lincolnu.edu.

Photo by Seth Garcia
Lincoln University has been selected as the Tom Joyner School of the Month for February 2009. This distinction means the school will be featured throughout the month on the Tom Joyner Morning Show. The programs will showcase news and events from the university, and will include an interview with Lincoln University President Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney and segments on students, faculty and staff. This national exposure will be used to raise awareness of the university’s $1 million fundraising goal for the year.

A celebration will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on Friday, February 6. The event will be broadcast live on KMJK, the local Tom Joyner Morning Show (TJMS) affiliate. This will also serve as the official kick off for “Pathway to Greatness,” a 1440-mile bike tour. This major undertaking is spearheaded by Lincoln University Foundation, Inc., President Victor Pasley (’68), who will ride from Rochester, NY to the Lincoln University campus in an effort to help reach the $1 million goal. The two-month ride begins April 25, with stops in alumni chapter cities along the way to the end of the tour on June 18. Sybil Wilkes, co-host of the Tom Joyner Morning Show, will serve as the chairperson for Pathway to Greatness. (For more information on Pathway to Greatness see page 33)

In addition to the TJMS exposure the university will receive, alumni chapters also have the opportunity for recognition during a broadcast. Chapters are encouraged to raise a minimum of $5,000. The chapters that meet that goal will have their city listed in the “Tom’s Chapter Roll Call,” which will air during the last week of February. In addition, if alumni giving from at least five chapters totals $25,000, the Tom Joyner Foundation will match that gift, putting the university $50,000 closer to meeting its goal.

The Tom Joyner School of the Month is a fundraising effort of the Tom Joyner Foundation. Eleven schools are selected to be featured during the months of January through November. Schools have throughout the calendar year to reach their goal. Established in 1998, the Tom Joyner Foundation offers scholarship assistance to students attending the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Since its inception, the foundation has raised over $50 million dollars to support students and HBCUs.

The Tom Joyner Morning Show is aired in metropolitan areas across the country and has an audience of nearly eight million listeners per week. To find out where to hear the TJMS in your area, visit www.blackamericaweb.com and click on “TJMS.” The site also features rebroadcasts of the show.

Sybil Wilkes

Sybil Wilkes, co-host of the Tom Joyner Morning Show, has agreed to lead a portion of the university’s fundraising efforts for 2009. Ms. Wilkes will serve as the Chairperson for Pathway to Greatness, a 1440-mile bike tour from Rochester, NY to the Lincoln University campus. Victor Pasley (’68), President of the Lincoln University Foundation, Inc. will make the journey beginning April 25 through June 18.

Wilkes is the granddaughter of Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs, the 11th President of Lincoln University.
Victor Pasley (’68) envisioned an event to connect alumni and friends across a broad geographic area in a common cause. Supporting the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month Partnership, Pathway to Greatness combines one of Pasley’s favorite pastimes and a commitment to LU’s students. What better way to raise significant funding for Lincoln? Pasley is excited about the growing interest in the project. He looks forward to time on the road with fellow cyclists AND to fund raisers planned by local alumni chapters along the route.

“After supporting Lincoln University financially for years, my wife Pamela (’72) and I are pleased to play a part in an event that will have a lasting and profound impact on the health and welfare of our alma mater,” says Pasley. The bike tour will leave Rochester, New York on April 25. “The tour schedule will take us to Cleveland (May 2) and on to Detroit (May 16),” Pasley reports. “From Detroit, we travel to Chicago (May 30) and then to Indianapolis (June 6). We should arrive in St. Louis on June 13 and plan to celebrate in Jefferson City on June 18.”

Lincoln University President Dr. Carolyn Mahoney added, “I am very excited about this key fundraising initiative. Pathway to Greatness will give us an opportunity to generate more support for Lincoln University from our alumni, friends, and the business community.”

Pathway to Greatness – 1866 – 2009 pledges and contributions are being accepted now. For additional information on the fund-raiser, contact your chapter president or the Lincoln University Foundation at 800-856-3707. In addition, Pasley invites interested alumni to contact him by email at victor.pasley@xerox.com

The bike tour begins April 25 and ends June 18, 2009

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In their August search for the original cornerstone of Jason Hall, contractors from Roy Scheperle Construction Company* and GBH Builders unearthed a bit of history. Crews found the original cornerstone of the building as they worked to tear out a wall. As digging continued, it was clear that the cornerstone was not going to be the only historic find.

“During demolition we could tell there might be a time capsule or something in the wall because it was harder to demo out than the other areas,” said Dan Lindhardt, part owner of GBH Builders, Inc.

The welded copper box is dated November 21, 1958. Contents included a Homecoming booklet dated November 8, 1958; a College of Arts Bulletin for the 1958-1959 academic year; a Division of Graduate Studies Bulletin, also from the 1958-1959 year; a Faculty/Staff Directory dated October 1958; a Richardson Auditorium Dedication Program from October 12, 1958; and a copy of the Lincoln Clarion, dated November 21, 1958. There were also several sports-related newspaper clips from November 1958. One clip details the Lincoln Tigers’ win over Emporia State University in the Mineral Water Bowl. Those who buried the capsule also included the front page of the “Daily Capital News” from November 21, 1958, and a deflated basketball.

Lincoln University Librarian Elizabeth Briscoe-Wilson says the contents of the box tell the story of the lives of Lincoln University students in 1958.

“By examining the contents of the time capsule, we know those students were active in football... scholarly activities, as well as social activities. We know that professors and administrators at Lincoln University were very involved in all activities. Opening the time capsule from 1958 is a great way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of those students.”

The copper box and its contents will make their new home at the University’s Inman E. Page Library. Plans for a display are in progress, but no dates have been announced. Questions about the time capsule should be directed to the University Archives/Ethnic Studies Center at 573-681-5514.

*Roy A. Scheperle Construction Company is listed as one of the contractors for Jason Hall when it was built in 1958. GBH Builders was formed as a sister company, and both companies are working on the current project.
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Tour of Missouri

The sounds of the Marching Musical Storm could be heard for blocks in downtown Jefferson City on September 12. The band was featured during the Tour of Missouri Kickoff Pep Rally, which was held on the steps of the Missouri State Capitol. The Tour of Missouri is a bike race across the state of Missouri. Jefferson City was one of the finishing points for 2008, the second year for the race.

As the sponsor of the kickoff event, Lincoln University brought the band, members of the Royal Court, Student Government Association, Campus Activity Board and Stripes to the Capitol. Lincoln University President Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney offered remarks. The student groups provided giveaways to those in attendance, while the band provided the musical entertainment.

As part of the sponsorship package Lincoln University also received a booth at the Tour of Missouri Health Expo. Dr. Linda Bickel, Dean of Graduate Studies and the College of Professional Studies and Kathy Pabst, Director of Continuing Education and Extended Studies staffed the booth.

Good Afternoon Jefferson City

Members of the Lincoln family represented the University during the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce’s Good Afternoon Jefferson City event, held on September 11. The event is a networking opportunity for businesses around the community. The 90-minute luncheon provides members an opportunity to showcase their business through a 30-second “commercial.” As a sponsor of the event, Lincoln University presided over the program. Misty Young, Director of Public Information and University Affairs, and Josh Peters, Vice President of the Student Government Association served as emcees. Mike Kosher, Director of Admissions, and Athletic Director Paula Jackson were the timekeepers/bouncers. Any business whose presentation went beyond the 30-second allotment was cut short by whistles from Kosher and Jackson, and kindly escorted away by Stripes the Tiger. Stripes was the hit of the day, with his acrobatics and other antics.

Susan Komen Tour

The Susan G. Komen Mobile Tour stopped on the Lincoln University campus on October 22. “Komen on the Go” features two interactive vehicles that allow visitors to learn about breast health and self-examinations. The tour aims to raise awareness about breast cancer and the importance of early detection. “Komen on the Go” is part of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Young Women’s Initiative, which targets college-aged women.
Hill Harper

Author and actor Hill Harper visited the Lincoln University campus on October 4, 2008. Harper’s book, Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny, is the university’s Common Read selection for the 2008-2009 academic year. As part of the program, the University invites the authors to the campus to discuss their work. Harper urged the students, faculty, staff and community members in the audience to proceed through their life as they would if they were building a house, by laying a strong foundation and having a blueprint to follow.

Black Entertainment Television Tour

The Lincoln University campus was the first stop for the BET Black College Tour 2008. Students filled Jason Gymnasium on September 11 to gather information on voter registration, health, financial aid and other key issues. The event also included a concert, talent contests and a basketball competition.

Prior to the event, 20 Lincoln University students auditioned for the opportunity to serve as host for the BET stop, and possibly a chance to appear in a BET commercial. Of the 20 students who auditioned, eleven were sent forward for consideration by the network. Four of those students were selected to re-audition when BET producers arrived on campus the day prior to the tour stop. Of the four, Brent Harris, Mr. Lincoln University 2007-2008, was selected to serve as the day’s host. Two other students, Nikita McCree and Madea Caver were asked to submit additional audition materials to the network for consideration for future programming.

Richard Baxter Foster Letters

Fred Foster Fuller, great-grandson of Lt. Richard Baxter Foster, has given a collection of letters written by his great-grandfather during the Civil War to Lincoln University. Foster, an officer with the 62nd and 65th Colored Infantry Regiment, served as the first principal of what was then known as Lincoln Institute when it opened in 1866. In the letters to his wife, Lucy, Foster chronicles his time in service, including the living conditions, the morale of the soldiers and illness within the regiment. The letters, some of them dating as far back as 1864, will be housed in the Inman E. Page Library Archives.
Hardy K. Dorsey, Sr., encourages graduates to continue to have courage

There isn’t a recipe for success, but according to Hardy K. Dorsey, Sr. (’69) successful people do share similar characteristics. Dorsey, President of the Lincoln University National Alumni Association, told the 163 December graduates that throughout his career he has noticed that successful people display the same five attributes that help them achieve their goals. Of the five, Dorsey stressed the importance of courage and faith.

“Have courage, like the courage it took for you to come to Lincoln,” Dorsey told the university’s newest alumni. “Have faith, which motivates us to forge ahead in the face of perceived obstacles,” he adds.

As an example of strong faith and courage, Dorsey says the recent election of Barack Obama proves that “all things are possible” if you simply believe and are willing to fight for it.

Dorsey also urged the graduates to continue their quest for knowledge, which shouldn’t end when you leave the academic world.

“Have an appetite to increase your knowledge, especially through reading,” says Dorsey, adding that he reads now more than ever.

Graduates were also reminded to be mindful of how they carry themselves and to keep a positive attitude, “because no one is interested in negative people.”

Dorsey, a longtime supporter of Lincoln University, says the institution opened doors for him that many had already considered to be closed.

“My parents did not go to college and I wasn’t considered college material,” Dorsey recalls in his address. “But thanks to the support of the faculty and staff at Lincoln, I was able to succeed.”

Despite those obstacles, Dorsey earned his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University and later earned a master’s from Southern Illinois University. He also completed executive management programs at Harvard University.

Today, Dorsey, a native of St. Louis, is President and CEO of the Atlanta-based Dorsey Management Group. The consulting firm specializes in helping businesses increase employee performance and productivity.

In one final note to the graduates, Dorsey reminded them to make good decisions, especially in choosing their mate, something he says he did.

“I met my wife at Lincoln… I’m proud to say we are still together 40 years later.”

Dorsey and his wife Wanda have two children and five grandchildren.
Meet Athletic Director Paula Jackson

Lincoln University’s new Athletic Director Paula Jackson is creating a work of art. While still a work in progress, Jackson imagines the splendor of the future Athletic Department. “This program has a lot of potential for growth. It’s almost like a blank canvas with the student-athletes and coaches being used to create the masterpiece,” says Jackson.

Jackson was named to her newest position in July 2008, after serving as Interim Athletic Director at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. Acquiring the title of Athletic Director would be a fulfillment of a goal she set while still a teen. Jackson says she knew what she wanted to do with the rest of her life after taking a class to meet a high school general education requirement.

“I have always loved sports. I spent many weekends traveling to games and watching games on television with my dad,” recalls Jackson. “We were required to take a football class in high school as a part of our physical education curriculum. As a result, we were required to play every position, write plays and coach so that we would know every aspect of the game. I was hooked from that point on.”

A student-athlete in high school, Jackson was a member of the track and cheerleading teams. Jackson didn’t pursue an education in athletics while in college at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but instead focused her studies on journalism. After earning her undergraduate degree, her love for sports was still strong, but with limited knowledge of how to land her dream job, she enrolled in graduate school at Clark Atlanta University.

“I knew that I wanted to work in the field after graduating from college, but I wasn’t sure how to get in. I ran into the same problem after graduate school, but eventually started working for a sports management firm.”

Jackson’s education and drive have been key in moving her career forward. Her expertise in both marketing and athletics led to her being hired for her first athletics administration position as the Assistant Director of Athletics/Senior Women’s Administrator at Clark Atlanta University.

“My education gave me the tools to effectively communicate my ideas and market the program, student-athletes and initiatives,” says Jackson.

Jackson has built an impressive resume within the sports world, including stints with the NFL’s Atlanta Falcons public relations staff, as well as athletic administration positions at Morehead State University and Savannah State University. It was during her time at Savannah State University that she seized the opportunity to finally realize her lifelong dream. Since her arrival in July, Jackson has already made room for Lincoln University in her heart.

“I am extremely excited about becoming a part of the Lincoln University family,” says Jackson. “Dr. Mahoney and the search committee have given me a tremendous opportunity for leadership and the development of a strong athletic program. I look forward to working with her and the rest of the Blue Tiger community as we move forward with a new vision of success,” she adds.

With her dream realized, Jackson is now setting her sights on a new goal, turning Lincoln University Athletics into a thing of beauty.

“I think the program is a diamond in the rough. With the right amount of polishing it will shine brilliantly. It’s a work in progress, but we will get there,” she adds.
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*Head Coach: Lori Reyes*

* Heartland Conference game
* All games are double-headers unless marked (#)
## 2008 - 2009 Basketball

### Men’s

**January**
- 8 St. Mary’s H 8:00 p.m.
- 10 St. Edwards H 4:30 p.m.
- 17 Oklahoma Panhandle** A
- 19 UT Permian Basin** A 8:00 p.m.
- 24 Newman** A 4:30 p.m.
- 29 Incarnate Word** H 4:30 p.m.
- 31 Texas A&M International** H 4:30 p.m.

**February**
- 7 Newman University** H 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Texas A&M International** H 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Incarnate Word** A 4:30 p.m.
- 16 Dallas Baptist** A 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Texas - Permian Basin** H 8:00 p.m.
- 21 Oklahoma Panhandle** H 4:30 p.m.
- 26 St. Edward’s** A 8:00 p.m.
- 28 St. Mary’s ** A 4:30 p.m.

### Women’s

**January**
- 8 St. Mary’s H 5:30 p.m.
- 10 St. Edwards H 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Oklahoma Panhandle** A
- 19 UT Permian Basin** A 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Newman** A 2:00 p.m.
- 29 Incarnate Word** H 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Texas A&M International** H 2:00 p.m.

**February**
- 3 Oakland City University A
- TBA
- 7 Newman University** H 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Texas A&M International** A 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Incarnate Word** A TBA
- 17 University of Missouri, St. Louis H 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Texas - Permian Basin** H 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Oklahoma Panhandle** H 2:00 p.m.
- 26 St. Edward’s** A 6:00 p.m.
- 28 St. Mary’s ** A TBA

**Head Coach:** Tim Abney  
**Assistant Coach:** Jenone Bell  
**Grad Assistant:** Elfreda Reid
## 2009 Men's Golf

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Head Coach: Victor Thomas  
Assistant Coaches: Ailene Smith, Nicholas Powell, Antwane President

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