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Embracing Our Past.  
Empowering Our Future.

The Campaign for  
**LINCOLN COLLEGE**



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### **It's going to be an exciting year at Lincoln College!**

I am pleased to share with you that Lincoln College has once again set new enrollment records! For the first time—ever—we have almost as many returning students as new students.

This is a great accomplishment! In growing its enrollment, Lincoln College is bucking state and national trends, which have seen declines in college enrollments. College enrollments in Illinois dropped 2.9% during the first half of 2017 and national figures from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center for 2016 show a 1.4% decrease in college enrollment nationally.

Regardless, our total full-time fall enrollment on the Lincoln Campus is 710 students—an increase of 4.7%—and has set records for both total residential students (629) and the largest number of returning students (354).

Also, 325 students are enrolled in the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program in Normal, Peoria and Oglesby and 74 area high school students are enrolled in dual-credit courses, bringing the total headcount (including dual-credit and part-time students) at all campuses to 1,123, an increase of 5.35%.

These increases are further evidence that the decision to increase the number of baccalaureate programs was the right one.

As we strategically add programs, more students are staying, and students and their families are discovering what we already knew: **Lincoln College offers one of the best values in education today.** And, equally important, students who come to Lincoln College find a welcoming and supportive living and learning environment that makes them want to stay for a full four years.

Institutions that offer both two-year and four-year degree options on the same campus have a proven record of success in keeping students in school—one of the biggest challenges facing higher education today. In looking at the future of the College and its place in the community, it became clear that continuing to offer the associate's program while expanding our bachelor's degree programs would be necessary for the growth and future of Lincoln College.

**This fall semester, nearly 60 percent of incoming freshmen on the Lincoln campus have already declared their intent to enroll in one of these bachelor's degree programs:**

- **Business Management;**
- **Community and Human Services;**
- **Conservation Biology;**
- **Criminal Justice Studies;**
- **Exercise Science;**
- **Jazz Studies;**
- **Radio, Television and New Media;**
- **Sport Management;**
- **Theater; and**
- **Vocal Performance.**

Additional degree options are planned for 2018-2019, and the new four-year format has opened the door to new opportunities in athletics, as Lincoln College transitions from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) to the four-year National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The transition will allow Lincoln College student athletes to compete for a full four years.

To accommodate the influx of residential students, the College added a new Lynx Village apartment suite option this year. The project converted blighted property adjacent to the College into completely renovated apartments. Additional local housing options are planned for the next school year.

And, over the summer we launched the public phase of the **Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future Campaign for Lincoln College**. You will read more about the **EMPOWER LC** campaign and the kickoff event in this issue of *The Lincoln Log*. The six-year \$8 million **EMPOWER LC** Campaign will provide resources for immediate campus needs as well as long-term strategic projects, like restoring historic University Hall and preserving its legacy as the heart of campus learning.

In a letter to the Lynx family posted on the EMPOWER LC webpage ([lincolncollege.edu/EmpowerLC](http://lincolncollege.edu/EmpowerLC)), Campaign co-chairs and Trustees John Blackburn and Jack Sparacio '63 write:



*“With the enthusiastic support of the Board of Trustees and with a huge leap of faith, Lincoln College is returning to our roots as a four-year degree granting institution. At the same time, we are respecting and continuing our longstanding commitment to offer two-year degrees to students who find that a four-year college career does not meet their needs. We fully anticipate that many of these students, once they have found their home at Lincoln College, will be inspired to complete their bachelor’s degrees.*”

*The truth is, without strong support, Lincoln College cannot succeed. While the path is clear and the goal is within reach, we must invest now in order to assure that Lincoln College can continue its mission for at least another century and a half.”*

Please take a few minutes to visit [lincolncollege.edu/EmpowerLC](http://lincolncollege.edu/EmpowerLC). Read the letter from John and Jack, watch the inspiring video testimonial from 2017 Commencement student speaker April Wilson, and **consider how you can support the EMPOWER LC Campaign and help Lincoln College continue to empower students to reach their full potential** for the next 150 years.

# Welcome to Lynx Village!

Welcome to Lynx Village! Over the summer, apartments across from the Lincoln Center on Nicholson Road and Wichita Street were completely renovated into new student housing, thanks in part to a generous grant from The Woods Foundation. The 10-unit Lynx Village is home to 39 students who live in three-, four-, and five-bedroom pods. Each pod has one or two bathrooms and a shared living room. LC celebrated the renovation with a ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House tours on Sept. 29. Thank you to the students who opened their rooms for the tours and to the Lincoln and Logan County Chamber of Commerce, representatives from The Woods Foundation, LC Board of Trustees, and members of the Lincoln and campus communities for



Student Government Association President and Lynx Village resident Makayla Suelfer opened her room for the Open House tours.

# Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future: Kicking off The Campaign for Lincoln College



Lincoln College unveiled the public phase of its multi-year \$8 million “Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future” fundraising campaign with a reception in the Lincoln Center on July 27.

Guests were invited to share symbolically in the history of Lincoln College by signing replicas of the walls of the University Hall cupola and enjoy refreshments prior to the program.

The Kickoff included LC Alumni Achievement Award recipients and Trustees Jack Sparacio '63 and Rikeesha Phelon

**Trustee Jack Sparacio '63**

'97 sharing about their Lincoln College experience and commitment to the Campaign, and a video featuring April Wilson '17, whose story of perseverance and success at LC brought tears to everyone's eyes.

You can watch the video on the Campaign website <https://lincolncollege.edu/empowerlc/>, but have a few tissues nearby.

Trustees Sparacio and John Blackburn, former President of Lincoln College, are serving as Campaign co-chairs. They used the occasion to brief donors and friends of



**Trustee John Blackburn**

the College on the early Campaign results, announcing that the College has already raised nearly \$4.875 million or 60% of its goal.

Blackburn and Sparacio also helped set the stage for the next phase; each presented Lincoln College President David Gerlach with checks for \$25,000.

“This was a fantastic way to begin the public phase of our Campaign for Lincoln College, and I take it as a great sign that we are well on our way of reaching, and I hope, surpassing our goal,” said Lincoln College President David Gerlach. “We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the positive response we have received during the ‘quiet’ phase and we look forward to the next steps, which will allow us to share future good news with the public as we progress toward our goal.”

The aggressive fundraising will position Lincoln College for further growth as the College returns to its roots as a four-year degree granting institution, while at the same time continuing its longstanding commitment to offer two-year degrees to students who find that a four-year college career does not meet their needs.

Although college enrollment in general, and small college enrollment in particular, has been declining in recent years, Lincoln College has been bucking the trend, showing consistent growth over the past several years, particularly since the announcement of the return to a four-year curriculum.

Major projects underway at Lincoln College include the restoration of historic University Hall, the original building that housed Lincoln University when it was launched in 1865. The multi-million-dollar project will allow the building to once again be used for classroom space and offices. This summer the College also undertook the renovation of a nearby apartment complex into dormitory suites.

Check out the Campaign FAQs on page 6, and read more about the range of planned projects, including improvements at the Johnston Center for the Performing Arts, the Scully Natatorium, residence hall upgrades, and new science and computer lab equipment, on the EMPOWER LC Campaign website.

Campaign co-chair Blackburn served as the 21st President of Lincoln College from 2012 to 2015. Prior to becoming President, he had a thirty-year career with COUNTRY Financial, including 11 years as its CEO.

Campaign co-chair Sparacio of Carlsbad, Calif., has had a distinguished career in the medical products industry; plastics engineering and development; and ultrasound technology, including serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of SonoSite, Inc., before his retirement.

**For more information about the Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future Campaign for Lincoln College, contact the Advancement Office**

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[lincolncollege.edu/empowerlc](http://lincolncollege.edu/empowerlc)



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is Lincoln College?

Lincoln College is a private, non-denominational college in the heart of Illinois. The College uniquely empowers students to reach their full potential, and has done so for over 150 years. While Lincoln College was a junior college for many years, it now offers 15 baccalaureate programs at its two campuses.

## Why is a Campaign necessary?

When Lincoln University was chartered in 1865, the founders envisioned a small college that would prepare students for the next steps in their lives. That mission changed slightly during the Great Depression, with the school refocusing its priorities on associate degree programs in a residential setting. Now, the landscape has changed again, and Lincoln College is matching the needs of its students. This means returning to our roots as a four-year degree granting institution, increasing enrollment, and adding classrooms. Through the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College, we can ensure that our students continue to receive the highest quality education and college experience.

## How were the funding priorities determined?

With Lincoln College's re-expansion to a four-year institution, the Board of Trustees and administration analyzed the needs of students, faculty, and staff over the next ten years as well as reflecting on projects that may have been put on hold due to external constraints, such as the Illinois budget crisis. Educational resources and classrooms took precedence, and are reflected in the LINCOLN Fund, University Hall, and scholarship goals. Next the College recognized the need for building improvements in the Johnston Center to meet accreditation requirements for our fine arts degree programs, as well as the Scully Natatorium.

## Why should we support the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College?

Lincoln College is an institution that has done amazing things for its students with relatively limited financial resources. While we have made much progress towards raising our institutional profile in recent years, we lag

behind similar institutions in specific areas. Your support of the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College will help us fund important improvements not covered by tuition and strengthen our efforts to empower all students to reach their full potential. In addition, gifts from donors like you will continue to play a critical role in ensuring that we can continue to recruit exceptional faculty and staff and make a Lincoln College education available to talented students with limited resources.

## How will Lincoln College recognize gifts to the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College?

The EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College offers several naming opportunities both across campus and inside buildings. All Campaign gifts, regardless of the amount, will be acknowledged in Lincoln College's Honor Roll of Donors. In addition, the College recognizes lifetime giving on the Wall of Honor in the Lincoln Center. While we intend to acknowledge every donor, we do respect the wishes of those who choose to remain anonymous.

## Who will be asked to contribute?

The Lincoln College Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff have already donated to the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College. Now, the College invites alumni, friends, past parents, community members, and those dedicated to enriching the lives of students to make a gift to the Campaign.

## How much should I give?

That is a very personal question and one only you can answer. We do hope that you consider your relationship to Lincoln College, as well as the College's impact on both students and the Lincoln and Logan County community for years to come.

## Are gifts to the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College tax-deductible?

Yes, Lincoln College is a 501(c)(3) organization and all gifts made to the College are tax-deductible as allowed by state and federal regulations. In light of tax law changes, donors are advised to consult with their professional advisors to achieve the maximum tax benefit from their philanthropy.

## Why a 3- to 5-year pledge period?

Our goal of \$8 million is too high to reach with only out-of-pocket gifts. By spreading gift payments out over several years, Lincoln

College enables donors to maximize their Campaign gift and perhaps even secure a naming opportunity beyond the normal reach of an annual gift.

## Are gifts other than cash accepted?

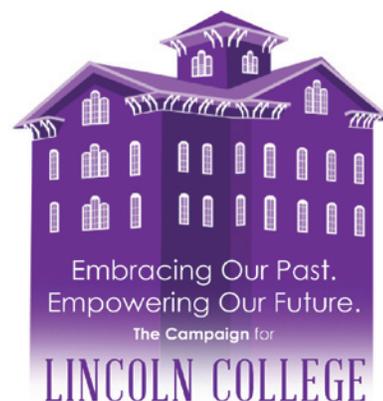
Yes, the EMPOWER Campaign for Lincoln College will accept gifts of stocks, bonds, insurance policies, and credit card payments. If you have another asset you would like to donate, please contact the Advancement Office (877) 522-5867 or [advancement@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:advancement@lincolncollege.edu) to discuss additional options.

## How do I make a gift?

You can make a gift in person, online, by mail, or over the phone. If you choose to mail a gift, you can send it to Lincoln College, Attn: EMPOWER Campaign, 300 Keokuk St., Lincoln, IL 62656. Online donations can be made at <https://lincolncollege.edu/empowerlc/EMPOWERLC>.

## CAMPAIGN GOALS

<b>Unrestricted</b> LINCOLN Fund	\$1,900,000
<b>Capital Projects</b> University Hall Renovation Johnston Center Auditorium Lincoln Center	\$3,000,000 \$500,000 \$500,000
<b>Scholarships</b> Annual Scholarships Endowed Scholarships	\$140,000 \$960,000
<b>Other Initiatives</b> Scully Natatorium Other Campaign Gifts	\$500,000 \$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>



# SPOTLIGHT: Sandy MacKinnon '60

## Leaving things better than he found them

Looking back on a lifetime in business, Alexander "Sandy" MacKinnon uses just a few words to sum it up: "It's been a nice journey and a lot of fun," he says.

But, such a simple and humble assessment doesn't do justice to the challenges he has faced and overcome in his life and career.

Today, Sandy MacKinnon is a successful businessman with a string of awards and honors to his name. His company, MacKinnon Equipment & Services has five locations in Florida and Georgia and has surpassed \$70 million in sales.

Yet, in many ways, MacKinnon's story personifies the century and a half-long history and mission of Lincoln College.

As a young man, he was by his own admission the "class clown" in high school. He was popular with his classmates and they even elected him class president. But his academic record was so poor that he was told by his counselor that he might become the first class president who would never be able to graduate from high school.

Later, a college counselor told him "you may be wasting your parents' money" to even attempt college. Indeed, he says his first choice of schools "wouldn't have anything to do with me."

Today, MacKinnon looks back on those days and credits his time at Lincoln College with helping to put him on the path to success.

***"At Lincoln College, I got my life back together," he says. "I was never a great student. Today people would say I had a learning disability, but in those days, that wasn't really known. My family and teachers couldn't figure out what was wrong."***

It was the unwavering support of his mother that convinced MacKinnon that he could succeed in college. She told him not to pay attention to the critics and confidently predicted that he would someday be a success.

Indeed, in 2007, when MacKinnon announced a surprise gift of \$100,000 to support the fundraising campaign to build the Lincoln Center, he did so in part to show that his mother's confidence in him had not been misplaced. Today the Lincoln Center hosts Lynx athletic events, provides classroom space, a fitness center, and is the home of the Lincoln Heritage Museum.

MacKinnon has been watching Lincoln College as the school adapts to the changing educational environment – expanding its bachelor's degree options and pursuing an agenda of growth while preserving and protecting the reputation it has cultivated for more than a century and a half.

He likes what he sees and says he's impressed by Lincoln College President David Gerlach.

"I like his enthusiasm...his outlook...his vision," MacKinnon says. "I think he is the right person to take it to the next level. People believe in you when you believe in yourself and your mission, and David believes in Lincoln College."

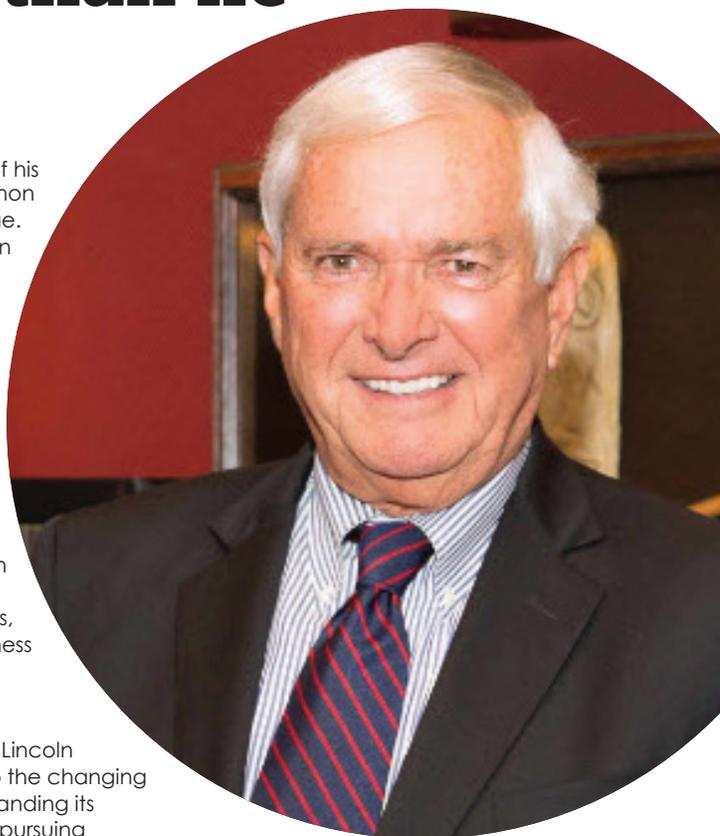
Looking back at his own time at Lincoln College, MacKinnon recalls the strong support he received, especially from President Raymond Dooley and his wife, Florence. Florence Dooley was admissions director at Lincoln College and MacKinnon considers her among his mentors.

MacKinnon quickly found a home at Lincoln College. In fact, he became the freshman class president.

"It was a surprise just to show up on campus and the next thing I knew I was president of the class," MacKinnon recalls.

He also found that many of his fellow students faced similar challenges: "We were all in the same boat," he says.

If he were a student today, he knows it is likely he would be characterized as having Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder



(ADHD). But, in the late 1950s, there were no such assessments available. He says he struggled at Lincoln College, in part because he had to discover how to study and learn. But, the environment at Lincoln College enabled him to succeed, graduate, and go on to finish his four-year degree.

It was in recognition of his positive experience at Lincoln College that led MacKinnon to make a multi-year commitment for a \$250,000 endowment which will provide approximately \$12,500 in scholarship assistance in perpetuity. In addition, MacKinnon has included Lincoln College in his estate plan.

But, learning difficulties were just a small part of the challenges MacKinnon overcame on his way to building a successful business, Tampa-based MacKinnon Equipment & Services (formerly known as Yale Lift Trucks of Florida and Georgia).

MacKinnon grew up in Grosse Ile, Michigan, and his father ran a small business in Detroit. While MacKinnon was still in high school, his father died unexpectedly. Seeing the impact that had, not only on his own family, but on his father's employees, deeply affected MacKinnon.

"I saw these people who were not sure what was going to happen," MacKinnon said, explaining that he pledged that should he ever have his own business, he would plan for the eventual transition to new management –

## **SPOTLIGHT: Sandy MacKinnon '60** **Leaving things better than he found them**

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a process he has undertaken recently as he plans his own retirement.

MacKinnon says he was fortunate, because his Dad had friends that were successful and took him under their wings.

"I saw how successful these business people were," MacKinnon recalls. "We didn't have anything and they became role models for me. They were successful, ethical, and honest people and I knew I wanted to be like them."

MacKinnon says he believes it's important to bring more business people into contact with young people.

“**There are too many kids today that if you ask them what their dad does they don't even know," he explains. "We need more role models in business."**

After finishing at Lincoln, MacKinnon returned to the Detroit area to earn his bachelor's degree. Following graduation, he went to work for Yale – a name that many people recognize for locks and safes, but which is also known among businesses as the premier manufacturer of fork lifts and other lift trucks.

He began in sales, but was promoted to management, where he began to earn a reputation for solving problems.

He was sent to Baltimore to turn around a troubled company store. Similar assignments in Miami and Philadelphia followed. MacKinnon was made a national sales manager for North America, but he really wanted to own and operate his own dealership.

In 1982 the opportunity he had been waiting for came up. A Yale dealership in Tampa was in deep trouble. It had gone bankrupt not once, but twice, and had a negative net worth of \$1 million.

In many ways, it was the worst possible time to take over the business. It was the early 1980s and the national economy was deep in the midst of one of the worst recessions in history.

“**There were a lot of times where I felt I was either crazy or stupid, and maybe both," MacKinnon says.**

He started out by visiting customers one at a time with a simple request: "Give us one more chance."

He asked his loyal customers to let him know if anyone said they didn't want to do business with the dealership. He visited disgruntled customers, apologized for the past, asked them what had gone wrong and how he could make it right.

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**The secret to business success, he says, is to "always do everything your mother told you to do when you were five."**

That ethical, customer-focused approach has guided MacKinnon for decades. Indeed, when asked which of his many awards he is most proud of, he chooses two that exemplify strong character traits.

One is the H.L. Culbreath, Jr. Profile in Leadership Award selected by the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the other is the 2013 Tampa Bay Ethics Award, presented by the University of Tampa Center for Ethics.

MacKinnon sees his own success as a testimonial to the combined power of education and the free market system. Without Lincoln College, he says he might have spent his life working on an assembly line instead of pursuing his dreams. He adds, that in his view, leaders aren't born, instead they come about through lots of great coaching from mentors.

His support of Lincoln College, MacKinnon says, is a way to repay those mentors. He is investing in future generations, just as others invested their time and efforts in him when he was young.

MacKinnon has overcome personal challenges as well. In 1998, he lost his high school sweetheart and wife of 32 years, Ardie, to cancer. His community involvement, especially on traffic issues, brought him into contact with a local County Commissioner, Dottie Berger, a tireless advocate for abused and neglected children. They wed in 2001. Dottie was a breast cancer survivor, but in 2010 she was diagnosed with another form of cancer and passed away in 2013.

Sandy was alone once again. A longtime friend, Sandra Cross, had lost her husband to a traffic accident and Sandy reached out to her in the hopes of helping her cope with her own loss.

Years earlier, MacKinnon had developed the habit of writing brief, inspiring quotes on 3x5 cards that he kept with him while making sales calls. Sayings like: "A mile is a trial, but an inch is cinch."

"These were my cheerleaders," MacKinnon said, and he referred to them when he faced challenges in business and life.

He shared some of the sayings with Sandra Cross and invited her to lunch a few weeks later. The longtime friendship blossomed and in 2015 the two "Sandys" were married.

With his marriage and another chance at life and love, MacKinnon said he wants to focus on the important things in life – especially since their blended families now include 20 grandchildren.

While MacKinnon is undertaking the business transition, he shows no sign of slowing up or ending his extensive community involvement. In fact, he says, he perceives tremendous needs among young people today for positive role models in business.

One of his 3x5 cards contained the motto to always leave things in a better place than you found them. Through his generosity to Lincoln College and his involvement in business and the community, it is clear that Sandy MacKinnon has lived up to that motto.

# SPOTLIGHT:

## Steve Isenstein '70

### Discovering lifelong passions & giving back



Reflecting on a career that has spanned more than 40 years, Steven Isenstein '70 has simple advice for today's students: "try to find something you really like. No job is worth it if you aren't happy in what you do."

"If you had a question, he always had time for you," Isenstein said. Still, there was one piece of advice that Isenstein did not follow.

"He advised me that if I were going into the accounting business, I should specialize. Well, I guess I specialized in being a generalist," he says.

In addition to the David Daniel fund, Isenstein is establishing an endowed scholarship fund under his own name and has been a generous contributor to both the Lincoln Center building fund and to the unrestricted Lincoln Fund.

He says he's always donated to Lincoln College because he feels that his own success has been a direct outgrowth of his experience at Lincoln College. After graduating from Lincoln College, he went on to receive his bachelor's degree from a much larger institution, where he says, he felt as though he was "just a number."



***At Lincoln College I was a person," he explains. And, while Dr. Daniel was a particular favorite, he feels that in general, the professors at LC were there to help students.***

He also likes that his contributions go further than they would at a large institution with major endowments. He knows he can make a difference for the College and for the students by contributing to Lincoln College.

Isenstein was a student during a time of change and conflict across the nation. Antiwar protests rocked campuses, including the shooting of students at Kent State in Ohio. At Lincoln College the campus was shut down temporarily out of concern that the violence would spread to the small campus.

However, it was social change that captured the most attention on the Lincoln College campus. In a compromise that seems quaint by today's standards, students won a major concession from the administration to allow co-ed visits in the dorms. For the first time on campus men and women would be allowed to visit one another in their dorm rooms; but...only on Sundays, only from 2-4 p.m., and only if students kept both feet planted firmly on the floor at all times.

Other than the residence halls, there were just three major buildings on campus at the time – University Hall, the Administration Building, and the Harts Science Building. It was in his first year at Lincoln College that he returned for the second semester to learn that a fire had destroyed the College Administration Building.

Isenstein graduated from Lincoln College and then went on to earn his bachelor's degree from the University of Denver. In 1972, Isenstein took his first post-college job, working for the IRS for \$7,600 a year. In 1976, he entered Public Accounting with a small firm in Chicago and stayed there until 1993, when he launched his own business, which is based in Northbrook.

Isenstein grew up on the north side of Chicago, where his father was a coal and heating oil distributor. He knew from a young age that there would be no family business to go into, since the days of coal and home heating oil were numbered. His father died at 62 and Isenstein says one of his great regrets was that his father never got to see his son's business successes. Shortly after his father died, his grandmother also passed away. And then, three years after his father's death, his mother suffered a stroke that would prove to be fatal.

Those were difficult years, he says. But things brightened considerably with a blind date in Deerfield, where he met his future wife, Sharon – a single-mom raising one daughter.

Busy with a profession that he still loves after many years, Isenstein admits that he has little time or interest in standard leisure time activities. He enjoys the Chicago Cubs and other Chicago sports teams including the Bulls, Blackhawks and Bears. He likes a good Chicago pizza, but seldom gets on the golf course, mainly because, "I really suck at it."

In part because of the early loss of his own parents, Isenstein says his major "hobby" outside of work is his family, especially his three grandchildren – Noah, 10; Ivy, 6; and Micah, 22 months. A fourth grandchild is expected in October. Steve and Sharon have two adult children, Brian Isenstein and Stacey Kaplan.

Today, Isenstein says he's pleased to have a career he loves, to be able to give back to society, and to have a family close by with whom he can enjoy spending time.

Isenstein says he "got really lucky" when he discovered an interest in accounting while at Lincoln College.

That interest has stayed with him throughout his career – first at the Internal Revenue Service, then going to work for a private accounting firm and finally owning his own accounting business, Steven A. Isenstein & Associates.

"I say I have had one job in three different locations," he laughs.

But, like so many Lincoln College graduates, the focused and motivated student that graduated from Lincoln College in 1970 was a far cry from the youth who first enrolled at Lincoln College. In fact, he says, when he came to Lincoln College, "it was the only school I could get into where my father didn't have to donate a library."

It was on a visit to college campuses that Isenstein first saw Lincoln College and became intrigued by the school. Isenstein had grown up in Chicago and his father couldn't believe he wanted to go to such a small school in the heart of central Illinois.

"But, it was probably the best thing that happened to me," Isenstein says. "It turned me around."

At Lincoln College, he took an accounting course under Dr. David Daniel and discovered a subject that would capture his interest for his entire career. He credits Daniel with putting him on the path to success and, in fact, Isenstein established the Dr. David Daniel Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor his mentor.

# MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES

## Lincoln College is pleased to introduce the



### **Brenda Chapman-Lima '82**

Brenda Chapman-Lima is an Oscar-winning writer, animator, and director. She grew up in Beason, Illinois, and graduated from Lincoln College in 1982 before moving to California, where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the California Institute of Arts (CalArts).

Shortly after graduation, she landed a job at Walt Disney Feature Animation Studios where she worked on such well known projects as "Who framed Roger Rabbit?", "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Lion King." After nearly eight years at Disney, she left to help launch DreamWorks Animation Studios. While at DreamWorks, she became the first woman to direct an animated feature film for a major studio when she directed the 1998 film "The Prince of Egypt."

She later joined Pixar Animation Studios, where she conceived, wrote, and directed the Academy Award-winning Disney-Pixar film "Brave."

Chapman has been instrumental in developing Lincoln College as a future site for Camp Reel Stories (CRS), a week-long camp for girls ages 13 to 19 that seeks to develop the next generation of women in the film industry. Camp Reel Stories has held workshops in California over the past several years and bringing the workshop to the Lincoln College campus would make it the first CRS camp outside of California.

Chapman received LC's Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 1997 and was recognized with an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree at Commencement in May 2013.



### **James R. Glenn**

James Glenn is a Chicago-area attorney whose practice has concentrated on employment and traditional labor litigation, compliance, training and counseling. His practice covers all aspects of the employment relationship, including discipline, termination, pay practices, mergers, employment practices, collective bargaining and OSHA and Department of Labor compliance.

He has served as a judge in the American Bar Association Appellate Advocacy Competition and the Chicago Bar Association moot court competition. He is also a trial team coach for the John Marshall Law School and serves as a guest lecturer at the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations.

Glenn earned his law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he was editor-in chief of the University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy. He was also a member of the national trial team and is a published expert on social media and employee Section 7 rights under the National Labor Relations Board. He earned his master's degree from the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employee Relations, and his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, graduating magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society.



### **Rikeesha Phelon, '97**

Rikeesha Phelon, of Springfield, is president and chief operating officer of Phelon Public Strategies, a communications firm specializing in earned media strategies to engage audiences and build public support. Phelon Public Strategies partners with coalitions and corporations to align communications goals with business objectives and nonprofit missions. Phelon advises clients on the public relations impact of leadership decisions, strategic plans and policy initiatives. Her firm drives key message strategies through earned media, special events and marketing decisions.

Prior to founding her own firm, Phelon served as Press Secretary to the Illinois Senate President and Special Advisor to the Chief of Staff. She has also served as a consultant to the Democratic Governors Association, the Senior Communications Manager for the Illinois Office of Communications and Information in the Department of Central Management Services and was a Media Relations Manager for the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.

In 2016, Phelon received the Young Alumni Achievement Award from Lincoln College. She received her Associate of Arts degree from Lincoln College before attending the University of Illinois at Springfield, where she earned her bachelor's degree in political studies and her master's degree in communications.

# se new members of the Board of Trustees:



## Rev. Glenn Shelton

Rev. Shelton has served as Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lincoln since 1984.

He helped co-found the Joyce Kinzie/ Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast and the MLK Minority Student Endowed Scholarship Fund at Lincoln College, for which he was recognized as an Honorary Alumnus of LC in 2014. He co-founded the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship at Lincoln College; has been the chief of staff for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education; is the Forth Vice-President of the Baptist General State of Illinois; and has served on the Wood River Baptist District Association since 1964 and is currently the scholarship chairman.

He attended Lincoln Land Community College and Sangamon State University (now the University of Illinois at Springfield). He received his theological training from United Theological College and Seminary and the Moody Bible Institute.

Rev. Shelton was an alderman for the City of Lincoln for six years and is a past member of the Lincoln Planning Committee. He also served on the Lincoln YMCA Board and Logan County Habitat for Humanity, where he was chairman of the Family Selection Committee. He currently is chairman of the Logan County E-911 Board of Advisors.

Rev. Shelton has had a varied career, having served in the United States Air Force from 1958-1962 and in the Air Force Reserves from 1962-1964. He has been a postal clerk, a welder and a unit director for the Boys and Girls Clubs in Springfield. He spent most of his career at the Illinois Department of Human Services, retiring as Assistant Deputy Director after 25 years of service.



## Phillip W. Styles, Jr. '87

Phil Styles co-leads Willis Towers Watson Diverse Solutions Network, a practice focused on delivering new organic growth to the firm through powerful strategic partnerships with diverse owned businesses. He manages client-focused teams through the transition process as a Willis Towers Watson client.

Style's client expertise ranges from public entities as well as Fortune 500 clients. He has deep expertise within the supplier diversity space and has been recognized nationally on numerous occasions for his efforts.

He previously served as the Director – Strategic Alliances for Aon Corporation, having played a key role in the creation of Aon Cornerstone, connecting carrier and broker relationships with minority-owned joint-ventures. Styles has also worked for Beajus, Inc., Kraff Foods and Pagenet Corporation.

Styles has received numerous honors for his leadership and involvement. He has been named a Champion of Diversity, by Diversity Plus Magazine; was the 2011 Honorary Chair of Chicago MED Week; was named Man of the year by the Chicago Defender in 2011; and served as Chairman of the Board of The Support Group from 2009-2011, a non-profit organization that helps develop young leaders and provides alternatives to gangs, guns and drugs. Recently he was one of 50 celebrities and influencers honored by The Made Man, a national multimarket corporate and community initiative designed to showcase philanthropy and honor the extraordinary achievements of notable African American male influencers from various walks of life.

In 2017, Styles received the Alumni Achievement Award from Lincoln College. A talented athlete, Styles came to Lincoln College to play basketball under Coach Allen Pickering. Upon graduation from Lincoln College, Styles earned his bachelor's degree in Human Development and Social Policy from Northwestern University.



## Amir John Wahab, M.D.

Dr. Wahab practices family medicine with Memorial Physician Services in Lincoln and is on the Board of Directors at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, where he has also been on the medical staff since 1997. He serves on a number of committees for the hospital, including chairman of the Executive Committee, vice-chairman of Clinical Operations, a member and former vice-chairman of the M&M Committee and a member of the Utilization Review Committee – Critical Access.

He has been a Medical Review Officer since 2007 and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) as well as the Certified Master's Program in Intense Pulsed Light (IPL).

Dr. Wahab earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., and his Doctor of Medicine from Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica.

He worked at a number of hospitals, mostly in the Chicago area, before coming to Lincoln. These included Central Community Hospital, Norwegian American Hospital, Christ Hospital and West Suburban Hospital. At those hospitals, he worked in psychiatry, radiology, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, orthopedic surgery, anesthesiology, pulmonary disorders and gastroenterology.

# LINCOLN COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2017

## NOVEMBER 6-11

### #UNLEASHTHELYNX2017

#### MONDAY – THURSDAY

Spirit Week on Campus

#### FRIDAY

Lady Lynx Classic

7:30 p.m. Lady Lynx BB v. Moraine Valley CC

Hall of Fame Banquet

Bon Fire

#### SATURDAY

Lady Lynx Classic

2 PM Lady Lynx BB v. Black Hawk

Lynx Men's Basketball Homecoming Game and Hall of Fame Honoree recognition

4 PM Lynx vs. Kirkwood CC

*All games will be played in the Jack D. Nutt Arena in the Lincoln Center.*

Join us as we honor the following Lynx Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017!



**Brianne Nation '04**  
Swimming



**Josh Wegrzyn '00**  
Swimming



**Bill Piskorki '72**  
Baseball



**Tom Zurkammer '63**  
Basketball and Baseball



**Bill Gossett '43**  
Friend of LC Athletics



**Dan Hemenway**  
Swimming and Diving  
Head Coach  
1991 – 2007

### Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

Friday, November 10

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium (aka Lynx Lair)

5:30 PM Cocktail reception

6:30 PM Dinner and Induction Ceremony

Cost: \$25 per adult / \$15 per child (high school age & younger)

For reservations, contact Mary Jo Werth in the Alumni Office

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## GO LYNX!



# ALUMNI Reunion 2017

We celebrated Alumni Reunion 2017 on April 28 and 29 with some very special events! The LC Jazz Band gave another amazing concert on the Johnston Center main stage on Friday night. On Saturday, Dean of Faculty Michelle Baldwin was joined by Karin Wright and Laurie Lewis-Fritz in the Hostick Theatre for a "Getting Back to Our Roots" presentation on the expansion of the four-year degree programs offered on the Lincoln campus, and the WLNx and LCTV studios were open for tours. The weekend wrapped up with Saturday evening's Alumni Dinner and Awards Program. Congratulations to this year's award recipients:

## Young Alumni Achievement Award

**Danielle Stanley**, class of 2009, arrived at Lincoln College and immersed herself in student government and organizations. She served as part of the Student Senate and Black Student Union, and was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Her success at LC and passion for political science and public policy led her to a full academic scholarship at the University of Illinois at Springfield, where she earned both her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Legal Studies in 2011 and her Master of Arts in Public Administration in 2013.



As a student, Danielle interned in Senator Dick Durbin's Springfield office with the Illinois Federation of Teachers. After graduating, she has worked in the Illinois Office of the Governor-Legislative Affairs, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, served as a legislative assistant to Senator Dan Kotowski, and worked with the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention. Since 2015, Danielle has worked for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, a bipartisan nonprofit research and advocacy agency.

Danielle has been recognized by the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership and as one of Springfield Business Journal's "40 Under 40". She is civically active as a member of the City of Chicago 27th Ward Young Democrats, as a member of the One Stock One Future Advisory Board and Child-Serv Auxiliary Board, and a volunteer with My Block, My Hood, My City.

Danielle credits LC Associate Professor Paula Knopp and Jean Ann Hutchinson, wife of past president John Hutchinson, for her positive Lincoln College experience that set her on her path to success.

## Alumni Achievement Award in Business Management

**Phillip W. Styles, Jr.**, class of 1987, was recruited to Lincoln College by Allen Pickering to play basketball for the Lynx and was named Most Valuable Player his sophomore year. He went on to play for Northwestern University, where he graduated in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in human development and social policy with a concentration in business management. He played International League basketball for three years, and founded the City of Danville's Lincoln Park Summer Basketball League in 1992.



Phil has worked in sales and management for Kraft Foods, Beajus, Inc., Aon Corporation, and currently lives in Mableton, Georgia where he co-leads Willis Towers Watson Diverse Solutions Network. He has been recognized as the 2008 Champion of Diversity by Diversity Plus Magazine, 2011 Honorary Chair, Chicago MED Week and 2011 Chicago Defender Man of the Year awardee, served as Chairman of the Board for The Support Group, and was recently honored by The Made Man as one of 50 notable African American male influencers at their Atlanta, Georgia event.

Of his LC experience, Phil said, "My best experience at Lincoln College was adapting to Coach Pickering and college life. I entered as a young, cocky person who thought he knew everything, but after the first week of Coach making us run hills, stairs, and cross country, I was humbled very quickly. He set the tone with all the players the first week and the rest was history. I owe a lot of my current success as to who I am as a person to Lincoln College and especially Coach Pickering."

**Alumni Reunion 2018 is moving to November!**  
See back cover for more info!



Jen McMillin and Danielle Stanley '09



Robert Ackermann '67 and President David Gerlach



Genie (Beatty) Fritschle and Stacy (Johnson) Lawrence '92 on the UH tour



Robert Ackermann '67 and Arlene Forden



Jean (Brown) Gossett '47 receives her Platinum Anniversary Alumni pin from VP Debbie Ackerman '83



Allen Pickering with Phil Styles '87



Danielle Stanley '09



Class of '92 gets their Silver Anniversary Alumni pins



Brigitte, Avi, and Don Johnston '92



Phil Styles '87



University Hall tour with President David Gerlach



Keith Harms, '62, Janet (Young) Harms '62, Steve Roach '68 on the UH tour



Ronda Fulte-Doran and Joshua Doran '92



Jen McMillin, Danielle Stanley '09, President David Gerlach



Genie, Don, Stacy repping for Class of '92



Class of 1992



LC Jazz Combo



Fun with Abe in the photo booth



Tom McLaughlin '94, Kristine Apel '12, Jill Apel



President David Gerlach, Phil Styles '87, Allen Pickering



Genie, President Gerlach, Stacy on the UH Tour



Bill Rhoda '09 and Danielle Stanley '09



Getting back to our roots! Humanities Division Chair Karin Wright, Vocal Music Lead Faculty Laurie Lewis, and Dean of Faculty Michelle Baldwin '89 present on the new 4-year degree programs



Keith and Janet Harms '62



1992 Best Actor Don Johnston



Bill Gossett '43 and Jean Gossett '47

# Commencement 2017

Lincoln College held its 150th commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 6, recognizing both Associate and Bachelor degree recipients from the Lincoln and Normal campuses as well as the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program satellite sites.

For the first time in recent years, the College conferred three honorary degrees. The recipients were Paul Tetreault, director of Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.; Dara Torres, five-time Olympian and 12-time medalist in swimming; and Zachary Fardon, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

The three honorees participated in a special Excellence in Leadership Panel discussion in the Johnston Center on Friday afternoon, and at Commencement on Saturday, each recipient offered a few remarks after receiving their hood and ceremonial diploma.

Tetreault was recognized with a Doctor of Fine Arts degree and sponsored by Lincoln College Trustee Louise Taper. In her remarks introducing Tetreault, Taper said that Lincoln College is linked historically to Ford's Theatre through Abraham Lincoln and pointed out that Ford's is where the Lincoln Heritage Museum's exhibit begins and ends.



Tetreault recounted how he barely graduated high school, but went on to earn bachelor and master's degrees. Now, in adding an honorary doctorate, he was proof that anything is possible.

As might be expected, Tetreault quoted Lincoln: "Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people can be engaged in," and told the class of 2017 that graduating from college was the beginning of their education, not the end; that whatever else they did in life, they should never stop learning.



***Go out and follow your dreams. Don't wait for time to pass and be haunted by the 'what if' question," he said. "Go out and be bold. Do something that others said you couldn't do. Do something for yourself. Do something that makes you proud. Do something that makes your family and your friends proud. Be brave. Take risks. Grab opportunities, and don't forget to have fun."***

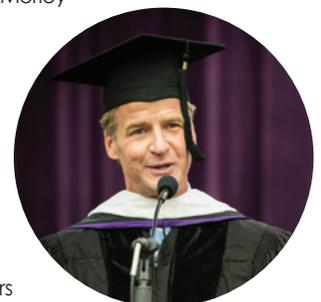


Torres received a Doctor of Humane Letters and was also sponsored by Louise Taper. Torres competed in her first Olympics in 1984 and in 2008, became the oldest swimmer to compete in the Olympic games, winning three silver medals that year. Since retiring from competitive swimming, Torres has worked in television and published two books.

In her remarks, Torres talked about lessons learned over the course of her long swimming career: the importance networking, of having a quality support team, of always being prepared to the best of one's ability, the power of positive thinking, and that life is less about individual milestones, like medals, than it is about the road one travels to reach them.

Torres left the graduates with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Fardon, who was sponsored by Trustee Judy Morley and received the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, gave the keynote address. As an assistant U.S. Attorney in Chicago, Fardon worked on many high-profile cases, including the corruption trial of former Illinois governor George Ryan. He has worked in private practice, as a public defender, and federal prosecutor.



Fardon opened his remarks by stating frankly that no one, including him, remembers commencement speeches, regardless of how insightful they are and that by 3 p.m. none of the graduates would remember a word he said, which was okay because the day is not about speeches, it's about them.

Fardon shared that he was not an especially good student in college, and after majoring in German and graduating in 1988, he didn't really know what he wanted to do with his life. After a summer waiting tables in Germany and traveling in Europe, he returned home, took the LSAT and applied to law school. After graduating law school, he spent four lucrative years working for a large firm in Washington, D.C. Eventually he realized he wanted something more, so he took a substantial pay cut and went to work as an assistant public defender in Nashville, Tenn.

"That was the hardest decision of my professional life, and the best. I would not be standing before you today had I not made that decision," Fardon told the graduates. The experience he gained there led to his gaining a position in the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago.

Fardon's backstory served as the backdrop for these key points he shared with the class of 2017:

Don't over-worry your future. If you do well with what's in front of you and you be good to those around you, day after day, year after year, you will find happiness and success in this life.

Don't underestimate the power you have to impact the world around you. You sacrifice when you give up something that makes you happy. Public service is not a sacrifice it's a luxury, a gift. You don't have to be a public servant to make a positive difference.

The greatest threat to society is not evil but apathy. Good in this world far outweighs evil, it's apathy, the failure to act, that makes the contest close.

Fardon cited the familiar saying attributed to Edmund Burke, the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing, and a similar pronouncement on the tragedy of human society made centuries later by Martin Luther King, Jr.: it is not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

He closed by talking about his recent efforts, as a U.S. Attorney and now as a private citizen, to address the issues of gangs and gun violence in Chicago's south and west neighborhoods.

"Our collective failure to stop that is not rooted in evil, it's rooted in apathy," he said, adding, we have to show kids an ostensible pathway to success other than gang life. We need to provide education, safety, and job opportunities, through social media, sports, music, art. The world needs cops and prosecutors, but also needs entrepreneurs, engineers, social workers, computer techs, CEOs, teachers, artists. Chicago is one example, but there are places everywhere in the world that need good people to step up.



***What's going to define you in this life is not your title or your salary or your status. What will define you is your heart, your willingness to get involved and help others around you in need," Fardon said. "You can change the world in ways large and small. The choice is yours. The world awaits."***

The program opened with student speaker April Wilson, a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and member of the All-State Academic Team. Wilson shared how, as a single mother, she decided to return to college to make a better future for herself and her son. Wilson spoke about the importance of determination and said each graduate is special because of his or her unique purpose in the world. She also shared that her example had inspired her sister to apply to college, and what that meant to her.

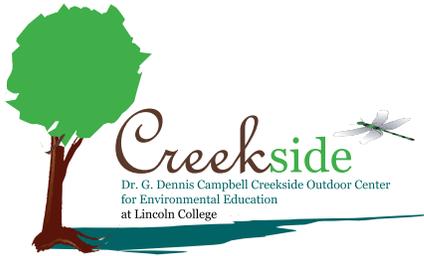
"Graduates, we now have the power to influence and inspire people that are a mirror reflection of ourselves," Wilson told her classmates. "The person who plans to walk through those admission doors will look to us for inspiration, and it's our job to rise to the occasion."

For the past several years, the college has used the Johnston Center auditorium for overflow seating using a video feed from the Lincoln Center. This year, the entire program was live streamed to the Johnston Center, Facebook and Youtube by the LCTV student broadcasters. Anyone who missed the ceremony can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbK5v5ZYCJU&feature=youtu.be>.



President Gerlach with student commencement speaker April Wilson '17

# CREEKSIDE welcomes visitors with Nature's Embrace



The second annual Creekside Fall Festival was held during Family Weekend in October. Lincoln College students and families, as well as community members, spent the day learning about fresh water mussels and Monarch butterflies, how to split rails like Abraham Lincoln, and sampling the first honey from the Creekside Pollinator Prairie bee hives.

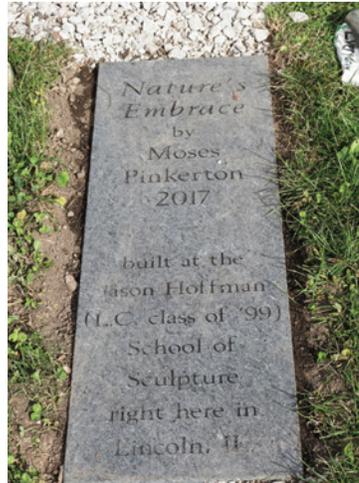
One of the highlights was the dedication of "Nature's Embrace," a unique sculpture created by Lincoln-area artist Moses Pinkerton. Pinkerton, assisted by Jason Hoffman '99 and Kenny Hoffman, carved the piece from a single large section of Chinese elm tree trunk.

"Nature's Embrace" stands about eight feet tall and weighs a little over 1,000 pounds. The surface is natural, with just a clear protective finish. Pinkerton formed the abstract figure from the trunk, then carved out a human-sized recess fronted by an embracing circle of wood. A child or moderate-sized adult can slip behind the encircling "arms" and literally lean back in the embrace of Mother Nature.

"Lincoln College is very fortunate to have members of the community like Moses who are giving their time and talents to build Creekside," said Dr. Dennis Campbell. "One of our goals is to help people realize how close we all are to nature. What better way than to actually feel yourself in 'Nature's Embrace'?"

"I'm glad to be able to save what was once an impressive tree from the woodpile and to give it a new life out here where it can be appreciated for a long time. Making a public artwork is satisfying on a special level," Pinkerton noted.

The Dr. G. Dennis Campbell Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education at Lincoln College is free and open to the public daily. The Center is located about four miles north of Lincoln on County Road 2000 N, either turning west off Nicholson Road (1225 Ave) or east off 1100 Ave (north from old Highway 121).



President David Gerlach in "Nature's Embrace."



Artist Jason Hoffman '99, President Gerlach, and Dr. Dennis Campbell



The sculpture-raising crew poses with "Nature's Embrace" after successfully installing the artwork at Creekside in July. From left: Jason Hoffman '99, artist Moses Pinkerton, Bill Dennis, Gary Minder and Kenny Hoffman. (Photo by Morgan Gleason)



The Lincoln College Chorale

# MUSEUM CORNER

## LHM is the perfect place to Walk Through the 1860s

Lincoln, Illinois fifth graders took part in the Museum's third annual "Walk through the 1860s" Civil War Walk in March. The event introduces students to history and the practice of historical interpretation, and was the culmination of weeks of research, rehearsal, and for some, dance practice.

Students selected Civil War-era characters, researched them, and presented a short monologue, some memorized and some read from a prepared script. Characters included well-known figures such as Abraham and Mary Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, John Wilkes Booth, and generals Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman, and lesser-known individuals like John Surratt, John Mosby, and Rose Greenhow.

Parents, grandparents, and friends visited the Museum to go on the walk, stopping at each station to meet the characters and learn about what life was like for politicians, soldiers, spies, battlefield medics, and abolitionists during the War.

*This is one of our favorite days at the Lincoln Heritage Museum! We love to see our local students visit and portray the various characters that they have been studying about in school. To see a student's interest in Abraham Lincoln and history blossom is a truly wonderful thing, and I'm glad that we can be a part of it," said LHM Director Tom McLaughlin.*

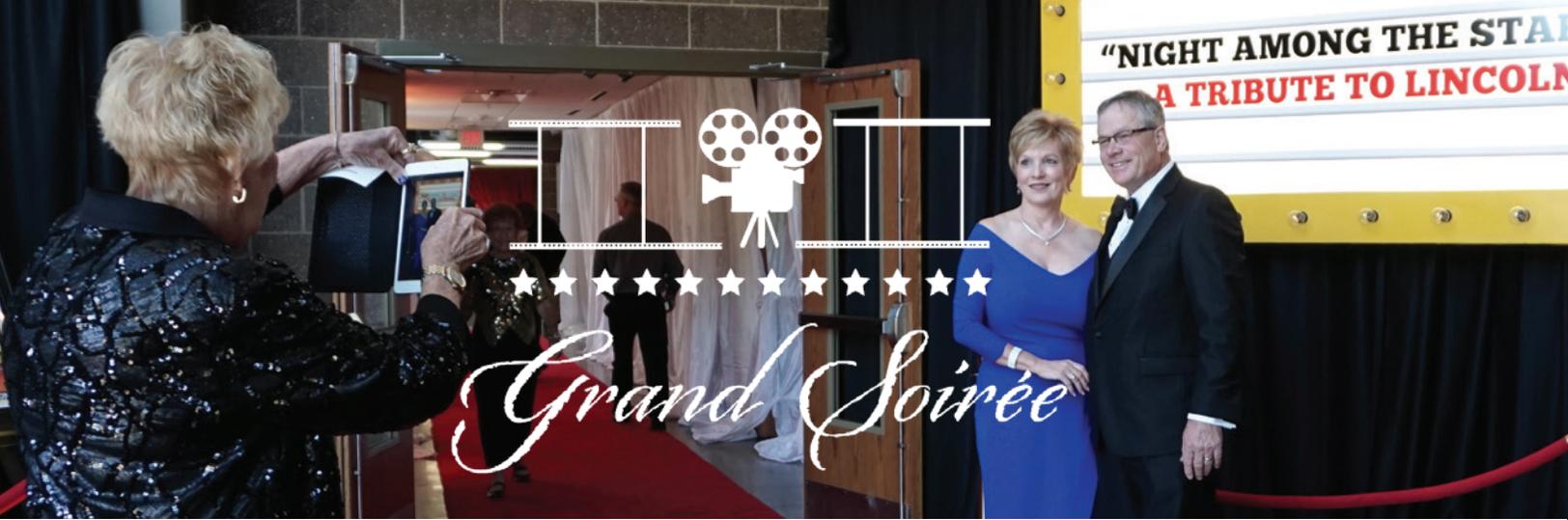


## Learn from Lincoln, Live like Lincoln Lecture series:

### Kathryn Harris as Harriet Tubman

The Museum welcomed Kathryn Harris to campus on March 10 for the first of the 2017 Learn from Lincoln, Live like Lincoln Lectures. Harris portrayed Underground Railroad conductor and abolitionist spy Harriet Tubman in an entertaining and interactive monologue. Harris also spoke as herself about how she got started researching and presenting as Tubman. After a 25-year career at the Illinois State Historical Library/Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Harris retired in 2015 and currently serves as the President of the Abraham Lincoln Association. At the close of Friday's program, LHM Director Tom McLaughlin presented Harris with a plaque in appreciation of her work as a member of the LHM Exhibit Committee that developed the 2017 "Lovers of Liberty, Take Courage!" exhibit.





Another Grand Soirée is in the books! Over 300 people attended the Museum's annual gala fundraiser held in the Jack D. Nutt Arena in the Lincoln Center on Sept. 30. Guests entered the atrium and walked the red carpet to be welcomed by President David and Lisa Gerlach. The Hollywood glitz-and-glamour-themed event included a cocktail reception, live and silent auction, dinner and dancing.

The auctions featured a wide range of items including a hand-crafted Adirondack chairs-and-table set, a Chicago Blackhawks hockey stick autographed by Team Captain Jonathon Toews, guitars autographed by country music performers Keith Urban and Kellie Pickler, a children's overnight trip to the Field Museum in Chicago and a week at Space Camp Academy, a custom made suit by Bill Steele, and posters of vintage Hollywood movies.

There was the infamous Mary Todd Lincoln cake, two dozen Abraham Lincoln cookies, and honorary street naming rights for a year for the lane that runs from Keokuk Street to University Hall on the Lincoln College campus.

The night's top auction bid was \$1,300 for a private movie party for 50 at the Lincoln Grand 8 Theater in downtown Lincoln. This year's special raffle prize, an Ultimate Broadway Experience package, was won by Diana Dedrick of Springfield, Ill.

"I continue to be amazed at the outpouring of support from our sponsors and local community members. They help us continue to honor the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln through the Grand Soirée," said LHM Director Tom McLaughlin.

"I am also thankful for the Grand Soirée Committee and the various Lincoln College departments for their countless hours of preparation to make the Grand Soirée THE event of the season! I look forward to continuing our efforts to encourage the public to "Learn from Lincoln, Live like Lincoln" through the stories we are able to tell and the special events we are able to hold."

Things won't slow down too much for McLaughlin and Assistant Director Anne Moseley, as they are preparing for the Museum's new special exhibit that opens in February 2018.

SAVE THE DATE  
 20 *Grand Soirée* 18  
 • September 29th •



# SUPPORT THE MIDDLETOWN FLAG RESTORATION FUND

The ladies of Middletown, Illinois, made an American flag that was to be flown in the August 8, 1860, Springfield, Illinois rally for presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln.

The ladies were thrilled to learn that their flag was draped over Lincoln's shoulders during the rally. This flag is a rare and unique piece of local history which ties Abraham Lincoln to the greater Logan County community, and the LHM is fundraising to fully restore this beautiful artifact.

For more information about supporting the restoration effort with a special gift, contact LHM Director Tom McLaughlin.

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## The calendar will roll over soon... what about your IRA Rollover Charitable gift?



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# Class Notes

## 1970s

**Larry Coveny**, class of 1973, shared a photo from his LC classmates and friends annual golf outing at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, Ill. Larry writes that it took him two days to recover from the three days of fun, but he plans to start training earlier to prepare for next year's outing. From left: Mark Keast, Larry Coveny '73, John Wachter, Billy Miller, Bob Steinbach '73, Dan Giancola, Gary Intres '73, Jack Piotrowicz '73.



## 1980s

**Andrea (Myerson) Berman**, class of 1983, and husband Richard are starting their second year in Surprise, Arizona. Andrea is working at the Department of Economic Security through a staffing agency and has been crocheting and knitting up a storm. She writes, "I miss Lincoln College but enjoy hearing about all the things going on. Go Lynx!"

**Jeanine "JD" (Haas) Dunn**, class of 1986, performed with "4-Digit Chord" singing the National Anthem at the Aug. 10, 2017 Cardinals v. KC Royals game at Busch Stadium. "4-Digit Chord" is a vocal group comprised of military and civilian personnel employed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, who perform the National Anthem and various patriotic songs in acapella style at official ceremonies and select community



4-Digit Chord" Members (from left to right): Master Sergeant Sandra Schmidt (USAF Active Duty), Ms. Jeanine Dunn (USAF Civilian, LC Class of 1986), Mr. Nick Cardozo (USAF Civilian/Veteran), Mr. Dan Roberts (USAF Civilian/Veteran), Captain Matthew Spomer (USAF Active Duty). Photos courtesy of the St. Louis Cardinals.

events. Founded in 2007, "4-Digit Chord" volunteers offer their services free of charge, and proudly support active duty, veterans, families, and organizations, and promote military heritage. "4-Digit Chord" boasts of past community performances at venues including the Gateway Grizzlies and the St. Louis Rams, and 2017 marks the seventh season performing at Busch Stadium during regular and post-season St. Louis Cardinals ballgames.

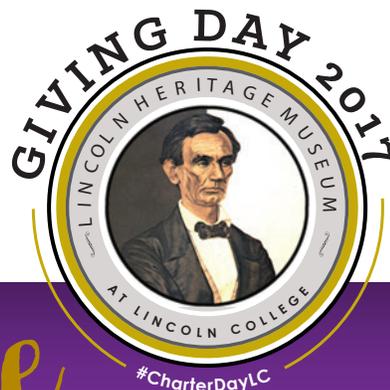
## 2000s

**Sarah (Costin) Keir**, class of 2001, now works as a Sales Coordinator with US Foods. She and her husband still reside in Naperville, Illinois.

**Angelique Crusoe**, class of 2009, graduated from Cornell University in 2011, spent a few years in retail management and interning on Capitol Hill for Congresswoman Robyn Kelly (D-IL 2nd District) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL 16th District), and is currently working as a consultant for Deloitte in Washington, D.C. Angelique writes that she loves overseas travel—over the past few years she has been to France, Iceland, and Argentina, but she has had to put some of her travelling on hold after having a baby last fall. She added, "I am very fortunate to have experienced the uniqueness of Lincoln College, and it guided me to finding my passion wanting to become an agent of social change around me. It has definitely been a defining point in me identifying just who I am."



**Joshua Lercel**, class of 2013, is the new assistant women's swim coach at IUPUI.



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# Memorials

## Homer B. "Bud" Harris

1926 – 2017

Former Lincoln College Trustee Homer B. "Bud" Harris, Jr. passed away June 8, 2017, in Durango, Colo. He was 91. Harris served on the LC Board of Trustees from 1980 to 2002. He was born in Lincoln, Ill., and served in the Naval Air Corp while attending the University of Michigan. After graduating in 1947, he married Mary Lou Gimbel, and attended the University of Illinois-School of Law, graduating in 1950. He returned to Lincoln and joined his father and brother working at the family law practice, Harris and Harris, for over 50 years. Bud was active in the community, having served as the President of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board, the LC Board of Trustees, the St. John's United Church of Christ Council, and the District 27 School Board, and was instrumental in founding the Logan County chapter of United Way. He was preceded in death by Mary Lou, his wife of 57 years, who passed away in 2006. He is survived by their three children, Diane Renee Warnock, William Dean (Peggy) Harris, and David Gimbel (Michele), nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



## Norma Park Muck

1921 – 2017

Norma Evelyn Park Muck, the widow of late Lincoln College Trustee Norman Muck, passed away in Lincoln on April 21, 2017. She was 96. Norma was born in Mt. Pulaski, and graduated from the University of Illinois. The granddaughter of early Logan County settlers David and Delilah Shellhammer, she married Norman Muck in 1944. They celebrated their 70th anniversary before he passed in 2015. Norma was an active member in church and civic groups in Lincoln, including the Lincoln

Heritage Museum's Soirée Committee, Lincoln Daughters of the American Revolution, Lincoln Women's Club, AAUW, and First United Methodist Church, and also in Florida, where they moved after retiring. Norma

is survived by their children, Douglas (Laurie) Muck and Kaellyn (Terry) Arch, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



## Charles W. Nauts

1930 – 2017

Former Lincoln College Trustee Charles William Nauts passed away in Lincoln on Sept. 2, 2017. He was 86. He was born in New York City, grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and attended the Hutchins plan for gifted students at University of Chicago. He graduated from Columbia College in New York, and earned his law degree from the University of Chicago. His long career led to vice presidencies at Chicago Title and Trust Company and Ticor Title Insurance Company, first in Chicago and then Los Angeles. He retired in 1994 from the Chicago law firm of Chapman and Cutler. He was active in the American, Illinois, and Chicago Bar Associations and a proud member of the American and Illinois Land Title Associations and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He belonged to the Trinity Episcopal Church in Lincoln, and was a member of the Union League Club of Chicago, the Cliffdwellers Club of Chicago, Lincoln Elks Lodge #914, and the Kiwanis, and served as a Trustee of Lincoln College from 1996 through 2012. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Norma "Norjie" Walker Nauts and their three children: Jennifer (James) French, Margery "Peggy" Nauts, and Matthew Nauts.



# In Memory

Our deepest sympathy to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations, we are only able to publish each person's name, age, class year, and date of death.

## 1940s

Ruth E. (Harms) Nickols, 96, 1940, February 23, 2017; Jack T. Brown, 94, 1942, March 29, 2017; James D. "Jim" Moriearty, 94, 1942, August 6, 2017; Elsie H. (Fisher) Sheldon, 90, 1944, April 15, 2015; Doris W. (Gehlbach) Howell, 91, 1945, May 22, 2017; Nancy L. (Hill) Kamer, 87, 1949, July 9, 2017.

## 1950s

Nancy J. (Van Keuren) Hansen, 81, 1952, June 27, 2013; Bette J. (Bailey) Harris, 83, 1953, January 22, 2016; Thomas E. Kindred, 82, 1955, August 15, 2017; Sandra (Lowrey) Young, 79, 1955, September 30, 2013; Anne M. (Meyers) Burns, 79, 1958, November 17, 2016; Judith "Judy" A. (Beaver) Coogan, 78, 1958, July 13, 2017; David "Dave" B. Reno, 80, 1958, April 3, 2017; Michael "Mike" J. Garfinkel, 75, 1959, December 14, 2013.

## 1960s

Ron K. Reimann, 76, 1961, January 17, 2017; Suzanne "Suzie" E. (Blaum) Aper, 72, 1964, June 23, 2017.

## 1970s

Marilyn B. Olsman, 67, 1970, January 21, 2017; Carolyn J. (Cauffield) Walden, 67, 1970, December 15, 2016; Peter S. Griffith, 66, 1971, February 11, 2017; Thomas "Tom" W. Vukovich, 65, 1972, May 22, 2017; Robert W. Wallace, 65, 1972, May 15, 2017; Larry E. Siepker, 61, 1975, December 23, 2014; Randall A. "Randy" Struck, 60, 1976, August 28, 2017; Diane L. (Craver) MacDougall, 58, 1979, February 22, 2017.

## 1980s

Patricia A. Lovins, 63, 1989, January 7, 2015.

## 1990s

Jennifer L. Dehner, 44, 1992, March 7, 2017; Julie Ann (Dopp) Koziel, 41, 1996, August 28, 2017.

## 2000+

Artavia "Tayda" D. Morris, 26, 2011, December 30, 2016; Danica G. Green, 26, 2014, March 31, 2017.

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## Upcoming Events

### Lovers of Liberty, Take Courage! Special Exhibit

February – December 2017  
Lincoln Heritage Museum

### Homecoming

November 6 – 11  
Lincoln Campus

### Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

November 10  
Davidson-Sheffer Gym



### Fall Play: Lombardi

November 9 – 19  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### Dance Concert

December 1 - 3  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### LC Jazz Ensemble Concert

December 7 – 8  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### LC Choir Concert

December 9 – 10  
Johnston Center Main Stage



The inaugural class of Distinguished Gentlemen were recognized in a ceremony held the Friday evening of Family Weekend in October. The men of Distinguished Gentlemen will provide leadership through excellence and create a society based on individual determination, character and service to our community which will positively impact our campus, city, state, and nation. Pictured (from left): Quentin Brackenridge (Staff Advisor), LaMarkus Hawkins, Javontae Yarbrough, Jalen Louie, Dominick Jordan, Alex Anderson, Rahsaun Hall, President David Gerlach, Greg Westbrook, Jarrett Kelley, DeAvion Gillam, Adrian Royster, and Keynote Speaker Jermaine Sanders '15.

## 2018

### Special Exhibit *Let Us Do Our Duty: Lincoln and Citizenship*

February 2018 – December 2018  
Lincoln Heritage Museum

### #CharterDayLC - Day of Giving

February 6, 2018  
Worldwide

### Spring Play: The African Company Presents *Richard III*

February 15 – 25, 2018  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### Spring Play: *Top Dog/Underdog*

April 10 – 15, 2018  
Johnston Center Hostick Theatre

### LC Choir Concert

April 20 – 21, 2018  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### Jazz Concert

April 26-27, 2018  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### Dance Concert

April 28-29, 2018  
Johnston Center Main Stage

### Honors Assembly and Commencement Exercises

May 5, 2018  
Lincoln Center

### Grand Soirée

September 29, 2018  
Lincoln Center

### Alumni Reunion, Homecoming & Hall of Fame

November 2018

*date change*

**2018 will be the start of new Lincoln College traditions as Alumni Reunion moves from April to Homecoming Weekend in November!**

LC's transition back to its roots as a 4-year-degree-granting institution also means a shift from 2-year to 4-year athletics. The paperwork is in, and we anticipate official notification of our acceptance into the NAIA in April for fall 2018, following a site visit early next year.

There are SO MANY reasons we're excited about this change, and we hope you will be, too! More details about the plans for the inaugural Alumni Reunion-Homecoming Weekend will be in the Spring issue of the Log and on the website, social media and Enews, so SAVE THE DATES and stay tuned!