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Dear Lincolnites,

Much has happened at Lincoln University since our 2009 Homecoming festivities came to an end. As the fall semester passed and winter settled in, students headed home for the holiday break. Aside from the Department of University Advancement, the campus was quiet. In that office and in Memorial Hall, though, something important was taking place. The Million Dollars for Scholarships campaign was launched.

This issue of Alumni Line features Dr. Earl Wheatfall, president of the Lincoln University Alumni Association. You’ll read more about him and the Million Dollars for Scholarships Campaign starting on page 16. We applaud Dr. Wheatfall for his leadership. You, as alumni, recognize that the need for scholarship funding is tremendous. Early indications are that there is enthusiastic support for the goal of raising $1,000,000 during the next four years. If you would like more information about the campaign, contact Benecia Williams, Lincoln University, 820 Chestnut, 301 Young Hall, Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573-681-5096, williamb@lincolnu.edu).

The academic programs at Lincoln continue to grow in scope and breadth as well as in stature. We are vested in the development of Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology (STEM) curriculum. That includes growth of the Department of Nursing Science, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this spring. With financial support from grants and area hospitals, Nursing Science is benefitting from technology innovation and has added an associate’s degree in surgical technology. In Natural Sciences, groundbreaking work is underway, so we are pleased to share information with you about the university’s adaptive nanophotonics research and Dr. Sunder Balasubramanian. It’s clear that Lincoln has a special appeal for gifted young people eager to participate in major science research in a small university environment where faculty can provide personalized instruction.

As you read this Alumni Line, you’ll find coverage of Alumni Association recognitions and Homecoming. You’ll also find remarks from four graduates of the classes of 1940, 1950, and 1960, anniversary classes, which celebrate their 50th, 60th, and 70th reunions in 2010! Their deep affection for Lincoln University is apparent as they share their memories of the campus and the issues they faced. The Winter 2010 issue also focuses attention on more recent graduates, faculty/staff promotions, and campus happenings.

Because we look forward to it and plan for it throughout the year, I would like to remind you to set aside October 4-10 for the 2010 National Alumni Convention and Homecoming. Official convention and Homecoming information will be mailed in late July.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Alumni Line. Our university and its alumni are connecting around the globe to share information, to raise funds, and to recruit and welcome extraordinary young men and women to the Lincoln family as new students. You are so important to the life of our university. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, PhD
President
Dear Friends,

Greetings from Wisconsin! My first year as your LUAA President has been an exciting and busy one. The calendar shows visits to chapters in Kansas City, Houston, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Chicago, and St. Louis. I appreciate the opportunity to work on behalf of Lincoln alumni as well as the hospitality and support so many of you have shared.

I am sure you remember our goal to increase membership by 20 percent this year. Dues reminders were sent recently to alumni. It’s important to support the alumni association with your presence and your dues for the national association and for your local chapter. Don’t forget that you can pay your member dues online at www.lincolnu.edu.

October was a busy time for the LUAA Board of Directors. Homecoming week brought friends together for annual class gatherings and opportunities to engage and exchange ideas with students, the university administration and faculty. It was wonderful to see so many alumni at The Foot on Saturday morning enjoying our beautiful parade. Set time aside now for the 2010 Alumni Association Convention and Homecoming, October 4-10. Let’s plan for record-breaking attendance!

We have also developed a plan to raise a million dollars for scholarships. Many of us remember the difference it made to have scholarship support as we worked toward our degrees. When you support the scholarship program, your dollars have a direct impact on the lives of students. It’s gratifying to see the number of alumni who are giving financially to support the scholarship program. For those of you who have not yet joined the ranks of donors, I encourage you to support the Million Dollar Scholarship campaign. Our goal is to announce at the convention that a minimum of 250 alumni have pledged $1,000 a year for 4 years so that we can meet our million dollar goal.

In addition, outstanding individuals who were honored by the LUAA in 2009 are featured in this Alumni Line. Take time now to identify individuals who should be recognized at our 2010 convention. Forms can be found at www.lincolnu.edu under the Alumni tab. If you have questions, contact Sandy Griffin at 573-681-5573 or griffins@lincolnu.edu

Thank you for all you do for Lincoln University. I hope to see many of you at chapter events in the coming months.

Best Wishes

Dr. Earl Wheatfall, President
Lincoln University Alumni Association

Dr. Earl Wheatfall (‘68, ‘70)
President
National Alumni Association, Inc.
Scruggs University Center was first dedicated four decades ago, but it just recently got a face to go with its name. A portrait of Clifford G. Scruggs now hangs at the entrance of the student union building as a tribute to his service to Lincoln University. Robert Scruggs, grandson of Clifford Scruggs, presented the framed portrait to Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney during the University Family Holiday Luncheon in December.

Scruggs, owner of Scruggs Lumber Company, was a member of the 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 later assumed by a staff member.

The Board of Curators approved naming the student union after the longtime member and Jefferson City businessman in June 1963. The original Scruggs University Center was dedicated in 1966, and rebuilt in 1969, after being destroyed by fire. The current building was renovated in 2001.

**Alpha Gamma Chapter Inducts 34**

The Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society inducted 34 new members on November 15, 2009. The honor society is open to junior, senior and graduate students who meet certain academic and personal qualifications, including a minimum 3.3 grade point average; a ranking in the upper ten percent of their class; good character; and potential for leadership.

Lincoln University’s Alpha Gamma chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu was chartered in 1950 and reactivated in 2004. Since 2004, over 300 students have been inducted into the campus chapter. Alpha Kappa Mu was founded in 1937 at what is now known as Tennessee State University, by Dr. George Gore. Dr. Ann Harris (pictured at left), Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, serves as National President for the organization through 2012.
Virtual Experience Career Fair

Designed to showcase careers in agriculture and environmental science, the Second Annual Virtual Experience Career Fair attracted 275 students and 45 exhibitors from five states on September 22. The fair showcases careers in nursing, computer information systems, engineering and other “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) areas. Students were able to interact with exhibitors from the USDA, the National Park Service, the Missouri Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Monsanto and Cargill, as well as local, state and national law enforcement.

Event organizer Annette Driver says that by meeting with the exhibitors, students learn what coursework would best serve them as they look to the future.

“Our students attend the event to see what a particular career is like, not necessarily to get a job application,” Driver explains. “Lots of our students are ultimately recruited to join state and federal agencies.”

Sixth Annual Kings’ Leadership Conference and Competition

Campus kings from ten of the nation’s HBCUs assembled at Lincoln University in February for the 6th Annual “Mr. HBCU Kings’ Leadership Conference and Competition.” The young men attended a three-day conference before competing for the title of Mr. HBCU on Saturday, February 27, which this year went to Mr. Winston-Salem State University. Other universities in attendance included Bowie State University, Central State University, Delaware State University, Harris- Stowe University, Lincoln University (PA), North Carolina A&T State University, Talladega College, Tennessee State University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The conference included leadership and personal growth sessions led by nationally known presenters, including Mr. Fonzworth Bentley, best known as the personal assistant to Sean “Diddy” Combs, and Dale Williams, the founder of Leadership for Queens, a leadership conference for HBCU Queens.

The Mr. HBCU Leadership Conference and Competition, founded in 2005 by Benecia Spencer Williams, Vice President for University Advancement, is held annually during Black History Month to celebrate the African American male in our HBCUs and across the globe.

Traditional Recognition

An annual tradition continued at Lincoln University this year, as Congressman Ike Skelton (4th District) delivered his 23rd consecutive address during the ROTC Blue Tiger Battalion’s Veterans’ Day Breakfast. Skelton has been the keynote speaker for the event since the first breakfast was held in 1987.

Skelton told the audience of local veterans, community members, faculty, staff and students that less than one percent of the United States population serves in the military. While Veterans Day is a time to remember those with past service to this country, Skelton said it is also important to reflect on the approximately 2.5 million men and women who are in service today.
Lincoln University Focuses on Founders

A Founder’s Connection
Among the cherished traditions at Lincoln University is the observance of Founders’ Day each February. This Founders’ Day had a special meaning for members of the Kitchen family, who discovered in 2009 that their great-great grandfather, Caleb Lindsey, served as a member of the 62nd Colored Infantry in both D and K companies. “We have a family cemetery in Georgetown, Missouri,” says Herb Kitchen, family historian. “For years we have gone there, and last year, when my sister Carla went to put flowers on his and his wife’s graves, she was able to read the tombstone of his military service.” It was an exciting discovery for the entire family because of the strong connection they already had with the university. Herb Kitchen has been an active member of the National Alumni Association for many years, serving most recently as Vice President of the Association before his term ended in July 2009. Other Kitchen family graduates include: Herbert James (40); Mrs. Inez Kitchen (‘48); Barbara Kitchen (‘71); Mrs. Dorothy Kitchen (‘55); Herbert J. (‘88); Karen Kitchen (‘88); Milton Kitchen (‘75); and Wayne Kitchen (‘70). Douglas Kitchen also attended Lincoln until he was drafted into military service in 1965.

Kitchen says their family records show that Lindsey was born a slave in Georgetown, Missouri in 1846 and, with the exception of his military service, lived there his entire life. Another interesting note in their history is that Missouri passed a law in 1865 which permitted blacks to “legally” marry. Caleb Lindsay was 20 years old in 1866 when his parents George and Amos (his wife) were married. Caleb married Louisa Cowan in 1870.

2010 Founders’ Day Observance
Students, faculty, staff, and friends of the university gathered in Richardson Auditorium for the 2010 Founders’ Day Convocation on Thursday, February 11. Dr. Gary Kremer, President of the State Historical Society and former Lincoln University faculty member, was the keynote speaker. Kremer, who earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Lincoln University, shared the story of John Morton Finney, the son of slaves and a graduate of Lincoln Institute. Finney, who would eventually earn 11 college degrees, wanted an education so badly that he walked along the railroad tracks from St. Louis to Jefferson City to enroll at what was then known as Lincoln Institute. Kremer told the audience that Americans today could learn much from Finney and from the soldiers of the 62nd and 65th Colored Infantry Regiments who founded the university. “Like me, you are beneficiaries of this institution’s rich heritage,” he said, “a heritage that started with those Missouri soldiers in Texas, waiting to get out of the Army at the end of the Civil War.”

The Fingers/Tippin Family was recognized as the 2010 Family of the Year. James and Billie Tippin met while students at Lincoln University. James Tippin (‘64), a Texas native, says he knew Lincoln University was the school for him after visiting his older brother, Keener (‘57,‘60), who was the Director of Housing by the time the younger Tippin arrived on campus. Billie (Fingers) Tippin fell in love with the university in junior high school while visiting the son of a family friend. Several generations of the Fingers family and the Tippin family have attended or are strong supporters Lincoln University. President of the Lincoln University Board of Curators Dana Tippin Cutler is the daughter of James and Billie Tippin.

Recent retirees from the university were also honored for their years of service, along with those who have been with the university for 25 years. (See page 43 for a list of those honored.)
Lincoln University Foundation Announces Legacy Program

The Lincoln University Foundation is pleased to announce a special opportunity for alumni, who wish to leave a lasting gift for the university. The Legacy Program was developed in collaboration with Pen Trust Financial Services, San Diego, California. Through the Legacy Program, alumni may purchase an insurance policy naming the Lincoln University Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. Annual premium payments made to Lincoln University Foundation are considered tax deductible contributions.

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2009 Lincoln University Alumni Association Awardees

Lincoln University welcomed three new members into the National Alumni Hall of Fame in July 2009. Brigadier General Julius F. Johnson, ('64, '72), Wendell Oliver Pruitt (posthumously) and Ronald Townson (posthumously) were inducted during the 69th Annual National Alumni Convention in Memphis, Tennessee. Each of these men was recognized for his life’s work and for serving as a fine example of the exemplary citizens who have received an education at Lincoln University.

Brigadier General Johnson, a native of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is one of just three Lincoln University ROTC graduates to attain the rank of General. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army following his graduation, his military career has included service as Infantry Platoon Leader; Assistant Operations Officer 7th Infantry Division in Korea; Assistant Operations Officer and Logistics Officer; 101st Airborne Division in the Republic of Vietnam and several assignments throughout Europe. In 1969, he returned to his alma mater to serve as an Assistant Professor of Military Science. During that time he completed his master’s degree in counseling psychology. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and the Army Command and General Staff College.

Since retiring from the military, Brig. Gen. Johnson has served as Chief of Operations and Administration in the Office of the City Administrator, Washington, D.C.; Chief of Staff, Seattle Public Schools; and President of Strategic Educational Investments in Seattle.

Ronald Townson, a Grammy® Award-winning vocalist, enrolled at Lincoln University in 1952, where he was a member of the university choir. He was also a member of the football and track teams. Towson was a native of St. Louis. Townsend’s grandmother and parents realized he had great talent at an early age. In 1957, he decided to showcase his skills to the world when he moved to Los Angeles to pursue a musical career. In 1965, he and childhood friend, LaMonte McLemore, formed a group called the Versatiles, but soon changed its name to the Fifth Dimension.

Other original members were Florence LaRue, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis. In 1968, the group won four Grammy Awards for their hit “Up, Up, and Away.” After ten years with the Fifth Dimension, Townson left the group and performed solo with a group formed with Ron Townsend and Wild Honey. In 1990, the five original members of the Fifth Dimension reunited. Later that year, the group received a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Townsend left the group for good in 1997 and involved himself in other business ventures and served on the Board of Directors of the Cambridge Kilpatrick Acting School. He passed away in August 2001.

Wendall Pruitt of St. Louis, Missouri graduated from Sumner High School in 1937. After taking courses at Stowe Teachers College, Pruitt enrolled in the civil pilot training program at Lincoln University. The university was one of only three HBCUs at that time to offer pilot training.

In 1942, Pruitt enlisted in the Army Air Corps Cadet Flying Program. He participated in the “Tuskegee Experience” as part of the first group of African Americans in the nation’s history to become military fighter aviators, a group which was later known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Pruitt was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1942 and was assigned to the 302nd Fighter Squadron of the 332nd Fighter Group stationed in Italy. He saw combat in Italy during World War II, flew 70 successful missions and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Pruitt was honored by his hometown in 1944, when the city named a public housing project and elementary school for him. A year later, Captain Pruitt died at the age of 24 in a plane crash during a training exercise. Today, Pruitt’s image is included in a mural that hangs at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, entitled “Black Americans in Flight.” In 2007, Pruitt was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush.
National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame

Already a legend in his career and at his alma mater, Logan H. Westbrooks’ (’75) success was recognized by the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in September 2009. Westbrooks and eleven other alumni from black higher education institutions across the country were inducted as the newest members of the Hall of Fame during a four-day conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Westbrooks of Sherman Oaks, California, has been an international businessman, educator and recording company executive at CBS Records. He is currently the owner of Source Records, which grossed over $6 million in its first year of operation. As a music executive, he was instrumental in the compilation of over 25 platinum and gold records from artists such as Isaac Hayes; Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, Johnny Mathis, Sly Stone, Herbie Hancock, Earth, Wind & Fire, Miles Davis, Cannon Ball Adderly, Nancy Wilson, Chuck Brown and Nelly.

As an educator, Westbrooks participated in the National Urban League’s Black Executive Exchange Program during the 1980s. The program placed African American executives on college campuses around the nation to serve as visiting professors. During his time with the program, Westbrooks’ lectures focused on Blacks in the music industry.

He is also the author of the book “The Anatomy of a Record Company” and is a contributor to three other publications—“Freedom”, “C.O.G.I.C.” and “Family Affair: Deconstructing the African American Identity.”

Westbrooks continues his commitment to Lincoln University and to youth. He was named a distinguished alumnus of Lincoln University in 1984, and was inducted into the university’s Alumni Hall of Fame in 2008.

2009 Lincoln University Alumni Association Awardees

The Lincoln University National Alumni Association recognized three people for their outstanding work for or in support of the university. The awards were presented during the 69th National Alumni Convention in July 2009.

The President’s Excellence Award was presented to Dr. Carolyn R. Mahoney, President of Lincoln University. Dr. Mahoney assumed the role of the university’s 18th President in February 2005. Since that time, the campus has undergone numerous upgrades, including the dedication of the Soldiers’ Memorial Plaza in May 2007, and the opening of Sherman Scruggs Residence Hall in Fall 2008. She also continues to work with the alumni association and community leaders to refurbish the President’s Residence. She has also been extremely active both locally and nationally, serving on a number of boards, and as a member of several civic and educational organizations. In 2007, she received the Ralph S. Brown Award for Shared Governance from the American Association of University Professors and in May 2009, she was named the 2009 Zonta Woman of Achievement.

Robert Newton (’68) was honored with the President’s Superior Service Award. Newton has been an active financial member of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter since 1989. He served as chair of the chapter’s first annual campaign, which raised $10,000 to establish the chapter’s first endowed scholarship with the LU Foundation. He has also served on a number of other committees, including Founders’ Day and the annual reclamation event.

Newton worked side-by-side with his wife during her six-year tenure as chapter president, and continuing with her three years of service as National Secretary of the Alumni Association. During the past nine years, he has attended every Mid-Winter Board meeting, National Convention and Homecoming, with the exception of one, providing invaluable assistance to the National President, the National Secretary and Board of Directors. A legal scholar, he has given tirelessly of his counsel and insight.

The 2009 President’s Superior Service Award recipient was Joe Outlaw (’61). Outlaw’s offers tireless dedication to his alma mater. He has chaired the Investment Committee for the Lincoln University Foundation Board, Inc. since 2003 and is responsible for engaging an aggressive initiative to ensure a better return on the Foundation’s $2M endowment. Outlaw’s leadership and business savvy have been invaluable to the Foundation. His astute investment advice has increased the Foundation’s investments significantly. He has established an endowed scholarship at the Foundation and generously gives every year to support the university.
Raymond Lewis Hooper Sr. (‘61) was a four-year starter on the Blue Tiger football team from 1958 to 1961, earning four letters. He was honored several times for his play on the field, including being named to the MWAA First Team in 1958 and 1961, and the Second Team in 1959 and 1960. Hooper was named the MVP of the 1958 Mineral Water Bowl and was a member of the MWAA Conference Championship team that was ranked No. 2 in the nation among black colleges. In 1961, Hooper received the Stoke Outstanding Football Player Award, the Little American Award and served as captain of the football team. While Hooper excelled in football, he also competed in track and field where he was voted the Most Versatile Athlete in 1961.

Joe Outlaw (‘61), a Tennessee native, came to Lincoln University in 1957 on a football scholarship. During his time as a Blue Tiger, he played both defensive end and guard, and in 1961 was named Outstanding Lineman. He was a football letterman in all four seasons he played at Lincoln University.

Dr. James Frank (‘53) first came to Lincoln from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania in 1949 on a four-year basketball scholarship. As a Blue Tiger, he was the captain of the basketball squad and Director of Intramurals. After graduation and earning his master’s degree, he returned to his alma mater in 1956 as an assistant professor and assistant basketball coach. He was appointed as the Head Men’s Basketball Coach in 1959. Frank’s teams qualified for the NCAA Regional Tournament during his four years as Head Coach. In 1973, he once again returned to his alma mater, this time to serve as President of Lincoln University, marking his place in history as the first and only LU graduate to hold the position. In addition to his duties at LU, Frank also served as the Secretary-Treasurer, and later President, of the NCAA. Once again making history, Frank was the first African American and first college President of the NCAA.

Leonard “Big Dog” Mershon (‘50) attended Lincoln from 1946 to 1950. Mershon was recognized as an All-American in football and garnered an All-Conference selection during that time. He was also an assistant track and field coach from 1949–50.

Olenda Knowles (‘50) was a member of the basketball and track teams throughout his college career. Knowles competed in the 220 relays, hurdles, high jump and broad jump. He was a first place finisher in the 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles. By the time he graduated in 1950, Knowles had lettered in both track and basketball.

Frederick D. Cason Sr. (‘50) enrolled at Lincoln University in 1946. He was a co-captain of the track team, which was the champion of the Mid-Western Conference for three consecutive years, breaking four conference records—the 440, 880, two-mile and mile relays. Cason competed in the 100, 220 and 440 during his time on the LU track team and earned four letters.

James E. Jones Jr. (‘50) (not pictured) graduated magna cum laude in 1950. He excelled as an athlete, earning two letters in track and field and four letters in football. In 1948, he held the conference record by rushing for 880 yards. He helped lead the track team to their tenth conference championship at the time, defeating Wilberforce by half a point in the 1948 conference track meet.
Chief Billy Nelson serves as the Chief of the Lincoln University Police Department. Nelson, who retired after a 35-year career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, attended the University of Central Missouri and Lincoln University. He later completed the prestigious Police Administration Training Program at Northwestern University.

After retirement, Nelson enjoyed a brief time as a tour guide. A highlight of the year was driving the Barack Obama campaign bus while the presidential candidate was in Indiana. With an eye on staying closer to home, Nelson applied for the Lincoln vacancy. His years of experience in law enforcement (including providing protection for Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, Al Gore, George Bush and George H. W. Bush) mean that he brings well-honed skills and seasoned perspective to Lincoln University.

“I came here to work,” says Nelson “but I like Lincoln University because the kids are so interesting. It delights me to see young people and to be a small part of their success.”

Mr. Mike Kosher

Mike Kosher, Executive Director for Enrollment Management, moved into his new position on October 1, 2009. Formerly the Director of Admissions, Kosher’s responsibilities now include supervising 12 staff members in Admissions, Records, and Retention. “Enrollment management” says Kosher “touches the entire university. Student success depends on factors that cross all areas of university operations.” He adds, “Recruiters absolutely have to know our success in the nursing program, the graduation rate, and the success in job placement. It might be easier and a little less expensive to do the program elsewhere, but that program might not have the success we have at Lincoln.”

Kosher also works to ensure that faculty are apprised of trends in high school graduation rates, birth rates that impact the potential number of recruits, and the availability of federal financial aid. “We are an HBCU – there are few other institutions that can be as student friendly at LU. We are promoting the value of a Lincoln education.”

Mr. Ken Ferguson

Ken Ferguson began his career with Lincoln University in 1977, where he has served as the Director of Student Activities, the Director of Scruggs University Center, and the Director of Student Life. In 1988, he completed his master’s degree in administration at Lincoln. His years of service to Lincoln have included oversight of the Panhellenic Council, the Student Government, Campus Activity Board, Commuter Student Organization, the Intramurals program, residential housing, and the student conduct system. In 2009, he was appointed Director of Governmental and Community Relations.

Ferguson became a member of the City of Jefferson City Council in 2001. Since his election in 2002, he has chaired the city’s Budget Committee, the Administrative Committee, and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. He served as mayor pro-tem in 2008–09. In his new role at Lincoln, Ferguson becomes the centralized contact for community engagement at Lincoln University. He is charged with developing and maintaining collaboration, and promoting community interaction by students, administrators and faculty that will encourage academic, cultural, recreational, social and personal development opportunities.

Mrs. Theresa Ferguson

Theressa Ferguson was promoted from Special Assistant to the President for Enrollment Management and Student Success to Vice President for Student Affairs in October 2009. She joined the faculty in 1976 as an instructor in Health and Physical Education, and also founded the LU Dance Troupe—a program she still directs.

The Student Affairs staff of 41 gives leadership to The Success Connection, ROAR Orientation, Week of Welcome, Student Support Services, TRIO program, First Year Experience Center, counseling and career services, residential life, international student affairs, health services, and financial aid. Ferguson sees that all students have things in common—adjusting to college life, adapting to a new environment, learning to appreciate the resources made available. “And, they want to know that people here care about them.”

Ferguson works with and on behalf of students. “We talk with the students about our expectations, and we respond to their questions.” Ferguson says “I like our students and being able to provide support for them. I would like them to feel that they have an advocate in me, and that I serve them well.”
Lincoln University students and alumni know how to celebrate Homecoming, and Homecoming 2009 was no exception. Led by the theme of “This is How We Do It,” Lincolmites kept the campus busy over Homecoming weekend, Friday, October 9, through Sunday, October 11. The weekend began with the Memorial Class Luncheon in Scruggs University Center Ballroom, where the Class of 1959 was honored on their golden anniversary. One old tradition was made new this year, as the Spirit Rally, historically held on Friday morning at Scruggs University Center, was moved to the evening and held in Dwight T. Reed Stadium. This allowed more alumni the chance to attend the event, which combined a pep rally for Saturday’s football game and a fireworks show. Also on Friday evening, students and alumni showcased their talents during LU’s Got Talent, held at Capitol Plaza Hotel. LU Band Director Rhonda Harper grabbed this year’s talent show title for her skills on the trumpet.

The fun continued bright and early Saturday morning as Lincolmites and the community lined Lafayette and High Streets for the annual Homecoming Parade. That afternoon, Blue Tiger fans who purchased the Official Homecoming T-Shirt had the chance to move from the stands to the field during the halftime version of the Electric Slide. On Saturday evening, the Capitol Plaza Hotel was on “Fire” as the Ohio Players brought their 70s funk to Jefferson City. The weekend culminated on Sunday with the Memorial Prayer Breakfast that morning and the Gospel Explosion in the afternoon.
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A Millenium Dollar Idea

Alumni Association President Dr. Earl Wheatfall (‘68, ’70) has a million dollar idea that could make a world of difference for future students of Lincoln University.

The newly elected alumni leader hit the ground running with the “A Million Dollars for Lincoln” campaign. The campaign aims to raise that amount in scholarship funds over the next four years. He admits his goal is a lofty one, but he says the need for a consistent and stable scholarship fund makes it necessary to at least try.

He has been soliciting alumni support since October 2009 and he is also now focusing his efforts on friends of the university, as well as businesses.

Payment on a Debt Owed

When he was asked to consider a major role with Lincoln University, Wheatfall agreed to be slated as a candidate for President of the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

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The Gift of Time

In addition to the campaign for scholarship funding, Dr. Wheatfall is working with local alumni chapters to increase national alumni association membership by 20% each year. Beyond financial contributions, Wheatfall encourages all alumni to become re-involved with the college experience. “Come back, not just for Homecoming, but to share
with students what you’re doing,” says Wheatfall. “We need to share with students why it’s important to do a good job academically and socially.”

The Lincoln Years

Now a Wisconsin resident, Wheatfall grew up in Navasota, Texas. After graduating from high school, he began college in Texas. “I met an instructor there by the name of Dr. Mitchell,” remembers Wheatfall. “He came to LU and convinced me to come with him.” The biology major changed schools, and also changed his major to health and physical education. He left school after his junior year and was drafted into service in 1963, where he served as a trooper in the 81st Airborne Division. He spent three years serving his country in Europe. Wheatfall and his wife, Barbara Lyday Wheatfall, returned to Lincoln in 1966, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1968. But his time at Lincoln University was not over just yet. “Dr. Hoard offered me the opportunity to get my master’s in counseling and guidance,” remembers Wheatfall. “I decided to take the additional six hours of graduate work I needed and I finished my master’s degree in 1970.”

Like so many students who return to school after military service, Wheatfall was a serious student. He was also very motivated by outstanding faculty, including Dr. Arthur Pullam, Dr. Reedy and Dr. Doty. Wheatfall was also a student athlete, who remembers Coach Reed as a father figure and mentor. “I had an invaluable learning and work experience as a student football coach reporting directly to Coach Reed.”

Building a Career

Wheatfall’s first job was at Virginia Commonwealth University as Director of Support Services. One of his jobs was to identify African American students who might not have scored well on tests, who were underrepresented in the university or both. “Having attended Lincoln University, I carried all the experiences and adopted those experiences to my work in Virginia, particularly with academics for underrepresented students,” Wheatfall explains. “My focus was on recruiting and sustaining students. We offered summer programs in basic skill areas, academic advising, counseling, freshman year experience, mentoring. We determined the freshman year curriculum and worked with the students to increase their probability of staying in school.”

Wheatfall started his doctorate in counseling education at the University of Virginia in 1977. He worked full time at the university and completed his doctorate in 1983. Although he recently “retired,” Wheatfall will always be a busy, engaged person. In addition to his volunteer role with the Lincoln University Alumni Association, for example, Wheatfall continues to dabble in real estate. “I have a hobby of buying real estate,” he explains. “I bought my first property when I was 24, on Miller Street in Jefferson City. I sold it for a profit!”

Through all the years of his busy career, Earl

Wheatfall says the thing he’s most proud of is being able to help students to see the importance of education and become successful. “Because of my own background, I can relate easily to students who may need some extra help,” says Wheatfall. “Throughout my career, I provided students with the psychological tenacity to persist. Often, they just needed someone to talk to, someone to convince them that they could do it.” He adds that students who want to be successful need to internalize some basics habits. “You have to do A, B, C, and D over and over again,” he says. “You’ll see the results. Build up good habits.” Wheatfall notes with pride his own children’s education as an equally important accomplishment. Daughter Joy graduated from Hampton University and Earl Jr., graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.
university is communicating what a wonderful and lasting education a student can get from the school. “Because of the way LU is situated, you become part of a Lincoln culture,” he explains. “You develop close relationships and become involved in LU life. I think Dr. Mahoney is doing an excellent job of creating an environment where young people can learn together.” Wheatfall sees an exciting synergy between students, administration and faculty. “Lincoln is a place where you can become culturally enriched. The leadership has been able to galvanize the best of each demographic.”

With years of higher education experience behind him, Wheatfall also recognizes the essential role of loyal donors to a university: “I would say to every donor and potential donor: give to Lincoln and be proud of giving to Lincoln. You can see the results of your investment. That’s why I’m so excited about raising scholarship funds. It’s the best way to give to Lincoln. Bricks and mortar are important, but we are

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all better human beings because of an education. By giving to Lincoln, you create a legacy for yourself. You extend your life exponentially.”

An Added Value

Jefferson City was an important part of Dr. Earl Wheatfall’s personal development. He sees Lincoln as an integral part of the community and invites the community to involve itself more fully in the university. “LU is a laboratory of scholars, learners, activities. As such, it adds value to the community and provides opportunities for all its residents.”

Wheatfall also has an important message to Missouri’s legislators. “Learn more about Lincoln; see the value of this institution that’s at the foot of the capitol. Take back to your communities the value that one can get from attending Lincoln University. LU is absolutely unique.”
California Dreamin’

Alonzo M. Smith may have headed west, but his heart remains with Lincoln.

A lonzo M. Smith, “Smitty” is a native of Caruthersville, Missouri. It’s a small community on the Missouri/Tennessee border in the “Bootheel” of the state. Smith’s parents were Anna M. and Alonzo J. Smith. She was a State of Missouri public health nurse. He was a realtor.

Alonzo Smith came to Lincoln University as a veteran, an older and more mature student than many other underclassmen. The GI Bill helped pay for his education, but Smith found other ways to keep his finances in good shape. He worked as a waiter at the Governor Hotel, and he and friends sold flowers for the many events on campus. It was the beginning of a healthy spirit of entrepreneurship.

“I came to Lincoln as a pre-med student with aspirations of being a doctor,” says Smith, “but changed my major to Business Administration.” A member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Smith says, “It took me 4½ years to finish at Lincoln. I could have finished sooner, but I could have stayed longer.” Dr. Freeman, head of the Ag Department, once told his parents that he was doing well with his studies, but every time he saw Smith, he was with a different girl.

That all changed when Betty Jean Thornton came to Lincoln in 1949 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She worked for Coach Kemp, a family friend who promoted LU to her parents. Smith’s first sight of Betty stands out clearly. “I watched about 75 girls come down the Anthony Hall steps, and I saw her,” remembers Smith. “I asked a scroller brother to tell her that I wanted to meet her. She had on a pink checkered blouse, red or maroon slacks and shoes to match. Later on, I told her I would like for her to be my girl and that I was going to marry her. She thought I was crazy. Once we got together, she was my only girl. I proposed to her on the Kappa bench by the 52 steps.” After graduation, Smith followed in the footsteps of Gus Ridgel and entered graduate school at the University of Missouri, where he was among the first African Americans to live in an MU residence hall.

Alonzo and Betty Jean left for California the day Betty graduated. “We found our way to California and both had jobs in about a month. We bought our first home within the year. It was a little cottage, west of LaBrea.”

Smith and his wife loved California and made the Los Angeles area their home. He had three jobs in his career—a sales representative with American Tobacco Company; a sales representative with Hamms Beer; and, until he retired in 1988, a management role with Brown Forman Beverage Corporation. “All the vices,” says Smith with a grin. In spite of a busy career, Smith’s entrepreneurial nature and good financial planning skills soon drew him into real estate. “Whenever our money was right, I invested in real estate and purchased apartment buildings and commercial property,” comments Smith. “What made me really want to buy the apartments was riding with my Dad to collect rents on Saturdays and Sundays when I was a boy. He would collect the rents and put the money in his Stetson hat. As a youngster I vowed that I would have some extra money coming in like that.” Smith’s career went well. Betty Jean Smith, who passed away in May, 2007, also thrived in her work. She was the principal of Juvenile Hall on East Lake in Los Angeles. Ultimately she became the Director of Personnel for the Long Beach School District.

Asked whether he attributes any of his success to LU, Smith replies, “Mrs. Mary McAfee (at the library) taught me a lot of things about how I should go forth in my life. Mr. Joe Johnson was head of the Accounting Department. He taught us about buying stocks, bonds, and investing properly. Whenever I invested, I thought about the outstanding lessons the professors instilled in me.” Smith also admired Dr. Scruggs and many of his professors. All set good examples for students. “I used to think about going to Michigan or Ohio State,” says Smith. “I’m so happy to have been at LU—I would have just been a number at other universities.”

Smith maintains a strong connection with other alumni. Joe and Julie Johnson (’68) have been good friends for years. Troy Davis (’54) was a college roommate, who later migrated to California with strong encouragement from Smith. Smith and Davis are close friends who live in the same neighborhood and share a passion for Lincoln. Both are active in the Los Angeles Chapter of the Alumni Association. Smith recently signed on as a supporter of the Million Dollars for Scholarships campaign kicked off by Dr. Earl Wheatfall late in 2009. “I thought the campaign was a wonderful idea and wanted to support it.”

Alonzo Smith has attended Homecoming for the last four years and enjoyed it immensely. “Each year it gets better and better. The Soldiers Memorial creates excitement for everyone. I want to come back each year just look at it.”
Family Ties

Dr. Edward Field, Class of 1940

Edward Fields graduated from Lincoln University in August, 1940, nearly 70 years ago. His father was a 1907 LU graduate, and Dean Jason, 8th president of Lincoln, was one of his father's classmates. Reverend Fields will celebrate his 92nd birthday in June, 2010. He and his wife, Marshan Ezell Fields, were married on October 6, 1945. They have a son, Edward, and a daughter, Marshan and three grandchildren.

I can honestly say that Lincoln University transformed my life. I came from a two room shack on a muddy street. I traveled 28 miles round trip by several white high schools to get to Sumner High School and was the first black man in Kirkwood to graduate from high school with honors. Lincoln University finished and polished all of that.

A different campus from today's

The ‘52 steps’ started at Lafayette and Dunklin, and they were steps of pride. In 1940, the university was contained within the block of Lafayette, Dunklin, and Chestnut. The athletic field and agriculture department were on further south. Young Hall was the library, administration, and classrooms. At that time, we had not yet moved across Chestnut.

The decision to attend Lincoln

A group of us who graduated from high school in St. Louis were part of a federal education “New Deal” program set up by Franklin Roosevelt so that young men and women could have an education beyond high school. St. Louis public schools applied for that grant and got it. About 18 young black men were selected. We attended Stowe College for two years. Then most of us came to Lincoln. There was no other higher education opportunity open to us. My major was in industrial arts education. James L. Hunt, Warren Buck, Harry Johnson, Herbert Kitchen Sr., James L. Jones, and Walter Ambrose were my classmates.

Living off campus

Several of us lived and worked off campus. I stayed about a mile and a quarter off campus on Greenberry Road. Had a lovely basement room, nice big window, bed, dresser, work table, and cabinets. Room and board for one week was $5. I rode my bicycle when the weather permitted. My landlord was H. P. Lauf, a prominent lawyer in the Jefferson City area and a former state representative.

Campus atmosphere in the 1940s

The war was going on in Europe, but it hadn’t yet had an impact in the United States, particularly for black people. Dr. Sherman Scruggs came in as president when I came to campus and was interested in education advancements. There was a very serious attitude about education at Lincoln, though we had some fun, too. There were dances, orchestras, plays, Greek groups. The spirit...perhaps the Depression contributed to the attitude... the spirit was ‘Do well. Excel in your work. Go out and do a good job.”

Supportive faculty

G. Robert Cotton was head of the industrial arts department. He taught that if something were worth doing at all, it was worth doing it exceedingly well. That attitude held in all departments. I was an Honor Roll person. As minorities, we had to do well. We had to be ready to assist one another.

Our economics classes taught us about being prepared financially. Blanche Lauf was my employer. On the day I left Lincoln, she stood at the back porch overlooking the drive while we waited for the taxi and said, ‘Edward, I don't have any real advice, but I have one suggestion—keep one foot on the ground, one hand in God’s hand and remember your friends.’ We both had tears in our eyes. I often use her advice in lectures and presentations. LU gave us the sense of the pursuit of excellence. That excellence had to be used not only to lift oneself but to lift up others in the process.

Life after graduation

All of the members of my class left Lincoln with employment. Heads of departments made every effort to see that we were placed. My first employment was with the National Youth Administration program. I had to take an exam for the job, so I caught the last street car out of Kansas City to
Independence. I ended up on the square in Independence about midnight. I asked a policeman if I could stay on the square overnight and he said he could do one better. So, he opened a cell for me, gave me a blanket and promised that he would get me up in time in the morning.

After serving with the military, I came into the public schools. I decided I needed a master’s degree and went to Pittsburg State. After working a short time, I decided to get a doctoral degree. The Jewish Federation awarded me a scholarship to New York University. I started there with some of the finest anthropologists of the time. I came back to Kansas City and went through a series of school principalships. I was the first black individual to have responsibility for the entire Kansas City public school district. Raised in the AME Church, I never veered from my Christian principles. I was ordained in 1967, am an elder in the church and have pastored four churches. I retired in 1988 from Allen Chapel in Kansas City. After my retirement, I served as the first administrative aide to the bishop of the church. My wife is also an ordained minister in the AME Church.

**Career Highlights**

Early in my career, I went to work for the Federal Security Agency. I aligned myself with several groups and was able to get programs advanced. For example, the owner of North American Aviation said he couldn’t find any black man who could operate tools to his satisfaction. I knew several who could because I’d trained them. We filled those jobs.

I’ve had a good career. I went on from my first job to work with breaking employment barriers. The Catholic Church and the Jewish Federation both awarded Medals of Honor for my work with youth. If I had to come to Lincoln University again, yes, I would. Absolutely. Lincoln has a great history.

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**Campus Life**

**Gertrude Kelley Alioth, Class of 1950**

Gertrude Alioth attended Lincoln University in the post-World War II era. Alioth, the first person in her family to attend college, was a little timid about the college experience. As downtown Jefferson City was segregated, most activities took place on campus.

Gertrude Alioth attended Lincoln University in the post WWII era. “There were lots of veterans returning from the war. There might have been more men than women students. Quite a few marriages happened in our time.” She also remembers a fun time for fashion —“We wore saddle oxfords and bobby sox and Gibson girl hairdos.”

Alioth, the first person in her family to attend college, was a little timid about the college experience. “I didn’t venture very far out. The Jefferson City downtown was segregated then. If we wanted to go to a movie, there was a special section for blacks. They showed movies on campus, so most of us stayed on campus. There was a very strong athletic program. Because Jefferson City wasn’t open, most of our activities were centered on campus. Sports were a big thing, though we didn’t have a stadium as we have now. Our major competition was with Langston. Lots of us went to Langston for games. There was always a busload.”

Alioth also remembers a smaller campus than today’s. “We had one cafeteria. There was no student union. The Library was one room attached to Young Hall.

“Dr. Pawley and Dr. Tebow were my favorite teachers. I majored in business education and had a double minor because I had so many hours in speech. Stagecrafters was popular when I was in school, and I was part of it,” says Alioth.

Socially, there were two places near campus where students visited—one was the Blue Tiger Inn and the other one was Dirty Myrtles. Dirty Myrr’s was a little more private, and several married couples lived upstairs over the restaurant. Some people also went to the Booker T. Hotel. “There was an upstairs and a downstairs,” says Alioth. “I was scared to go because some people got in trouble there.” Alioth attended Lincoln at a time when there were strict curfews, especially for freshmen. “The buildings were locked after curfew, and you could be expelled if you missed curfew.”

There was also a student strike/sit-in while Alioth was a student. “We went on strike against Dr. Scruggs to protest a student who was expelled because she had violated a rule. The president’s house was on campus then. We sat out there and made our feelings known.”

After graduation, Alioth joined the Air Force and served for two years. Then she went on to graduate school. During her career, she taught at three universities and colleges. From that point, she went into secondary education administration. “I have been blessed,” muses Alioth. “So many of my classmates have done well, too. Things began to open up in the late ’50s. We were ready and could take advantage of the things that were happening.”

Alioth is interested in Lincoln University’s efforts to raise funds. A long term LU Foundation donor, Alioth says she contributes because “there is a need to provide scholarships for students. I was the scholarship chair for our alumni chapter for several years. We fought hard to bring football back. I also supported the Soldiers’ Memorial personally, and there is still a need there. We have to finish paying for it.”
The Barrier Breaker

Gus Ridgel, Class of 1950

Gus Ridgel was a leader at Lincoln, serving as Class President in 1950. That quality continued to serve him well as he broke the color barrier at the University of Missouri after graduating from Lincoln.

Gus Ridgel was the President of the Class in 1950. He came to LU having finished an 18-month tour of duty in the Army. He remembers being housed for one semester in Army barracks on Lafayette near where the old football field used to be. “Lots of veterans stayed there and we called it Vet Village,” says Ridgel, who carried up to 20 hours per semester and relied on the GI Bill to get his diploma within three years. Ridgel is respected as a leader, but he is recognized as the man who broke the color barrier at the University of Missouri.

“The suit was started prior to graduation,” said Ridgel. “I’d used my GI bill up at Lincoln. Dr. Samuel Z. Westerfield, Dr. Lionel Newsom (Sociology), and Dr. Lorenzo Green (History) were mentors to me. While I was at Lincoln, Dr. Westerfield encouraged me to change my major to economics and to apply to graduate school at MU. At that time, the application still included a section to indicate your race, and my application was rejected. We got in touch with the NAACP, and they took the case.” Not knowing exactly what his future held, Ridgel left Lincoln after his graduation. He was waiting for news of a scholarship from the University of Pennsylvania when he received a telegram informing him that the court would be hearing the suit in Jefferson City and that his presence was required.

According to History of the University of Missouri (Stevens, 1962), the university was the plaintiff in the suit. After three students filed for admission, the University of Missouri Board of Curators decided to ask for a declaratory opinion from Judge Sam C. Blair of the Cole County District Court. The defendants in the case were Elmer Bell and Everett Horn, who applied for admission to attend the School of Mines in Rolla and Gus Ridgel who had applied for admission to the University of Missouri–Columbia. “The court ruled that we had to be admitted and granted all privileges,” remembers Ridgel. “I’d seen nothing about the case, only that the suit had been filed. I wasn’t really aware that reporters were following it. I told them I didn’t know if I was going to MU because of the costs. A scholarship was started for me by a group of professors at Lincoln. They asked if they could raise the money, would I enroll. I said ‘yes.’ The group asked me how much I needed. I got together the amount of money needed for two semesters and gave them a figure. I was never told the names of all the people who contributed, but I’ll always be grateful to my friends and mentors. My relationship with Dr. Newsom continued throughout my academic and professional career.”

Ridgel registered a short time later at MU, where he met with his advisor to review course requirements for the next two years. Because of his limited funds, Ridgel appealed to the department head to be allowed to complete the work in two semesters. The dean was skeptical. “No one has ever done an MS in two semesters” he said. “You would have to take a heavy load and write a master’s thesis.” Undaunted, Ridgel completed the requirements and graduated in two semesters.

Asked about his concerns during the process, Ridgel acknowledges that Lloyd Gaines was there in the back of his mind. (Lloyd Gaines had applied for admission a few years prior the Ridgel’s suit. The Gaines v Canada case was decided in his favor, but Gaines disappeared before he could be admitted.) A few weeks after the judgment was rendered, Ridgel settled in at the University of Missouri and reports that he encountered no student hostility at all while he was there. He is grateful to have been honored by MU, which established the Gus T. Ridgel Graduate Fellowship; named an events room in the Memorial Union in his honor; and awarded Ridgel an Honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1996.

Ridgel met his wife Gertrude at the University of Wisconsin where he was pursuing his doctorate. She has a doctorate in genetics and taught at LU for a time. Gus Ridgel’s career in higher education included positions with Fort Valley State College, Wiley College, Central State University, and Barber Scotia College. He retired as Vice President for Finance at Kentucky State University (Frankfort, KY) in 1998.
from my time. She said that Mr. Mitchell had retired but was in the community. She called him and mentioned my name. He said ‘You tell her I will meet her at the library.’ We must have chatted for 2-3 hours. He knew everything I had done. He knew about my doctorate. He tries to keep up with old students. I traveled with the choir under Dr. Fuller’s direction. Just about all of the staff from my time at LU is gone. They were so good.

There really wasn’t any development while I was at Lincoln. The Fine Arts Center was the newest building. I was so surprised when I saw the campus. I don’t remember much more than the two dormitories on the east side of Chestnut. In 1960, Anthony and Bennett really needed to be redone. I could not believe that there are suites now! When we visited, we went over to Memorial Hall. They took me around and showed me everything that had happened since I graduated.

The Soldier’s Memorial

I have not seen Soldiers’ Memorial yet. When my husband and I came to the campus, the foundation for the memorial had just been put in, but we saw a mock-up at the Alumni Convention. I was so impressed and was moved to contribute to it. I heard that the candlelight dedication was inspirational. The Greeks used to gather in that area at sunrise when we were opening our Greek Week. Everyone wore the colors of their organization. We would hold hands and sing “Auld Lang Syne.” It was so pretty.

Reach back and give back

I thank God for my parents. Both of them believed in giving back to the university where they graduated. They reminded me that we need to remember what gave us that push, that start on this whole journey. “Reach back and give back.” Over the years, we get caught up in our lives, rearing kids and starting them through school. Hopefully, I will be able to continue to give back. I am so grateful to friends and faculty who helped me along.

Dr. Terricita Pinder-Watkis completed her EDD at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She and her husband Roy Watkis have two children Roy II and Wesley.

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When Helen Monroe founded the Lincoln University School of Nursing in 1970, she likely never envisioned just how successful her project would become. This year the program celebrates 40 years of educating nurses, with approximately 1,500 graduates holding a degree from Lincoln University. Today, a photo of Monroe hangs in Elliff Hall, home of the Department of Nursing Science, but the field of nursing looks different from how it did four decades ago.

Growth and Change in Nursing Science

Dr. Connie Hamacher, Department Head for Nursing Science, has been with Lincoln University since 1980 and has led the department for ten years. A former ICU nurse and assistant supervisor of nursing, Hamacher completed her master’s degree at Central Missouri State University and her doctoral work at the University of Missouri. She is proud of the growth of the nursing program. “The nursing science curriculum was totally revamped five years ago,” she says. “There is basic knowledge that a nurse must have, but today’s nurses are seeing expanded coursework in medical and surgical studies as well as in leadership development.”

Throughout the program’s history, Lincoln University has offered an associate of applied science in nursing degree. Once students complete their course of study, which generally takes up to two and half years, they take the licensing exam. Lincoln University students have excelled. “Lincoln University customarily has a pass rate higher than the state and national average,” Hamacher proudly explains. “For 2009, our pass rate was over 97 percent. Nationally the pass rate is 88 percent; in Missouri, it’s 90 percent.” Successful completion of the exam allows graduates to apply as a registered nurse anywhere in the country.

There is an increased demand for nurses with a bachelor’s degree in nursing (BSN). In response, Lincoln University put the required advanced courses online in 2004. Today, 56 students are registered in the program. “We have more than doubled the number of students in the bachelor’s preparation program, as well as the number of graduates,” says Hamacher.

Lincoln University also delivers the nursing program at Fort Leonard Wood, the only intact nursing program on a military installation in the United States. The Fort Leonard Wood program admits 40 students annually, with 20 of those spaces allotted for military personnel and their dependents and 20 to Rolla area residents. The Fort Leonard Wood program offers only evening courses over a three-year course of study. While already a successful program, Hamacher still sees room for growth. “We’re working with Phelps County to explore expansion of the program at Fort Leonard Wood.”

New Developments…

There are also exciting recent additions at the Department of Nursing Science in both technology and curriculum. The RN program received a grant in 2009 for patient simulators. These new interactive mannequins—three adults and
one infant—produce heart and respiration rates. Students can pull body fluids and administer IVs, while audio and visual recordings are transferred via the LU network into the classroom. As a result, 30 students can analyze patient care situations. “The new technology supports instruction and assists with debriefing,” Hamacher reports. “The mannequins are so sophisticated that they can recognize 190 different medications given via IV, and whether the right dosage has been administered over the right time period. Consider the high technology available to students today versus what was available 40 years ago... It has driven significant change in nursing and how we care for our patients.”

In cooperation with Capital Region Medical Center and St. Mary’s Health Center, a Surgical Technology degree (associate of applied science) was added to the Department of Nursing Science in 2010. With support from both hospitals, two simulated operating suites have been constructed in Elliff Hall so that students can practice their skills before entering an actual clinic. The associates degree program trains students to work in surgical areas in the hospital or in free-standing surgical areas, and it requires national certification. The program will admit a maximum of 20 students per academic year. The first class of eight was admitted in January of this year. In Fall 2010, a class of 15 is anticipated.

Responding to Community Needs…

“During the years I’ve been with Lincoln, we’ve developed agreements with local hospitals, especially Capital Region and St. Marys, which encouraged expansion of our program. They have always been close collaborators,” says Hamacher. “Now we have their financial support and have been able to increase our enrollment from 40 to 60 annually.” Hamacher also points with pride to the articulation agreement Lincoln has with Nichols Career Center. LPNs may apply for admission into the nursing program and, depending upon achievement in department nursing exams, they are eligible to receive credit toward the first year of nursing courses. Negotiations are in progress to develop a similar articulation agreement with the LPN program in Eldon, Missouri. “We have a waiting list for admission to the school of nursing. Our next opening will be in Spring 2011.”

Looking to the Future…

The success of the Department of Nursing Science is evidence of a long-term commitment to maintaining high academic standards and to meeting community needs. With an aging population and an increased focus on health care, the demand for qualified medical professionals will continue to grow. Lincoln University is poised to meet that demand. “The Department of Nursing Science is a tremendous asset to the university,” says Dr. Linda Bickel, Dean of the College of Professional Studies and former Department Head of Nursing. “Lincoln has a long history of preparing students for careers in service professions that meet the needs of our community, state, and nation. Our graduates are entering the work force as well-trained, very competent professionals. With its high licensure rates, local collaboration and utilization of advanced technology, the Department of Nursing Science, its faculty, staff, and students serve as a model of excellence in education.”

Auditorium and Print Shop Named for Dedicated Lincolnites

The Lincoln University Board of Curators, during their February meeting, approved naming the auditorium in Richardson Fine Arts Center the “Robert and Charlene Mitchell Auditorium.” In addition, the Board also approved the renaming of the University Print Shop to the “Lucius Jones Printing Center.”

Mr. Robert L. Mitchell graduated from Lincoln University in 1956, with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education. He served on the Lincoln University faculty from 1958 to 2000. Mrs. Charlene Mitchell earned her Bachelor of Science in Music Education in 1950 and was a member of the music faculty from 1955 to 2000. As a couple, the Mitchells have brought more than five decades of beautiful music to Lincoln University. Both have received numerous awards for their contributions to the arts. The Mitchells are still active in the community and with Lincoln University.

Mr. Lucius Jones joined Lincoln University in 1948. He worked as the university production printer and was also an instructor in the Department of Technology and Industrial Education for 40 years, until his retirement in 1988. Mr. Jones received national recognition for his work in the classroom, including being named as one the best graphic arts instructors in the country in 1975 and 1978. He remained committed to Lincoln University after his retirement, serving on the Athletic Advisory Committee and working with JCTV, until his death in September 2008.
Dr. Sunder Balasubramanian is a lean, energetic man whose eyes sparkle when he talks about Lincoln University and his research. His enthusiasm for his research project is equaled by his interest in promising young physics majors who benefit from outstanding attention in the classroom and the opportunity to do leading edge research. Dr. Balasubramanian completed his doctorate in Optoelectronic Semiconductor Physics at Purdue University in 2003 and joined Lincoln University in 2006 after a post-doctoral appointment at the University of Missouri. He adds his knowledge of physics and teaching abilities to Lincoln University’s talented group of researchers. Dr. Balasubramanian’s research involves adaptive nanophotonics for which he gives a simple definition. “Adaptive nanophotonics is the study of the behavior of light on the nanometer scale without having to worry about mechanical vibration of the sample that is being probed. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter.”

At Lincoln University, Dr. Balasubramanian’s current research interests include laser-based ultrasound and nanotechnology strategies to improve detection of unexploded ordinance. This research has broad applications. It could ultimately be used to pinpoint exactly when and where repairs have to be made on submarines, ships, and airplanes—addressing precise repair/replacement issues and reducing general preventative maintenance costs.

Leading edge physics research is new to Lincoln, but it fits hand in glove with the university’s growing focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM initiative). The laser-based ultrasound project is a Department of Defense project funded by the Army Research Lab. The 2007 grant enabled the university to develop a core adaptive optics and nanophotonics research facility. This grant was renewed by the Department of Defense in 2008. Since the initial grants, LU has also received funding from the USDA, NASA and the National Institutes for Health for continued research in this exciting new area of applied research. The project brings expanded faculty research and, in turn, more undergraduates seeking an experience where they can participate in the new frontier of physics exploration.

“I have always been interested in understanding how the principles of physics can be applied in medicine,” says Brad Jeffries, a physics major who is learning to make semiconductor thinfilm devices for biomedical imaging with fellowship funding from NASA Missouri Space Grant Consortium.

“Work has been done since the 1990s to develop an interferometric semiconductor film which is not sensitive to mechanical vibration,” Balasubramanian points out. “Now we can look at how a surface vibrates, and we have a film that can track vibrations and gain information about the structure beneath the surface.” While Purdue owns the proprietary information on the film, Lincoln University can license a component and patent a particular technique as well as a developed system.

Dr. Balasubramanian has also revamped the Earth Science course at Lincoln University for general education students. The course now challenges the students in critical thinking and allows the student to be systematic in learning through homework, group activities and quizzes on a regular basis.

Balasubramanian is also part of a collaboration with the University of Missouri that improves the teaching abilities of 9th grade physics teachers using activity-based inquiry in the classroom. This project is currently funded by the National Science Foundation until 2014.

“Lincoln University is an HBCU which offers a small classroom experience and frontier research. It’s a unique situation which appeals to both prospective students and faculty,” explains Balasubramanian. “Our work becomes a resource for the entire university.”

Few small universities have the ability to bring truly sophisticated scientific research projects to their campuses. The fact that nanophotonics research is underway at Lincoln University raises awareness at state and federal levels where funding decisions are made. Decades have passed since Albert Einstein first developed the concept of the photon. Today, nanophotonics research has emerged as a significant field of study for the 21st century with potential to change military tactics and resources, medical science, and the daily lives of people around the globe.
James and Mary Bailey met and fell in love when James was a student at Lincoln University.

He was an Education major from St. Louis. She was a graduate of Lincoln Institute, who lived across from campus near the tennis courts on Lafayette Street. “Mary was the first girl I met when I came to campus” says Bailey. “We became a couple a year or so later.” Mary saw James often when he was working around the tennis courts. “He was a quiet sort of person,” she says. The Bailey’s were married in 1938. Mary focused on her growing family. James graduated in 1939.

There was a strong faculty at Lincoln in the 1930s whose talent and commitment to students were memorable—Dr. Sidney Reedy (education), Dr. A.A. Kildare (physics), Dr. Moddie Taylor (Chemistry), Dr. G. Robert Cotton (history), Dr. Cyrus B. Taylor (industrial arts) and Dean W. B. Jason.

Bailey focused his studies on mathematics and earned recognition in mathematics, calculus, and differential calculus.

“Whatever was happening on campus, we wanted to be involved,” remembers Bailey. There was discussion about the war in Europe, but the students of the 1930s were working their way through the Depression. Staying afloat financially was a major concern for everyone. “The Depression was coming to an end,” commented Bailey. “We were lucky to be able to go to school in the first place. Of my high school class of 105, maybe five of us were able to go to college—most on scholarships. I was so fortunate to go to college and to be able to earn my way through school. Very few students could afford a vehicle—the Baileys remember one young lady from Oklahoma who brought a “sports automobile” with her.

“LU provided me with the wherewithal to earn my way through college,” says Bailey. “Mr. Frank C. Hearlold was in charge of Buildings and Grounds. He hired me as the campus painter. I painted every building on campus inside and out. Different members of the faculty employed me to paint their homes. I was known as Jimmy the Painter.

James Bailey is particularly proud that he was the first initiate to the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at Lincoln. “We had a number of fine teachers at Lincoln at that time, and several were Omegas,” says Bailey.

“I was so fortunate to go to college and to be able to earn my way through school.”

“Their idea was to establish a chapter on campus for young men who chose to go into education. They got approval to establish the Eta Sigma chapter at Lincoln in 1937. The charter group was to initiate the Eta Sigma chapter. I was the only one of three initiates who met all the qualifications.”

Although they have missed the last two Homecoming celebrations for health reasons, the Baileys have truly enjoyed returning to campus over the years. “I’m proud of what has happened to LU in recent years. I’m extremely proud that we have lady president. I think she’s doing an outstanding job,” says Bailey approvingly.

After graduation, the Baileys moved to Mexico, Missouri, where he taught at Garfield High for three years. He spent his entire career in education and retired in 1977. The Baileys have two sons, Dr. James Marvin Bailey Jr. and Judge Duane L. Bailey.
Travis E. Massman ('97)

Travis E. Massman graduated with a double major in Business Administration and Marketing. As a transfer student, he was eager to get involved in SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) but “didn’t want to get in front of people and talk.” Within a month, he remembers, Jim Logan had him speaking to business groups. “It really brought me out of my shell,” says Massman. He was part of a successful SIFE Traveling Team, which placed well at regional and national competitions. He was also a member of the Honda All Star Challenge Team that traveled to Orlando.

Today, Massman is the Sales Manager for Central and Southern Missouri with IKON Office Solutions and credits much of his success to Lincoln University and to mentors Jim Logan and Ty Westergard. “At Lincoln, I learned public speaking and interpersonal communication skills,” says Massman. “The low teacher/student ratio meant that you weren’t just a number. You could bounce ideas off professors. I use those same approaches in working with IKON.” Massman works with eight account executives and major account executives. The work brings significant public contact, but he finds the greatest satisfaction in working with sales reps to increase their skills and to support them in their careers.

“I believe Lincoln is a great place to go because they take a personal approach,” says Massman. “My classes strengthened my skills, and the experience working with business leaders was invaluable.”

Massman is particularly proud of his membership in Leadership Jefferson City (2008). He is a member of the board of directors of the River Regional Library and past member of the Boys and Girls Club board. He is also active in the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus and Eagles Club.

Travis and Casey Massman are the parents of five-year-old twins.

Sandy Koetting ('91)

Sandy Koetting came to Lincoln University as a Cashier in 1991. She had just completed her Associates Degree in Accounting at Linn Technical College and was ready to get her career underway. In 1993, Koetting moved to the Controller’s Office as an Administrative Assistant to Dora Hayes. Koetting credits Ms. Hayes with convincing her that advancing in her career had to include a bachelor’s degree. In 1998 while working full-time and raising two children, Koetting resumed her studies. After seven years and two promotions, she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Koetting is proud that she has spent most of her professional career at LU. “I tell everyone that I grew up at Lincoln.” She was promoted from Accountant I to Accountant II to Accountant III. In May 2009, she was again promoted to Advancement Fiscal Specialist/Internal Auditor. A few short months later, Koetting was appointed the university’s new Controller.

Sandy Koetting has settled into her new job and recently reflected on her Lincoln experience. “Each position I have held at Lincoln taught me valuable skills. I would not have accomplished all of this without great professors like Deb Rankin and Marilyn Headrick,” says Koetting. “But mostly, I owe my personal and professional growth to mentors like Turu Negash and Dora Hayes, two former Lincoln Controllers. They have always encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone. They led by example, showing commitment and love for their job and the Lincoln University family. I feel truly blessed to have graduated from and work at Lincoln.”

Sandy Koetting, a devotee of numbers, puzzles, and Sudoku, is married to Paul Koetting. They have two children, Dylan (17) and Paige (16).

Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson attended Lincoln from 1996 to 1999 as a broadcast and journalism major. His career has taken him from Kansas City to Miami to Los Angeles, where he is the founder and force behind CBJ Enterprises. On his website, www.cbjglobal.com, Johnson introduces himself and projects planned for the near future. Best Foot 4ward prepares individuals for job interviews and will collect 100,000 suits for men and women. Its inaugural celebration will be on Father’s Day (2010). “Let Everybody Read” is directed to students from low income areas in Kansas City, Miami, Little Rock, and Compton (CA). The project’s goal is to raise $1,000,000 to purchase PSAT and ACT study guides.

Johnson is in a “helping people business,” which has a spiritual motivation behind it. Hosea 4:6 is the basis for Let Everybody Read. His career has taken some surprising turns, according to Johnson, “Little did I know I would wind up communicating with my books!” He brings out a new book about every eight months. His most recent books are “Hang Up the Phone,” “My Mom Was My Dad,” and “Getting Dressed from the Inside.”

Reflecting on his Lincoln years, Johnson cites several mentors – Ken and Theresa Ferguson; James Howard, Phillip Ford, President Henson, Coach Tom Lester, and Mr. Bean from the Communication Department.
Class of 1951

BERNARD H. LANE has been included in the 2006–2007 edition of the Cambridge Who’s Who Registry of Executives and Professionals. Lane is co-founder of the Lake Charles Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. He has retired as a curriculum supervisor of the Calcasieu Parish School Board in Lake Charles, LA.

Class of 1956

ABRAHAM BOLDEN received the St. Louis Gateway Classics Foundation Walk of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award during the Gateway Classic Weekend in August 2009. Bolden graduated cum laude from Lincoln University. In 1961, he became the nation’s first black Secret Service agent when he was appointed by President John F. Kennedy. In 2008, he published “The Echoes of Daley Plaza” detailing his experiences.

Class of 1959

PATTY L. HARRIS DONEGAN retired as a reading teacher from the Washington, D.C. Public School System in June, 2008. She received recognition for raising her students’ reading test scores. Donegan has completed 60 additional hours beyond her master’s degree. In addition to her work in the classroom, Donegan is also President of the Barristers Spouses of Washington, D.C.

REGINA VAUGHN LEE was a featured speaker for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Moberly. Lee, a native of Moberly, was a member of the last graduating class from Lincoln High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from Lincoln University and a Masters of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Class of 1965

ARLENE MARY (BISH) BROEKER received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2009 Missouri Business Education Association Summer Conference. The award recognized her contributions to business education, which included two years of teaching in high school and 30 years as a vocational business teacher. Broeker was also an educational consultant for two years and the Supervisor of Business Education for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for seven years. In addition, she taught business education at her alma mater for three years.

Class of 1967

DR. DON COOK, founder and CEO of Capital International Communications (CIC) was honored at the 10th Annual Salute to Excellence in Business Awards. CIC is among the area’s Top 25 African American businesses honored. Cook founded the company in 2002, with operations starting in 2004 as a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). CIC’s management team has worked with Bell Electric, Peabody Energy, Sachs Electric, Guarantee Electric, Aschinger Electric, AT&T and Verizon, to name a few.

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Dr. Cook to the Missouri Workforce Investment Board for a term ending in 2013. The board serves as an advisory council to the Governor and the Division of Workforce Development on employment and training needs of Missouri businesses.

DR. ALBERT L. WALKER has been named Vice Chair/Secretary of the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association Board of Trustees. Dr. Walker, President of Bluefield State College, served one year

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Marriages

October 10, 2008
Stephanie Diane Boykin (*’92)
Michael Person

May 16, 2009
Natalee Wooden (*’01)
Ronald Thornton, Jr.

June 6, 2009
Cheznee L. Hayes (*’06)
Jared R. Lee

June 6, 2009
Jessica Ann Sayler
Cody Ryan Teter

June 13, 2009
Ashlie Jean Lang (*’07)
Norman Lawrence Otto, II

June 13, 2009
Erica Yasmin Vickers (*’06)
Warren C. Cage, (*’02)

July 11, 2009
Jennifer Marie Doerhoff
Nicholas Emil Bish (*’06)

September 12, 2009
Erika Collins
Rowland Tones (*’06)

September 26, 2009
Kathren J. Cook (*’05)
Shannon P. Douglas

September 26, 2009
Mandy Harris
Tommy Barrett*

September 26, 2009
Kelli Ann Libbert (*’07)
Nicholas Robert Green

October 3, 2009
Kacey Joelle Huffman (*’08)
Adam John Hays

December 19, 2009
Marcella Louise Bettencourt
Brian Alan Lewis, (*’08)

*Current or former Lincoln University student
as vice chair/secretary and chair-elect, then will begin a one-year term as chair, beginning in September 2010. The Higher Learning Commission is part of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, overseeing the accreditation of degree-granting colleges and universities in 19 Midwestern and South-Central states, including West Virginia.

EARL WILSON JR., founding president of the St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation, has announced his retirement. His son, Richard Gray, will step into the role of Foundation President. The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation hosts a number of philanthropic events on behalf of youth and has invested $2.6 million in scholarship funds to send more than a hundred students to college during the organization’s 16 years. Wilson said, “If you asked me what Gateway Classic is about, I’d say it’s about giving back.” Wilson founded the Gateway Classic after retiring from his 30-year career with IBM, where he led a $1.4 billion operation with more than 100 salesmen.

Class of 1971

BRENT CRANE AND JULIANA (LUEBBERING) CRANE celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Arrow Rock, Missouri. The Cranes were married on August 30, 1969.

PASTOR RICHARD LEE GUDGEL will retire in June 2010 from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska. He has served as pastor since 1989.

Class of 1972

DR. JAMES M. FORD was the guest speaker at the Hermann High School DECA Chapter’s Veterans Day Annual Breakfast and Assembly on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Dr. Ford teaches advanced social studies at Lebanon High School. Ford was commissioned as a Adjutant Generals Corps officer upon his graduation from Lincoln University in 1972 and was recognized as a distinguished military graduate. Ford’s wife, Judy, was the first female commissioned as a 2nd Lt. at Lincoln University. A veteran, she was among the first females to be assigned to the Republic of Korea.

Class of 1974

WILLIAM BLAINE LUETKEMEYER was elected in November 2008 to represent the 25 counties in the 9th Congressional District of Missouri. He graduated from Lincoln University with a degree in political science and a minor in business administration. Rep. Luetkemeyer is a member of the House Small Business Committee. He also serves on the Subcommittee on Finance and Tax. He sits on the House Agriculture Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Rep. Luetkemeyer is also a member of several key subcommittees, including the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade, of which he is the ranking member.

Class of 1980

ELLIS McSWAIN Jr. was appointed to the Board of Probation and Parole by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon in September 2009, to a term ending in August 2012. The seven-member Board of Probation and Parole is responsible for determining whether a person confined to the Department of Corrections shall be paroled or conditionally released. The board is also charged with supervising all persons on probation and parole. McSwain has been the warden at Algoa Correctional Center in Jefferson City since June 2008. He has held management positions at other Missouri Department of Corrections institutions in Boonville, Cameron, Fulton, Jeffersonville and Tipton, and served as a probation and parole officer in Hannibal.

LTC CHRISTOPHER B. FRY SR. graduated from the elite Command and Staff College at Carlisle, PA. He has been assigned to The Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Fry received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University and a Master of Arts degree in 2003 from Webster in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Class of 1990

COLONEL DOUGLAS C. ROSE JR. was promoted from Lieutenant Colonel to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army, during a ceremony at the Pentagon in August 2009.

Class of 1993

RUBY HIBDON has returned to Latham R-V School where she taught for four years in the 1990s. Hibdon has been hired to teach social studies and communication arts at the fifth through eighth grade levels. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Lincoln University.

Class of 1996

SUSAN J. WILSON has been named Librarian and Media Specialist at Clarksburg CII School. Prior to her new position, Wilson spent a decade as a teacher. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Lincoln University and her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from William Woods University.

Class of 2002

RORY WARREN FOX was selected from among 20 applicants for the position of Recreation Director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Godfrey, Illinois. Fox received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

Class of 2003

TIFFANY NICOLE LACKMAN has been hired as a third grade teacher at St. Elizabeth. Lackman graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education.
JANAH MASSMAN has been hired as the St. Elizabeth School Principal. Massman has worked at the school as a special education teacher for two years, and as a third grade teacher for the last four years. Massman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and completed graduate work at William Woods University.

Class of 2005

CARYN BOESCHEN is the new Russellville Elementary/Middle School Counselor for grades kindergarten through seventh. Boeschen earned a Master of Education from Lincoln University.

Class of 2006

LEROY HECKEMEYER has been named the Superintendent of St. Elizabeth School in Missouri. Heckemeyer has been an educator for 28 years. Heckemeyer has earned degrees from Central Missouri State and Williams Woods University. He earned his Educational Specialist Degree at Lincoln University.

Class of 2007

ADAM M. STARK has joined Coldwell Banker- Gordon Company Realtors as a full-time real estate agent. He received a bachelor’s degree from Lincoln University, and is a member of the Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, the Missouri Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Class of 2008

HEIDI LeANN BOCK is pursuing a degree at Lincoln University to become a licensed professional counselor. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Lincoln University.

MENDY LORENE COSTIGAN has been appointed as an elementary art teacher for the Tipton (Missouri) R-VI School District. Costigan’s work includes teaching students to show appreciation for others and confidence in themselves. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Lincoln University.

REBECCA SIEBENNECK was appointed as the grade 6-7 communication arts teacher at Morgan County, Missouri R-I School for 2009-2010. Siebeneck graduated from Lincoln University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, with an emphasis in instructional technology.

Class of 2009

SABRA LYNN CRAWFORD is employed as the vocal music teacher for students in kindergarten through high school in the Tipton (Missouri) R-VI School District. Crawford earned her Bachelor of Music Education from Lincoln University.

STEVEN RHINE was appointed as the principal at South Elementary School in Eldon, Missouri. Rhine has 21 years of educational experience in Missouri public schools. Rhine earned his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University. He completed a Master of Education in 2000, and an Educational Specialist in Superintendent certification in 2009 from Lincoln University.

Giving Back to His Alma Mater

Dr. Eric Burgess (’74,’75), a native of St. Louis Missouri, has returned to his alma mater as a faculty member in the Department of Business and Economics. Burgess was member of the first MBA graduating class of 1975. Following graduation, he credits the university’s placement office with helping him secure a job with Procter & Gamble, where he was assigned operations management leadership roles throughout the United States and abroad during his 20 years with the company. In 1995, he left Proctor & Gamble and spent the next three years as an independent management consultant. In 1998, he began his second career, this time in education, as an Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. He most recently worked for the University of Minnesota as a business management instructor for nine years. During this time he earned a PhD. degree in Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota.

Burgess has enjoyed two very successful professional careers and he attributes his success to the quality education and career preparation he received from Lincoln University. “I am very happy and proud to be back working for my alma mater,” he says. “Lincoln University gave me the education and skills that enabled me to have a very successful life. I’m trying my best to do the same for my students!”
GREATER KANSAS CITY
The Greater Kansas City Chapter held its annual Fall Fling Scholarship Dance. Approximately 230 alumni and friends of the University gathered to raise money to support area students at LU. All enjoyed the door prizes, dance contests and great food. Dr. Earl Wheatfall, President, Lincoln University National Alumni Association and his wife, Barbara, attended the chapter’s annual event. Dr. Wheatfall gave an inspiring address and charge to the audience to support the university’s academic mission and athletic programs. Betty Kemna, Athletic Director, provided 25 complimentary tickets to support and watch the Lincoln University Men’s Basketball Team battle the Kangaroos of the University of Kansas City Missouri (UMKC).

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ALUMNI CHAPTER sponsored a Fall Extravaganza on November 14, 2009 at the VFW Building. Proceeds will go to the LU Alumni Association – Southeast Missouri Chapter.

GREATER ST. LOUIS
Dr. Earline Butler ended her term as Chapter President in December. New officers took the oath of office at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel during the L.U. Xmas Jam.”

New officers are:
President – Robin Carey
Vice-President – Joseph Scoggin
Recording Secretary – Shelia Goodwin
Financial Secretary – Janet White
Treasurer – Kimberly Johnson
Corresponding Secretary – Gloria Bean
Parliamentarian – Jimmie Capelton
Chaplain – Finnos Coleman
Historian – Stanley Goodwin

The chapter is pleased to welcome Frank Williamson ’09 who will work with Public Relations. Kamilah Russell will offer training in Technology and Computer Social Network. The chapter observed Founders Day on Saturday, February 20. Tickets were $40. Members were asked to make contributions in observance of 144 years of continuing education at Lincoln University.
Lincoln University acquired the home located at 601 Jackson Street in 1965 for the purpose of providing a residence close to the campus for the president of the University. The Preservation of the President's Residence Building Project seeks to complete modifications necessary to reopen the residence to support its original purpose of being the President's Residence for Lincoln University. The residence, currently listed as a historic landmark for the City of Jefferson, meets eligibility criteria to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Architecturally, the style of the residence is French Eclectic, which is a rare example of the style locally. Its tall, steeply pitched roof and rusticated stone exterior veneer are typical of the style.

I/We enclosed a gift to the Preservation of the President’s Residence Building Project.

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Name that Building!

Lincoln University is accepting nominations for
1) Re-naming Langston Hughes Theatre in Martin Luther King Hall and
2) Naming the theatre stage in Martin Luther King Hall.

For more information and nomination criteria, please visit the Lincoln University Design and Construction website at http://www.lincolnu.edu/pages/192.asp or call 573–681–5084.

Nominations must be submitted in a formal written letter with supporting documentation to Chair of Re-Naming Langston Hughes Theatre and the Theatre Stage Committee, Design and Construction, Young Hall Room 309, P.O. Box 29, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102-0029, by close of business on April 29, 2010.
We sorrowfully acknowledge the deaths of the following alumni, friends, former students, employees, retirees, and offer our condolences to their families and friends.

Class of 1943

MARGARET BUSH WILSON
January 30, 1919–August 11, 2009
A civil rights leader, Mrs. Wilson earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Talladega College in 1940 and completed her bachelor of laws degree in 1943 at the Lincoln University Law School, sealing her place in history as the second African American woman admitted to the Missouri Bar. In 1948, Mrs. Wilson argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Shelley v. Kraemer, a lawsuit challenging the legality of barring African American homebuyers from owning homes in Whites-only neighborhoods in Missouri. The court ruled such a ban was unconstitutional, a victory for Wilson.

A child of parents who were active in the NAACP, Wilson followed in their footsteps, and was named President of the St. Louis chapter of the organization in 1958; President of the Missouri NAACP in 1962; and the Chairperson of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP in 1975. Wilson was the first woman to hold the NAACP’s top position, a seat which she retained for nine years. Mrs. Wilson was inducted into the Lincoln University Alumni Hall of Fame in 2006.

Class of 1949

CLAYTON ERWIN FOX JR
May 3, 1917–August 20, 2009
Mr. Fox, a veteran of World War II, graduated from Lincoln University in 1949. After earning his degree, he served his alma mater for two years as an instructor in industrial arts, before beginning his 33-year career with the Detroit Public School System. A Lincolnite for life, Fox was a member of the Detroit Alumni Chapter and was the chapter’s official photographer for several years.

Besides his connection as an alumnus and former faculty member, Fox’s ties to the university also run in the family. His son, Clayton E. Fox III, is an alumnus. One brother-in-law, Dr. James Seeney, was the longtime Chair of the Division of Education and Psychology. Another brother in law, Dudley Randall, served as acting librarian at Inman E. Page Library and numerous other members of his family are listed as Lincoln University alumni.

Class of 1954

LORRAINE WYSNOUNAH HATCHER CALDWELL
June 19, 1932–January 29, 2010
Ms. Lorraine Hatcher Caldwell was the daughter of Mr. Luther Hatcher, former Director of Buildings and Grounds and one of the three men for whom the Collier/Hatcher/Parks parking lot is named. Her stepmother, Evelyn Hatcher, was a longtime fixture in the Lincoln University Business Office. Caldwell graduated from Lincoln Laboratory High School and then attended Lincoln University, earning her degree in 1954. She was also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Wright State University. She was a physical education teacher for the Dayton Public Schools for many years, and was a charter member of the Dayton/Cincinnati/Columbus Ohio Alumni Chapter, serving as Chapter Secretary for many years.

Class of 1957

LOIS ELLEN FARRIS MARTIN ROBINSON
October 11, 1934–November 7, 2009
Miss Homecoming 1955-1956.
Lois Robinson (nee Farris) moved to Chicago after graduating from Lincoln University in 1957. She earned a master’s degree from the University of Illinois and spent her career with the state of Illinois and the Chicago Board of Education as an advocate for children and families. She was an active member of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and was a regular at Lincoln University Homecoming festivities. The Farris Family was honored as Family of the Year in 2008.

Class of 1959

ROSIE ADELL BROWN TIPPIN
January 26, 1937–July 20, 2009
Mrs. Tippin earned a bachelor’s degree in business education in 1959 and a master’s degree in elementary education with certification in elementary administration in 1966. She also did post-graduate work at the University of Missouri and Lindenwood University. A lifelong educator, Tippin worked in the St. Louis Public Schools, Lincoln University Laboratory School and Columbia Public Schools, including ten years as the principal at West Boulevard Elementary School in Columbia. Her love of education and children prompted her to seek a spot on the Columbia School Board, to which she was elected in April 2008.

Ms. Tippin was married to the late Dr. Keener A. Tippin Sr. (’57, ’60), a former Lincoln University Director of Housing, Assistant Dean of Students and Interim Vice President of Student Affairs. The Tippin’s son, Keener A. Tippin II, is a 1985 graduate of Lincoln University. The Tippin’s niece, Dana Tippin Cutler, is a member of the Lincoln University Board of Curators, serving as Board President in 2009.
Friends of Lincoln University

EARLENE V. HENSON
June 11, 1940–November 28, 2009
Mrs. Henson was the wife of the late Dr. David B. Henson, 17th President of Lincoln University. Also an educator, she completed her undergraduate work at Florida A&M University and earned the Master of Education from Tuskegee Institute. Mrs. Henson retired in June 2009 as Dean of Students from Linn State Technical College after ten years of devoted service.

A supporter of Lincoln University since her arrival in 1997, Mrs. Henson was present in May 2007 for the dedication of the Soldiers’ Memorial Plaza, which was her husband’s vision. Mrs. Henson’s family requested that all memorial gifts be donated to the David B. and Earlene V. Henson Endowed Scholarship Fund at Lincoln University.

Alumni

Leontine Golden
Anderson Jones ’41
October 20, 2009

Margaret Bush Wilson ’43
August 11, 2009

Marguerite Johnson Boyce ’45
October 18, 2009

Claude E. Arnold ’47
June 12, 2009

Chester “Chet” Wofford ’47
May 26, 2009

Clayton Erwin Fox, Jr. ’49
August 20, 2009

Lawrence Westley ’50
March 7, 2008

Amos Dalton Morris Sr. ’51
October 16, 2009

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Annual President’s Gala

The Lincoln University Foundation meets regularly to conduct business and elections and to prepare for upcoming activities. The Foundation board held an extended meeting during Homecoming to review its Fundraising Strategy Proposal. Retiring the remaining Soldiers’ Memorial obligation is a priority for the board’s fund development efforts. Other agenda items included the quarterly investment report, the 2010 President’s Gala Recognition/Awards and Silent Auction, and the annual scholarship application review.

In November, preparations for the annual President’s Gala began in earnest. Mailings were sent to prospective new Gala sponsors, as well as those who have sponsored the event in the past three years. Telephone contacts have followed. Solicitation for the Gala Program Book and for the Silent Auction also began in December.

Save the Date!
The Annual President’s Gala Recognition/Awards and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 10. The event will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The 2010 theme is “A Global Affair: Teaching and Reaching the World from our Community.” The theme not only emphasizes the role Lincoln University plays in dozens of countries, it provides a welcome opportunity to feature the international community, which is so much a part of university life. Alumni, donors, and friends of Lincoln are invited to be part of this special experience. Attendees will enjoy the décor and entertainment and will also have a chance to sample hors d’oeuvres with an international twist. Invitations are in the mail. For further information, contact the Department of Advancement at 573-681-5096.

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Foundation Honors 2009-2010 Scholarship Recipients

October 8, 2009. It was Thursday of an eventful Homecoming week, and spirits were high in spite of the weather. Alumni and students donned umbrellas and raincoats and waded through flooding sidewalks to Page Library for the annual scholarship luncheon.

Over 200 students, foundation board members, donors, family members, faculty and staff enjoyed the buffet luncheon served by Sodexho. Scholarship recipients met personally with many of the benefactors who have established endowed scholarship funds at Lincoln University. Senator Rita Heard Days welcomed guests to the luncheon. Mr. Victor Pasley, Foundation board president, spoke briefly with awardees about the importance of the gathering and the foundation’s pride in its scholarship program. Mr. Joe Outlaw inspired students with encouragement to achieve and explore new opportunities. Mr. Brian Berhorst welcomed and congratulated students and facilitated student introductions. Dr. Carolyn Mahoney served as the keynote speaker and thanked donors and the foundation for their commitment to students.

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. A listing of endowed scholarships and 2009–2010 scholarship recipients is included in the 2009 Foundation Annual Report. A copy of the report may be found online at www.lincolnu.edu or to request a copy of the annual report, contact the Office of University Advancement, 820 Chestnut, 301 Young Hall, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. To establish a scholarship or contribute to the Foundation Scholarship Program, please contact University Advancement at (573) 681-5611 or advancement@lincolnu.edu.
The Lincoln University Board of Curators completed the following items during meetings held in November 2009 and February 2010. For a complete list of actions, visit www.lincolnu.edu and click on the “News” section.

November 2009

- Approved a new Master of Science (MS) degree in Environmental Science
- Received and accepted the university audit report presented by Baird, Kurtz and Dobson for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009

February 2010

- Approved the recommendation that President Carolyn Mahoney establish an Investment Committee to review all long and short term investments
- Approved a contract with Sircal Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $456,100 for the Martin Luther King Hall Classroom Renovation Project
- Approved the recommendation to name the University Print Shop the Lucius Jones Printing Center and the auditorium in the Clement Richardson Fine Arts Center the Robert and Charlene Mitchell Auditorium

Board Presentations

Any individual or group desiring to make a presentation before the Board of Curators may be placed on the agenda for a regular meeting if a written request to the board through the Office of the President of the University is received at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The request shall include the name(s) of the individual or group making the request together with a summary of the presentation. It will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee of the Board of Curators to decide whether the request will be approved. If the request is approved, the president of the board shall determine an appropriate amount of time to be allowed for the presentation and shall relay the decision to the initiator of the request. A request by an individual or group to present a matter that should be handled by the university administration shall be denied.

Presentation request forms are available in the Office of the President of the University.

Senate Confirmations

Curator Randy Halsey (right) was confirmed by the Missouri State Senate as a member of the Lincoln University Board of Curators on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Student Representative Tiffany Carter (center) was confirmed by the Missouri State Senate as member of the Lincoln University Board of Curators on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.
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A total of 177 graduates completed one stage of their education during December 2009 Commencement. The Class of 2009 was a true illustration of the diversity upon which the university has built its heritage. The valedictorian, Nandelle Cameron, was an international student from Jamaica, while the salutatorian, Shawn Frank, lists Holts Summit as his hometown. The youngest graduate earned a degree at the age of 20, while the senior member of the class received a master’s degree at 71. Armed with their Lincoln University degrees in the top three majors of business administration, nursing science, elementary education and the remaining programs of study, the neophyte alumni stood ready to take on the world.

Commencement speaker Dr. Robert Stein, Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Higher Education, reminded the class, their friends and family, that this time of transition in their lives was not an end point, but rather a new beginning. Stein, who will retire in 2010 after more than 40 years in higher education, said it is the moments like graduation and retirement that help guide us down the next path of our lives.

“Points of transition are not only times for celebration that are well deserved, but also for reflection on lessons learned and how to ensure a bright future,” said Stein.

As they prepared to head off in the various directions their education and careers would take them, Stein reminded the graduates to remain humble no matter how prestigious they might become.

“It is important to be humble,” Stein instructed, “because no matter how different we look, no matter what adversities we have overcome, no matter what accomplishments we have achieved, all of us are more similar than different, and there is power in remembering our commonality.”

National Alumni Association President Dr. Earl Wheatfall, attending his first Commencement in his new position, led the graduates in the Alumni Pledge. The class received a one-year honorary membership in the Lincoln University Alumni Association.
Work continues around campus to improve facilities and enhance the learning experience and quality of life at Lincoln. Among the recent improvements are (clockwise, from left to right): the Damel Hall renovation, the Historic Trail, Jason Gymnasium, weight room and locker room renovation, and again, the Historic Trail.

Lincoln University Alumni Band Reunion
Homecoming 2010

Please send information about yourself to Director of Bands, Ms. Rhonda L. Harper.

Please include your: Name, Address, Phone number, Class, Instrument, Majorette, Dancer.

Please note if you still play an instrument.

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Lost Alumni
Blue Tiger Phonathon Update

Retirees and 25 Years of Service

Lincoln University thanks the following people for their years of service.

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Mr. Fred F. Schmitz (Grounds Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds)
Mrs. Constance M. Williams (Vice President, Student Affairs)

25 Years of Service

Ms. Ithaca Bryant (Library Assistant II, Inman E. Page Library)
Dr. Frieda Eivazi (Head, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Associate Research Director, Cooperative Research)
Mr. Alfred L. Robinson (Director, Financial Aid)

And the winners are:

- Robin Carey, East St. Louis, IL
- John and Betty Swindell, Deep River, CT.
- David Eppelheimer, Wauwatosa, WI

The winners were each donors to the Fall 2009 Blue Tiger Phonathon campaign, and they each remembered the special password. Their names were drawn from among other donors who remembered the password for the campaign. Winners each received an attractive Lincoln University sweatshirt.

Answer the Call!

The Spring 2010 Phonathon campaign is in session from February 21 through April 29. During the campaign, student callers contact alumni and friends to ask for contributions to the university. Although donors can choose to support any fund, support is especially needed for scholarships and the Soldiers’ Memorial. The spring campaign includes an opportunity for donors to be entered in a drawing for a Lincoln University t-shirt, if they can give the password when contacted by a student caller. Four names will be randomly drawn at the end of the campaign.

The postcard announcement for the 2010 Blue Tiger Phonathon campaign was mailed the second week of February; the new campaign password is listed at the bottom of the postcard.
Track Stand Out Semoy Hackett

A Lincoln University sophomore has already made quite an impression in the world of women’s track. Semoy Hackett has been recognized as the 2010 Women’s Track Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). Hackett ranks first in the national rankings for the 60-meter dash (7.31 seconds) and the 200-meter dash (24.01 seconds). Prior to the start of the season, she was named to The Bow- erman Preseason Watch List, which showcases the top ten female athletes in the sport. An Olympic athlete, Hackett represented her home country of Trinidad and Tobago in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Track Coach Victor Thomas Honored

The USTFCCA honored Victor Thomas as the South-Central Women’s Head Coach of the Year. Thomas has lead the Blue Tiger Women’s team to a total of ten NCAA championships, six outdoor and four indoor. This is the ninth Coach of the Year recognition for Thomas, who joined Lincoln University in 2002.

2010 Women’s Track and Field

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Four-man scramble with the entry fee including green fees, riding cart, cap, tees and golf balls

Date/Time: Monday, June 14, 2010 (Shot Gun start at 12:30)
Entry Fee: $150 per person
Location: Meadow Lake Acres Country Club
Registration Deadline: May 30, 2010

This tournament is an effort to provide scholarship support for Mid-Missouri students attending Lincoln University.

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