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**Thank you
Pat Carroll '61**



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



I appreciate you taking time to keep up to date on Lincoln College. Whether you are an alumnus, friend, or supporter, the fact that you are reading this shows that you care about Lincoln College and our future. Thank you.

As I draft this column, I am almost two months past my one-year anniversary as the 22nd president. This first year went very fast, and the pace of change was exhilarating. We have successfully added four bachelor degree programs here at the Lincoln campus for the fall of 2016, giving us a total of six. They are Criminal Justice, Business Management, Sport Management, and Radio/TV/New Media added to Theatre, and Jazz Studies.

Over the next two years we will add at least six new bachelor degree programs giving us over a dozen for our students to enroll in. Possibly in that same timeframe we will add a master's degree or two and will have finalized our movement to four-year athletics. CNN recently reported that of the 11.6 million jobs created after the great recession, 72% went to those who have bachelor degrees. This is a very exciting time as we move back toward our roots as Lincoln University.

Even with a few weeks left in the Admissions recruitment cycle for the fall 2016 class, all of our enrollment numbers look strong. We have successfully increased the interest in Lincoln College by 60 percent, and we look to have one of the largest first-year classes ever that could be between 10-20 percent ahead of the past four year average. This is quite remarkable in light of the continued Illinois budget wrangling that has created confusion and hesitancy for students in our state relative to the Monetary Assistance Program (MAP). With incredible interest in the bachelor degrees we will

also likely have the largest returning class in the history of Lincoln College.

In this issue you will read about Pat and Mimi Carroll's special donation to Lincoln College to help with the long needed renovations to University Hall. This donation will assist us to get started on what will be an extensive project. For 150 years this building has been the one constant common thread for all of our students, besides the outstanding education and care that has been provided. The Carroll family commitment to Lincoln College extends two generations that started with Pat's parents supporting Carroll Hall. I had the pleasure of getting to know Pat and Mimi in Florida this past winter, and subsequently Lisa and I hosted Pat, Tom and Connie Zurkammer, and Ron and Joyce Schilling at the president's house for a wonderful dinner.

Another highlight of this year was the alumni gathering hosted by Jack and Cyndi Sparacio in California, and the Lincoln Fund challenge that they subsequently initiated. Alumni, Trustees, and friends gathered at their home in Carlsbad, reminisced about their days in Lincoln, and had a wonderful time.

Lisa and I look forward to meeting or hearing from you about your connection to Lincoln College.

David M. Gerlach, Ph.D.

UNIVERSITY HALL

RESTORATION



John Bishop '90 presenting the UH renovation plan at Alumni Reunion 2015

When architect and builder George Gayle began drafting the plans for Lincoln University—the building we now call University Hall—in 1865, he may have envisioned it standing tall for many years, filled with students seeking to better themselves and their community.

We can't know if he imagined it still standing after 150 years, but he probably couldn't have imagined the changes that are being planned as Lincoln College embarks on a major renovation and restoration plan.

The addition of new bachelor's degrees and increasing enrollment means the classrooms on the second and third floors of UH will again be in high demand.

Architect and LC alumnus John Bishop '90 with Farnsworth Group is part of the team working on the renovation and restoration plan. When completed, University Hall's original architectural glory will be enhanced by modern infrastructure, making it a safe and comfortable environment for many more generations of Lincoln College students.

"The ultimate goal is to make as much of the building as possible entirely accessible," explains Bishop, who gave a presentation on the building and the renovation plan during 2015's Alumni Reunion Weekend.

"It's a chicken-and-egg thing. You have to do the electrical [work] before the mechanical," said Bishop. The complete renovation plan includes major mechanical work like the installation of an elevator, new HVAC, and a building-wide fire suppression system. Other items on the "to do" list include adding restrooms on the second and third floors, restoration of the exterior doors and windows, and repairs to the fire escapes and exterior masonry.

The first major phase of the project, which includes the elevator, is projected to cost \$2.6 million. Work is getting under way on the preliminary projects, such as repairs to the west stairway between the first and second floors to provide better access to the second-floor classrooms. The stairway treads and risers will be rebuilt, and new handrails and guardrails on the curved staircase will improve accessibility and safety.

The bridges from the second floor landing to the offices—which have made ascending and descending the stairs something of a hazard for the taller members of the campus community—will be removed, allowing for the restoration of the original sweep of the curved stairway as it climbs the nearly 60 feet from the first to fourth floors. Access to the second floor offices will be through the classrooms as the building was originally designed.

Bishop, who earned a degree in architectural studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has been an architect and project manager with Farnsworth Group for nearly 20 years and was part of the team that designed the Lincoln Center. He received LC's Young Alumni Achievement Award in 2010 and has a passion for historical architecture and preservation. University Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places in April 1973.

"We are so appreciative of our alumni, our trustees, and others who have already made commitments to this project, but we know it's going to take several major gifts and many, many small ones, to return UH to its rightful place of historical and operational prominence as the centerpiece of the Lincoln campus," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Debbie Ackerman '83.

"I know University Hall holds a special place in the heart of many people. I hope they will join with us in supporting this monumental project. And for our alumni and friends whose interests or passions lie elsewhere at Lincoln College, there are a number of other priorities in need of support including the LINCOLN Fund, Scholarships, Johnston Center for the Performing Arts, Thomas A. Scully Natatorium, Lincoln Heritage Museum, and Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education."

For more information about the University Hall restoration and other priorities that will empower the future of Lincoln College, contact the Advancement Office at 877.522.5867.



UH west stairway and Pat Carroll '61 examining architect George Gayle's 1865 diary with Lincoln Heritage Museum Curator Anne Moseley

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



John Bishop '90, VP Debbie Ackerman '83, Pat Carroll '61, President David Gerlach

Lincoln College alum and former Trustee Wallace "Pat" Carroll '61 says he has long wanted to find an appropriate way to honor his good friend, Jack Nutt.

This year, he found it.

Carroll is contributing \$1 million to the College for work at historic University Hall. As a result, Lincoln College will rename the first floor area of University Hall, which serves as the President's reception area and office and the Trustees room, as the "Jack D. Nutt Presidential Suite."

"It was a real privilege to have Jack Nutt as a professional acquaintance and personal friend," Carroll said. "Ever since Jack passed away, I've been looking for a way to honor his work as an administrator and educator. When this opportunity came up, it was a perfect match. It recognizes Jack's contributions to Lincoln College, while at the same time it is an opportunity to show my support of President Gerlach's bold vision for the future of Lincoln College."

Nutt served as president of Lincoln College from 1982 to 2002. He passed away in October 2004 at the age of 66.

"We are excited by Pat Carroll's generous gift to the College, which will be critical in helping us restore University Hall," Lincoln College President Dr. David Gerlach said. "Equally important, I want to express how honored I am by the vote of confidence that this gift represents, as we at Lincoln College enter this new phase in our history."

University Hall: First Permanent Structure

University Hall was the first permanent structure built when Lincoln College was founded in 1865. It is listed on the National Register

Desire to Honor Jack Nutt Leads to \$1 million gift

of Historic Places and for most of its history provided both administrative offices and classroom space for students.

Carroll noted that when he was a student at Lincoln College from 1959 to 1961 a number of his classes were taught in University Hall. Recently, Dr. Gerlach announced a goal of returning classroom space to University Hall.

Carroll's relationship to Lincoln College dates back to 1959, when he came to the college following his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps.

'If not for Lincoln College...'

Carroll readily admits that he was one of those "if not for Lincoln College..." students that found success and direction at the school after a less than stellar high school career. Rather than enter college immediately upon graduation from Lake Forest Academy near Chicago, he opted for the military.

That was a revelation, he laughs, adding, "After a day or two of boot camp I knew I had to have a better education."

It was his parents, Wallace and Lelia Carroll, who pointed both him and his brother to Lincoln College. They were impressed with its reputation of helping students whose potential was greater than their academic record might indicate.

At Lincoln College, Carroll found faculty who took pride in helping students achieve their potential. One was accounting professor Dale Brummet, who became a mentor and friend. It was Brummet, who by the 1970s had become President of Lincoln College and tapped his former accounting student to serve on the Board of Trustees.

That request led to Carroll serving on the board from 1979 to 1993. It was during that time that Nutt joined Lincoln College and they become friends. In fact, Carroll says some of his fondest memories are of visiting Lincoln and going to breakfast with Nutt and other administrators, which always included a lighthearted "fight" over who would pick up the check.

Rich Family Heritage

Those familiar with Lincoln College know that the Carroll name can be found around campus, in the Carroll Hall residence complex and in the Carroll Family Alumni Room – both named in honor of his parents, in recognition of their support for Lincoln College.

Reflecting on his pre-college academic record, Pat Carroll laughs, "I think my parents were profoundly grateful that they found Lincoln College."

That mission of helping students realize their potential remains something that Carroll says he still finds appealing about Lincoln College today, noting that a college education is more important to students than ever before.

Learned to Fly in Lincoln

While at Lincoln College, Carroll was able to realize a dream of learning to fly. He says he'd been fascinated with planes and flight since his youth when – like many boys growing up in the 40s and 50s – he would build model airplanes.

He began taking flying lessons at the Lincoln airport, sweeping hangars and washing planes to earn money for flying lessons in a classic Piper J-3 Cub, often known as the "Model T" of aircraft because of its popularity, simplicity, and affordability.

The education he earned at Lincoln College allowed Carroll to gain entrance at Boston College. He continued his flight training while in Boston. To earn money and gain experience, he took a part-time job flying a traffic reporter over the Boston area in the mornings and afternoons.

Career at Frontier Airlines

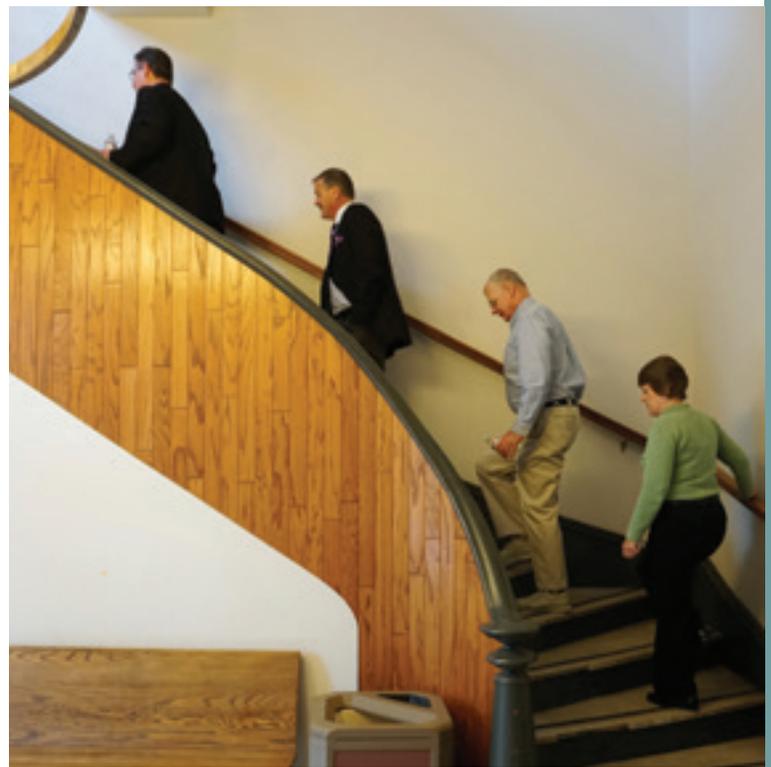
After graduating from Boston College in 1966, Carroll joined the original Frontier Airlines, where he was a commercial pilot for nearly 21 years. Carroll has also been a director of Colorado Capital Bank, founded his own real estate company and has developed property in the Denver area.

Carroll met his wife, Amelia (Mimi) while he was attending Boston College. They will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary this June. They have four children, Pamela, Susan, Margaret and Wallace III, as well as 13 grandchildren.

Carroll was named a Trustee Emeritus in 1993 and was also honored with the Lincoln College Alumni Achievement award in 1985 and an honorary Lincoln College Doctorate in 2001.



Mimi and Pat '61 Carroll



MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEES

Lincoln College is pleased to introduce these new members of the Board of Trustees



John Blackburn

John Blackburn is a graduate of Western Illinois University (BA in English) and the University of Illinois-Springfield (MA in Education Administration). He spent twelve years in public education as a high school English teacher, basketball

coach, athletic director and administrator. During his coaching career he was twice named Coach of the Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. In 1982 he began a 30-year career with COUNTRY Financial. From 2001 to 2012, he served as COUNTRY's CEO and chaired the boards of its four alliance companies, during which time the company expanded from 18 to 40 states, increased assets from under \$8 billion to over \$14 billion, and joined the Fortune 1,000 list. He served on the Lincoln College Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2012, and served as the 21st President of Lincoln College from 2012 to 2015. John and his wife Barbara live in Lincoln and have three children and eight grandchildren.



Jeffrey Walker

Dr. Jeffrey T. Walker holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Michigan and a D.D.S. Degree from Northwestern University Dental School. He also received a Master's Degree in Oral Biology and a specialty certificate in Endodontics from Northwestern University in 1994 and has been a partner with Endodontic & Periodontic Associates since 1996. He was Associate Professor in Endodontics at Northwestern

University Dental School from 1994 to 1998, and Faculty Member of the Year in 1995. He has served as Associate Professor in Endodontics at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry since 2005 and is active with the Chicago Dental Society. He and his wife Anne live in Frankfort, Illinois, with their two sons, Max and Andrew, who is in his junior year at Lincoln College this year.



Judith Morley

Judith Bree Morley grew up in Lincoln, Illinois. She holds degrees from Elmhurst College (BA in English), the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign (MA in English Literature), and Loyola University of Chicago (MBA in Finance). She worked

for Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago where she established the alumni organization and Foundation board, and served as Director of Research and Development. She later embarked on a 20-plus year career in finance, retiring as a Principal with William Blair and Company in 2005. She served as a Lincoln College Trustee in 2004/2005. Judy and her husband Bob Williams live in Chicago.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Behrends Endowed Scholarships Expanding for Local Students

Lincoln College alumnus, Trustee Emeritus and generous donor Bernard “Bernie” Behrends ’48 is expanding the Anna K. and Bernard E. Behrends Endowed Scholarship Fund for Logan County-area students. LC will be able to offer 20 scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,300, for high school graduates from Logan County and surrounding areas.

As Lincoln College continues to expand its 4-year bachelor degree programs, students have the opportunity to keep their scholarship each year as they earn their bachelor’s degree, providing they stay in good academic standing.

“My sister Anna and I feel it is important to give back to the community and the institution that helped shape us. With Lincoln College expanding to offer even more bachelor degrees, the timing was right to extend our scholarships to help more local students attend Lincoln College and experience a great education,” Behrends explained.

Since 1998, the Behrend siblings have helped support area students and their academic careers at Lincoln College. Anna Behrends ’36 passed away in 2007.

Lincoln College student and a Behrends Scholarship recipient, Molly Buse ’16 of Beason, Ill., noted this scholarship helped her gain a valuable education at Lincoln College.

“The Behrends Scholarship allowed me to attend Lincoln College and receive a solid foundation for my college education close to home.”

Buse earned the scholarship both years she attended Lincoln College and credits classes she took at Lincoln College to helping shape her career path in Communications.

Behrends continues his legacy of educational service to Lincoln and the surrounding communities. When asked why he and his sister Anna have dedicated their lives and resources to the educational pursuit of others, he responded,

“Education is what’s important! We knew we could do more to help others; the whole point in life is to help others.”



Anna K. '36 and Bernard '48 Behrends



Behrends with several Behrends Scholarship recipients



Congratulations to alumnus and Trustee Emeritus Bernie Behrends ’48, who celebrated his 95th birthday in late July with family and friends in Lincoln.

COMMENCEMENT RECAP 2016

Award-winning actor Hal Holbrook gives Commencement address

Lincoln College was honored to welcome Emmy and Tony Award winning actor Hal Holbrook as our special guest speaker and honorary degree recipient for the 2016 Commencement ceremony on May 7. Lincoln College recognized 273 candidates for graduation during Commencement. Mr. Holbrook was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts during the ceremony.

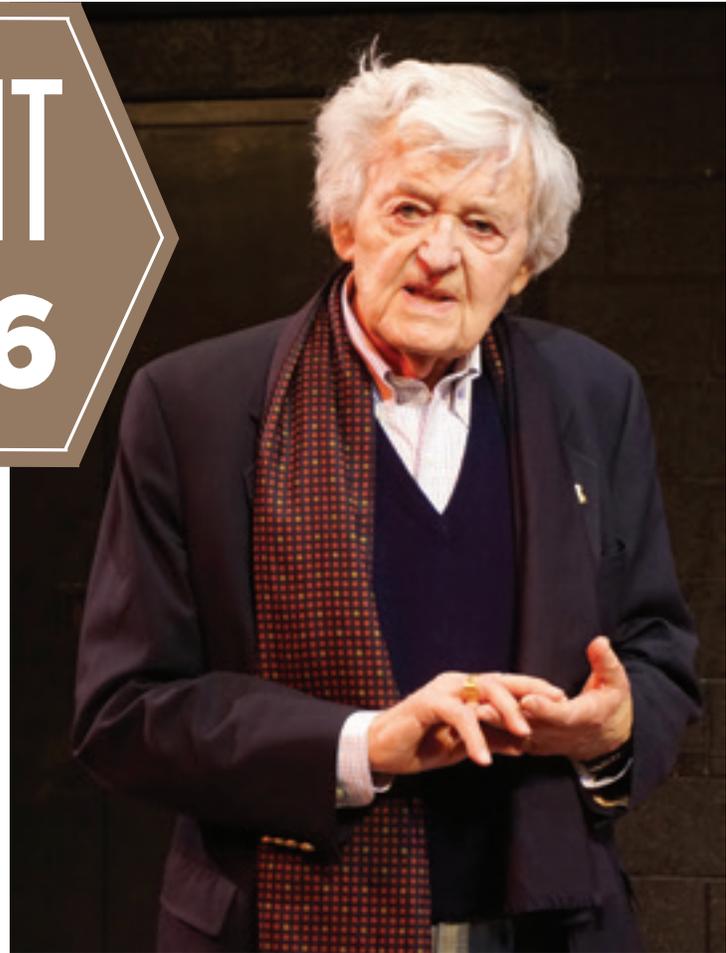
Although best known for his one-man performances as Mark Twain, Holbrook has portrayed Abraham Lincoln numerous times and is the only actor to win an Emmy Award for his role as Abraham Lincoln. It was a natural fit for Holbrook to speak at the first institution named for Abraham Lincoln.

“Portraying Abe Lincoln—the research in books, the travels to places he lived, the trail of his sprint for us to follow; made a deep mark on my life.” said Holbrook, “He told us what Americans should be about and how large their heart should be. To be honored by the University which bears his name is an honor that is profound.”

Holbrook made a special appearance in the Johnston Center’s Hostick Theatre on Friday afternoon prior to commencement, speaking to students, faculty, staff and special guests about his college experience and decades-long acting career.

In his remarks to the Class of 2016 on Saturday, he said:
Lincoln is a symbol for times like the ones we’re facing now. Confused. Angry, sometimes. Times when people don’t listen to each other. They’re afraid to listen to each other. And they’re making America into a kind of a mess. And it’s going to be your mess. Good luck to you, Charlie! This is what you’re inheriting. It’s a golden opportunity, really, when you look at it, because you might be able to fix it.

Democracy in our country, which Abraham Lincoln held so precious to his breast and fought so hard for, is threatened by other ... foolishness. Stupidity. People not listening to each other. That is an important element



Trustee Louise Taper, Hal Holbrook, President David Gerlach



of democracy, listening to each other. Whether you agree with the other person or not, listening to each other.

It's a big thing to take on a character like [Lincoln]. It's not something you just 'do' or dismiss. It's something you've got to really believe in. I don't think I've ever done anything in my life that has made a deeper impression on me than the opportunity to portray this great man. Your university's named after him. We sure could use him now.

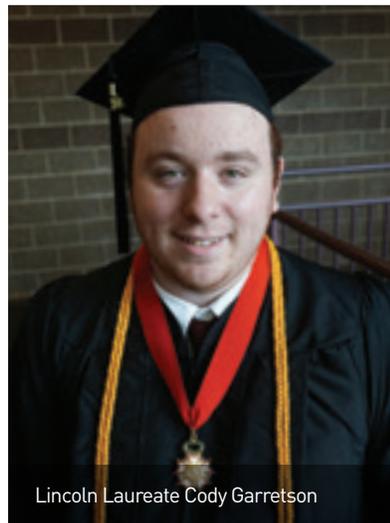
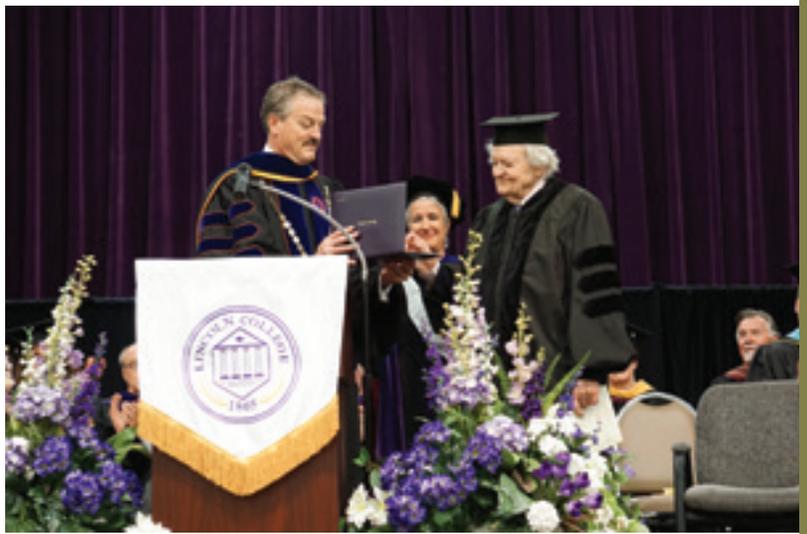
You young people, if I may call you that, are going to go out of this university, and you're going to grab ahold of this world and you're going to make it better. You're not going to allow it to get worse. You're going to try to stop people from shouting at each other. You're going to use your brain, your intelligence, to build this country back to where it should be. Because it needs your help, it needs your help very badly. Too many people shouting. Too much media. Too many newspaper people. Too much nonsense. Not enough simple, simple, simple truth. Simple truth. So, having said all this, I hope, if I haven't inspired you, at least I've tickled your fancy.

"We are very honored to have Mr. Holbrook share his experiences and knowledge with our graduates." President David Gerlach stated, "We deeply appreciate the effort of Lincoln College Trustee and noted Lincoln historian Louise Taper in asking her friend and colleague Mr. Holbrook to be our commencement speaker. This is a historic time for Lincoln College as we boldly return to our roots as Lincoln University offering both two-year and four-year degrees. It was especially appropriate that Mr. Holbrook, who is much-loved across the country for his historical performances, was our special guest this year. We were thrilled that Mr. Holbrook took time out of his busy schedule to help celebrate our graduates."

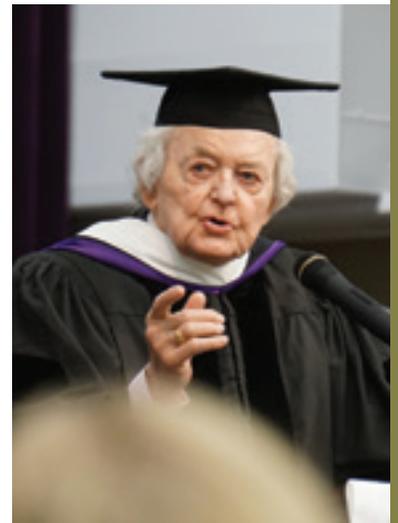
Holbrook also portrayed Lincoln confidant and advisor Francis Preston Blair in Steven Spielberg's, *Lincoln*. In 2016, Holbrook is celebrating a 50-year film career that began when he appeared in *The Group*, in 1966. At 91, Holbrook remains active in film, television and stage, having appeared in recent years in such varied productions as *Into the Wild*, *Water for Elephants*, *Sons of Anarchy* and the animated *Planes: Fire and Rescue*.

Cody Garretson of New Holland, Illinois was the Lincoln Laureate and gave the student address.

Garretson is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and majored in Jazz Studies. An outstanding leader both



Lincoln Laureate Cody Garretson



in and out of the classroom, Garretson received several musical awards while at LC, including: the Bette Dirks Award, Lincoln College's Louis Armstrong Award, and Outstanding Soloist Award at the Heritage Festival in New Orleans.

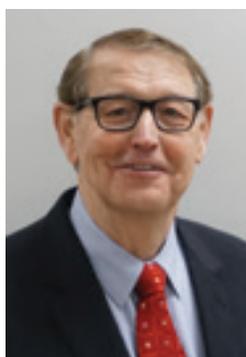
During the program, the Lincoln College Chorale sang "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)", accompanied by Garretson, fellow Jazz Studies graduate TraMaine Carter, and Jazz Studies alumnus Allen Mendez '14.

ALUMNI REUNION

2016

We celebrated Alumni Reunion 2016 on April 15 and 16 with some very special events! At their Friday night concert, the LC Jazz Band was joined on the Johnston Center main stage by very special guest percussionist Richie Gajate Garcia. On Saturday, faculty members Scott Woger, Jonathan Pierce, and John Malone gave an excellent presentation, "Getting Back to Our Roots," on the expansion of the four-year degree programs offered on the Lincoln campus. Everyone got nostalgic at the "Get Your Kicks on

66 Cruise In," thanks to the Railsplitter Antique Auto Club and other classic car owners who spent the afternoon on campus. Several alumni took the Historic Lincoln & Lincoln College tour in the Lynx Shuttle. The weekend wrapped up with Saturday evening's Alumni Dinner and Awards Program. Congratulations to this year's award recipients:



LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award

Robert "Bob" Jeckel, class of 1966, is a Hartsburg-Emden native who graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1963. Bob attended Lincoln College for one year and then took a year off to fulfill his duties as a State FFA Officer. The next year, Bob returned

to LC and was a member of the Lynx basketball team. He was a member of Circle K and received the 1966 Lord Baden Powell Award.

After graduating from Lincoln College, Bob attended Illinois State University and served in active duty with the Army National Guard for six months before completing his Bachelor of Science in Ag Education degree in 1970. While at ISU, Bob was on the Dean's List, a member of the livestock judging team, and was President of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Alpha.

Bob returned to his family farm and farmed for nearly 25 years. In 1973, he was asked to serve on the Lincoln Logan Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors. He then completed requirements for his insurance license and continues in the insurance business today. He is the current president of the Lincoln Logan May Enterprise Insurance Board, and has served and been recognized by the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies and Illinois Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Bob is very active in the Logan County community. He is a past president and board member of the Logan County Soil and Water District, and a member and past president of both the Lincoln Rotary Club and the Oasis Senior Center. He is a past member of the Lincoln College Alumni Committee and currently serves on the Lincoln College Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Bob lives in Lincoln with his wife Celia "Cees" (LC class of 1964).

They have two daughters, Laurie Mesko (class of 1993) and Natalie McGee (class of 1995), and two grandchildren, Andy and Kate.



Young Alumni Award

Rikeesha Phelon, class of 1997, came to Lincoln College to broaden her education and experience both in and out of the classroom. Rikeesha was a member of the chorale and chamber choirs, and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She graduated as Valedictorian

and received the Bradford L. Welch Valedictorian Award. She was a Lincoln Academy Student Laureate, named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and was a National Council of Independent Junior Colleges Academic All American. Rikeesha earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies and a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Illinois-Springfield. During that time she worked as a graduate assistant at *Illinois Issues* magazine.

Rikeesha refined her messaging expertise as a nonprofit media director, a public information officer for the Illinois Department of Human Services, and later as senior communications manager for all Illinois agency media relations.

In 2009, she became the press secretary to President John Cullerton as the nation turned its attention to the Illinois Senate for the impeachment trial of Rod Blagojevich. Since that time, she has distinguished herself as a trusted adviser to the Senate President and some of Illinois' most powerful leaders. During the 2014 Illinois Governor's race, Rikeesha served as a campaign spokesperson and consultant for the Democratic Governors Association. She later returned to the Senate to round out seven years as a press secretary.

Rikeesha now owns her own company, Phelon Public Strategies, and partners with issue coalitions, corporations and nonprofits

to execute strategies that engage audiences, inspire action and create change.

Rikeesha has served as a consultant with the Illinois Senate Democratic Victory Fund, as a volunteer with Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois, as a board member for The Outlet Mentoring Organization, and sits on Lincoln College's President's Advisory Council. Rikeesha lives in Springfield, Illinois, with her husband Michael and their two sons.

Looking back on her time at LC, Rikeesha says, "Lincoln College has a proud legacy of providing outstanding experiences for students seeking to lead outstanding lives. As a former student, I'm grateful for my Lincoln College heritage and hopeful that I can continue to build on the success of my experiences there."



Alumni Achievement Award in Law Enforcement

Kevin McCaster, class of 1983, came to Lincoln College to play basketball and was named to the East West All-Star Team. After graduating from Lincoln College, Kevin attended Lincoln Christian College and was named to the NCCAA All-Region Team, three All-Tournament teams, and was an NCCAA All American. He later earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Child Family Services with a specialty in Adolescents from the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Kevin has served over 23 years on the police force in the city of Downey, California. He is currently a Sergeant and Field Training Officer overseeing the detective work for robberies, homicides, and property crimes. Kevin's other areas of service include public information officer, recruitment team, Special Olympics coordinator, department Honor Guard, school resource officer, chaplain program, terrorism liaison officer, and member of the special response team.

Kevin received the Meritorious Service Award in 2003 and the Mayor's Award for Community Service in 2005. In 2007, he was awarded the Medal of Valor and is one of only eight officers to receive this high honor in the department's 59 year history. In 2008, he was selected to the Justice team and traveled to Rwanda, Africa, teaching and training with the Rwandan National Police.

Kevin still has a passion for basketball and has coached at the junior high, high school, and junior college level. Over the past seven years, he has traveled to New Mexico and conducted week long basketball camps with the Diné people on the Navajo Indian reservation. He also organizes benefit basketball tournaments for charities in his community.

Kevin and his wife Victoria live in Rancho Santa Margarita, California. They are fostering three college students from Rwanda and have served as hosts to exchange students. He was inducted into the Lincoln Christian University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

Among his favorite Lincoln College memories, Kevin lists babysitting Coach Pick's daughter Lyndsey, playing basketball for the Lynx, and being a member of P.O.C.

LINCOLN FUND MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE May 1 to June 30, 2016 MET AND EXCEEDED!

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THANK YOU Jack '63 and Cyndi Sparacio for establishing the Matching Gift Challenge, and thank you to everyone who accepted the challenge and gave your support!

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW CHALLENGE COMING SOON!

ALUMNI REUNION

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'76ers & Friends



Sharon [Dehner] '56 & Charles Marcy



Natalie [Jeckel] '97 & Case McGee with nephew Andrew Mesko



Derald '56 & Sara Doehring



Herb Berg '77, Coach Pick, Jim Finchum '76



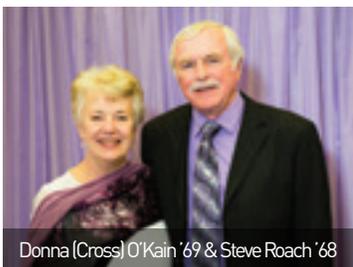
Bob Jeckel '66



Norm Schmidt '59, Cees [Harmon] '64 & Bob '66 Jeckel



Some things never change



Donna [Cross] O'Kain '69 & Steve Roach '68



Tom Zurkammer '63 and Bob Jeckel '66



Beasts of the Balcony Pep Band



Class of '66



Debbie [Hickey] Ackerman '83, Allen Pickering, Kevin McCaster '83, President Gerlach



'76ers & Friends



Allen Pickering with Kevin McCaster '83



Chuck Lindstrom and Barry Ultmann '80



Debbie Ackerman '83, Tom Zurkammer '63, Bob Jeckel '66, President Gerlach



Debbie Ackerman '83, Paula Knopp, Rikeesha [Cannon] Phelon '97, President Gerlach



Rikeesha (Cannon) Phelon '97



Anna Sarovich '07 & Natalie Polkow '08



Tom Zurkammer '63



Carl Grimes '65 and Anita & Dee '66 Pierce



Kevin McCaster '83



David & Jeanie (Loughner) Meyer '66 and Ken '65 & Barb (MacDonald) '66 Dressel



Retired coach and administrator Allen Pickering



Paula Knopp



Debbie Ackerman '83



Craig Ackerman '11 and Chris Ackerman '08



Rikeesha (Cannon) Phelon '97 & Paula Knopp



President David Gerlach



Tom McLaughlin '94, former faculty Dan & Mary McLaughlin, President Gerlach



Campus tour stop: WLN



Dale Adams '56 with Louie the Lynx



Special exhibit



LC Jazz Band with special guest Richie Gajate Garcia



On the Bus: taking the shuttle tour of historic Lincoln



Debbie (Hickey) '83 & Ron Ackerman, Craig Ackerman '11, Ellen Turner '12, '15, Katelyn & Chris Ackerman '08



Hoyle Hall Hotties



LINCOLN COLLEGE HOMECOMING 2016

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 5

Monday - Thursday

- Spirit Week on Campus

Friday

- Lady Lynx Classic Women's Basketball Tournament
7:30 PM Lady Lynx vs. Moraine Valley CC
- Hall of Fame Banquet
- Bonfire

Saturday

- Lady Lynx Classic Women's Basketball Tournament
2 PM Lady Lynx vs. Blackhawk CC
- Lynx Men's Basketball Homecoming Game & Special
Halftime Entertainment
4 PM Lynx vs. Robert Morris

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

Congratulations to the 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Class!



Kimberly (Green) Wize '86
Women's Basketball



Mike De Ment '72
Baseball



Bill Porritt '70
Men's Swimming



John Swart '60
Men's Basketball



Norm Kaye
Men's Basketball Coach
1957-1964



Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Friday, November 4

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
877.522.5867 or e-mail mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu

GO LYNX!

LADY LYNX WELCOME COACH VAVRO



Lincoln College is pleased to welcome Matthew Vavro as the new women's basketball head coach.

Vavro earned his M.S. in Education majoring in Sports Science/ Coaching from the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, after earning his B.S. in Education majoring in Sports Management from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio.

From 2014 to 2016, Vavro was at the helm of the Danville Area Community College women's program in Danville, Ill. In his first season as the head coach for the Jaguars, his team broke the school record for wins going 24-8. Vavro followed that season up with another 20-plus winning season finishing 22-8. His teams reached a national ranking 16 times peaking as high as number 13, the highest in program history.

He was an assistant men's basketball coach at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, Mich., for the 2013-14 season where he helped lead that team to back-to-back conference championships for the first time in program history.

"Coach Vavro will bring high energy and enthusiasm to our program, and his past experience and success at DACC will no doubt help him lead the women's program to new heights," Athletic Director Dave Klemm said. "I am looking forward to working with Matt this coming 2016-17 season and look forward to an exciting women's basketball season."

"I am extremely grateful that Coach Klemm and the entire search committee have given me this phenomenal opportunity to lead the Lincoln College women's basketball team," said Coach Vavro. "Lincoln College is a great institution and I am looking forward to leading these young women into the next chapter of their athletic and academic careers."

Vavro and the Lady Lynx will open up the 2016-17 season on the road at Southeastern Iowa on November 2 and will host the Lady Lynx Classic with Lincoln Land, Black Hawk, and Moraine Valley for LC's Homecoming weekend on November 4 and 5.

THOMAS NAMED HEAD WRESTLING COACH



Lincoln College is pleased to welcome Daryl Thomas as the new head coach for Lynx wrestling. Thomas will take over from Athletic Director Dave Klemm, who will be focusing on leading the future transition of Lincoln College Athletics.

Thomas earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in Communication in 2013. Thomas wrestled at 133 at UI and

finished with a 53-47 record with six pins. The Edwardsville, Ill., native was a two-time place winner at the Big Ten Championships—placing sixth in 2012 and 2013—and also advanced to the NCAA Championships as a senior. In his career, Thomas placed at four open tournaments, while also advancing to the placing rounds at the 2012 Midlands Championships and the 2009 Las Vegas Invitational. Thomas was ranked as high as seventh by WIN Magazine as a senior, while finishing third at the 2012 ASICS USA Wrestling University Nationals to earn Freestyle All-American honors.

Prior to Lincoln College, Thomas was an assistant at Northern Illinois University for two years. Thomas was instrumental in coaching five NCAA National Tournament qualifiers in the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Prior to that, Thomas was an assistant at Edwardsville High School, where he helped the Tigers advance four wrestlers to the Illinois state tournament.

"I'm humbled and just ready to work and start the recruiting process here at Lincoln College," Coach Thomas said. "I'd like to thank Dave Klemm, President Gerlach and all the other members of the administration who were involved in this process for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. I look forward to pursuing national team titles and coaching individual All-Americans and National Champions, but most importantly preparing them to be successful in life and at the next level."

Thomas will also manage the Scott Joslin Fitness Center at the Lincoln Center.



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CREEKSIDE



Celebrating Earth Day 2016

Lincoln College's first annual Earth Day at Creekside celebration drew hundreds of visitors to the outdoor center for environmental education on Saturday, April 23.

Creekside Director Dr. Dennis Campbell was joined by LC science students and other volunteers from local community organizations who facilitated a variety of family-friendly activities during the day-long event.

Dr. Michael Wiant, Director of the Illinois State Museum and former Director of Dickson Mounds Museum, was available to help attendees identify Native American artifacts.

Several stations were set up around the Center where attendees could learn about tracking mammals, skeletons and skulls, freshwater mussels, pollinators and prairie habitat, and tree identification. Hands-on activities included a petting zoo, bird house building, wildflower seed bombs, and nature art.

Throughout the day, Dr. Campbell conducted nature hikes out to Sugar Creek. LC students assisted with the family reading circle in the woods, and the Lincoln College String Ensemble performed at the Tribal Council Ring over the lunch hour.



Little Cabin Finds New Home

A small log cabin, hand built in 2001 by Lincoln businessman Pete Fredericks for Lincoln School District 27 students, has found a new home at Creekside.

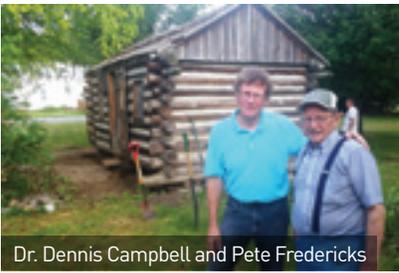
Earlier this year, District 27 decided to consolidate schools and close the Jefferson Elementary building. The school, including the property the cabin was on, was sold, and the cabin had to be relocated or dismantled. Fortunately, the cabin was offered to Lincoln College for use at Creekside.

On the morning of June 14, the cabin was carefully lifted onto a trailer and driven out to Creekside where it was moved into place at the edge of the woods where it will become a part of the Peoples of the Past Boardwalk Pioneer Area.

"This cabin was a marvelous educational gift by Pete Fredericks to the students and community of Lincoln back in 2001, and it will continue that same mission out at Creekside," said Creekside Director Dr. Dennis Campbell.

"Lincoln College is very appreciative of Superintendent Kent Froebe and District 27 for this gift, and for our Board of Trustees whose financial support helped with the cost of transporting the cabin. Moving even a small structure is a big undertaking, but we are thrilled to have it become a part of the educational experience offered by Creekside," said LC President Dr. David Gerlach.

A proper rededication of the one room log cabin will be celebrated out at Creekside later in the year.



Dr. Dennis Campbell and Pete Fredericks



The Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education is an innovative 4-acre educational site recognized by the scientific community for its biological diversity and geological and archeological significance. The Center features a lecture pavilion, insectarium, greenhouse, restored tall grass prairie, native gardens, demonstration pond, council ring fire pit, solar and wind energy developments, storm water management and rain garden, nature trails, and access to Sugar Creek near the location that Illinois' largest woolly mammoth fossil was discovered in 2005.

Creekside is located along Sugar Creek, about four miles north of Lincoln, off of County Rd 2000N, halfway between County Rd 1100E and 1225th Ave, at the end of the Small-Edwards Trace gravel road. To locate Creekside on Mapquest: search 1170 County Road 2000N, Lincoln, IL or on Google Maps: search 1234 County Road 2000N, Lincoln. Creekside is open to the public year-round.

For more information about Creekside and photos from Earth Day, the log cabin move and other events, find us on Facebook at Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education.



MUSEUM CORNER

MIDDLETOWN FLAG RESTORATION CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY



Middletown Flag Restoration campaign under way

The Lincoln Heritage Museum is undertaking a campaign to raise funds to restore one of its most important Logan County artifacts: an American flag hand sewn by the ladies of Middletown, Illinois, to show their support for Abraham Lincoln during the Wide Awake Rally in Springfield, Ill., during the 1860 presidential campaign.

“This flag represents a strong voice for women when they did not have a voice at the ballot box,” says Anne Moseley, assistant director of the Lincoln Heritage Museum. “Not only did the flag represent their support for Lincoln, but it was a creative way to communicate to the men in their lives who they wanted to show support for when it was not publicly acceptable for women to talk about politics.”

William Boyer of Middletown took the flag to the Wide Awake rally in Springfield on August 8, 1860. After the rally, it was rolled up and placed in a barn at the fairgrounds. When Lincoln arrived at the fairgrounds unexpectedly later that day, supporters draped the flag over Lincoln’s shoulders as he sat on the seat of a buggy.

“We are honored to have this unique item in our collection that shows a direct tie between Abraham Lincoln and our local community,” said Tom McLaughlin, director of the Lincoln Heritage Museum. “It is our hope that our efforts to restore this important piece of our local history will encourage those whose family members may have taken part in the creation of this flag to come forward and share their story.”

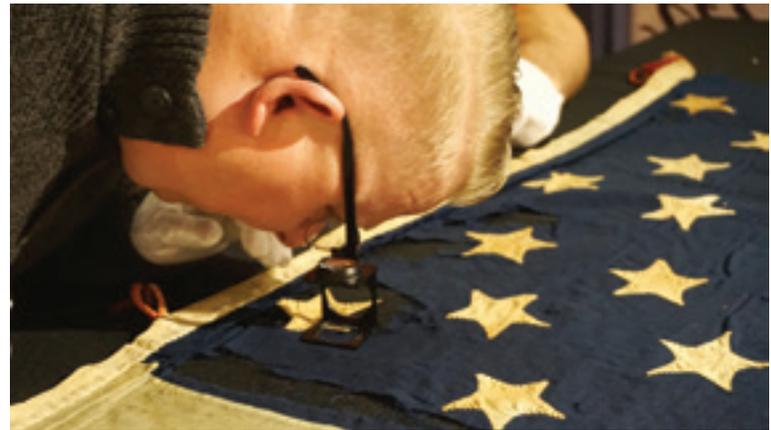
The Middletown Flag was part of a three-banner series from the Wide Awake Supporters of Logan County. The Lincoln Heritage Museum proudly houses the entire collection which also includes the Railsplitter Banner and the Nation’s Choice Banner.

The Museum acquired the flag in 1993 from former Trustee Ralph Newman. The flag is extremely fragile so it has been kept in storage and only displayed briefly a few times.

Illinois State Military Museum Curator Bill Lear and Conservator Alex Dixon examined the flag earlier this year and made recommendations for the full restoration of the flag.

“The Middletown flag is truly a gem and has a wonderful story to tell. We will be very excited to see it when it is completed,” said Lear.

The Museum is accepting donations to help fund the completion of the flag restoration project in anticipation of publicly displaying the flag in 2020 on its 170th Anniversary.



Dr. Gary Smit, Chairman of the Board of the Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development (center) with Museum Director Tom McLaughlin and Ron Keller

Lincoln Heritage Museum acquires the Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development

The Lincoln Heritage Museum is pleased to announce Lincoln College will acquire the name, resources, and organization of the Wheaton, Illinois-based Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development.

The Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to foster character development in families, schools, and community organizations by providing training, resources, and technical assistance to character development initiatives throughout the state of Illinois and nationally.

“We need more Abraham Lincolns today. For the past 13 years, the Abraham Lincoln Center for Character Development has sought to instill Lincoln’s values into the everyday life of students, communities and the public at large,” said Ken Fisher, executive director of the Center and a driving force behind its work. “After carefully considering our options we are confident that this will be the best way to not only continue, but to expand the mission and activities of the Center. We are excited to have Lincoln College and the Lincoln Heritage Museum take the reins.”

Ron Keller, former Lincoln Heritage Museum Director and current Associate Professor of History and Political Science at Lincoln College, will be overseeing the transition of the Center to the Museum, as well as all Center activities.

Since its founding, the Center has successfully instilled character development into schools and businesses, and the Lincoln Heritage Museum looks forward to continuing the great foundational work of the Center. Some of the goals the Lincoln Heritage Museum has for the Center include:

- Develop educational packets on/about illustrating/demonstrating/explaining examples from Abraham Lincoln’s life for teachers and schools
- Work with faculty and students in the College’s B.A. in Theatre degree program to develop living history monologues on Lincoln’s life that have a character emphasis
- Assist the College as it incorporates character-building into the curriculum and student life on campus
- Assist the College as it develops a business community-based program to encourage character development and ethics within the business community

“I am looking forward to working with Ron to dive deeper into the character of Abraham Lincoln and share the lessons we have learned and can still learn with our local groups, organizations, and schools,” said Museum Director Tom McLaughlin.

Come celebrate with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln at the

2016 Grand Soirée

a gala fundraiser for the Lincoln Heritage Museum

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Cocktail reception & hors d'oeuvres

Dinner

Benefit Auction

Dancing

Business attire, black tie optional

Jack D. Nutt Arena

Lincoln Center at Lincoln College

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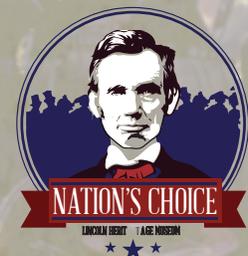
Make your reservations on-line by visiting the Lincoln Heritage Museum website museum.lincolncollege.edu or call 877.522.5867 or 217.735.7217

Please make your reservations by September 14, 2016

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities are still available!

Contact Tom McLaughlin at

(217) 735-7399 for more information.



CLASS NOTES

Congratulations to Jacob Sexton, class of 2001, and Bryce Bohman, class of 2011, who were inducted into the NJCAA Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame in March.



Jake was recognized for his outstanding career coaching Lynx Swimming & Diving. Jake swam for the Lynx from 1999 to 2001. He was a NJCAA All-American and Academic All-American, and

received LC's Coach's Award for Swimming in 2001. He graduated from Lewis University and returned to Lincoln as a volunteer assistant coach to Hall of Fame Coach Dan Hemenway.

Jake took over as head coach for Lynx Swimming & Diving from 2007 to 2012. During his tenure, his teams broke every LC and pool record on the books. He coached the Lynx men's team to two 2nd place finishes and three 3rd place finishes at the NJCAA National Championships and the women's team to two 3rd place finishes at Nationals. He coached five NJCAA National Champions in nine events, including Bryce Bohman when he set the 100 Backstroke national record. Jake was the NJCAA Men's Swimming Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2011.

He served as the Vice President for the NJCAA Coaches Association from 2009-2010 and as President from 2010-2012.

Jake is currently the Director of Philanthropy for OSF Healthcare System. He lives in Peoria, Ill., with wife Heather (Miller), LC class of 2003.

Bryce was recognized for his outstanding career swimming for the Lynx from 2009 to 2011. Bryce was a 13-time NJCAA All-American for the Lynx. He was a three-time National Champion and set a new national record in 100 Backstroke in 2011. He was a six-time LC record holder, and served as team captain his sophomore year.

Bryce earned a scholarship to West Virginia University where he was a 1st Team All-American, competed in the 2012 Olympic trials, and was named the 2014 Big 12 Swimmer of the Year. He graduated in 2014 and started a Master's program in Athletic Coaching at WVU in 2015. He took the last year off from school to train for the 2016 Olympic trials (which were held in Omaha, Neb. June 25 to July 3), though he has continued to serve as a volunteer assistant coach at WVU. This year he looks forward to completing his Master's degree and continuing to swim professionally.

Once a Theatre Kid, always a Theatre Kid

Caroline (Edwards) Higgins, class of 1981, Tom McLaughlin, class of 1994, and David Helm, class of 1999, were back on the Johnston Center for the Performing Arts main stage in June performing in the Lincoln Community Theatre production of "Bye Bye Birdie."



1940s

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Cushing) Jukofsky, class of 1948, a longtime gardening columnist for *The Island Packet* newspaper for Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, was recognized by the Hilton Head Island Town Council in November 2015 by having the local Xeriscape Interpretive Garden named in her honor. Betsy was also honored by the Island Beautification Association and the Hilton Head Island Council of Garden Clubs for her contributions to the herb society, master gardeners, native plant society and Hilton Head Island Land Trust.

1960s

E.E. "Doc" Murdock, Ph.D., class of 1961, recently published a new textbook, "How to Write Fiction: Tools and Techniques." Dr. Murdock is an Emeritus Professor at California State University, Long Beach and is the recipient of that university's Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award. He has published six novels and several textbooks.

1970s

Gary Metz, class of 1972, was back in Lincoln over Memorial Day weekend, visiting with



friends and signing copies of his book "Last of the Randolph Blues" at the Logan County Airport's Heritage in Flight Museum before heading up to Chicagoland to visit classmate Ken Goldberg '72.

Craig "Skip" Weis, class of 1972, is retired and living in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. He writes that he does a lot of sailing in the season, and he picked up a little seasonal side job at the local aeroport (sic).

1980s

Rhonda (Mogged) Fisher, class of 1984, received the YWCA Outstanding Achievement Award in Sports in May. Rhonda teaches at Midwest Central CUSD 191 in Manito, Ill., and coaches middle school track, volleyball and girls basketball.

1990s

Carol Benedict Knuth, Normal campus class of 1995, published her fourth book, "The Garbage Bag Girl," last year. Carol lives in Kentucky where she volunteers with a woman's crisis center and children's home and is a speaker on topics of child abuse, human trafficking, and publishing. She can be contacted through her website www.carolknuth.com.

2000s



Christopher Johnson, class of 2005 (AA, Lincoln) and 2008 (BS, Normal), returned to the Lynx family in April and is serving as the Director of Financial Aid on the Lincoln campus.



Craig Ackerman, class of 2011 and **Ellen Turner** class of 2012 (Lincoln) and 2015 (Normal), are engaged to be married. An

October 1, 2016 wedding is planned at the Big Red Barn in Mackinaw, Ill. Ellen is currently employed as a supervisor at ISU Weibring Golf Club in Normal. Craig is a store manager for Fastenal in Lincoln.

Alexa Maxey, class of 2015 and Disney College Program alumna, has traded in her mouse ears for wings and joined the jet set as a flight attendant on both domestic and international flights for a major US airline.

NEW IN FALL 2016:

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RADIO, TELEVISION, AND NEW MEDIA DEGREE

Lincoln College is excited to announce that the Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television and New Media is the latest addition to our degree programs as we return to our roots as a four-year college. The Higher Learning Commission, Lincoln College's accrediting body, approved the degree at the end of June, and fall semester students are already enrolling in the new program.

The Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television, and New Media degree is designed as a "theory to practice" degree, exposing students to both the theoretical and applied aspects of the media industry and preparing students for careers in radio, television, and new media. Students will learn how the emerging world of new media is rapidly changing the delivery of mass communication through digital and multimedia platforms across the world today.



Students successfully completing the degree can pursue careers in media production, programming, promotion, marketing, advertising and sales.

"The Radio, Television, and New Media degree is an important addition to Lincoln College," said Dr. David Gerlach, President of Lincoln College. "Students will gain knowledge through a hands-on experience and leave Lincoln College with a working portfolio as they begin their careers."

When students arrive on campus, they will have the opportunity to immediately start learning and working at the College radio station, WLNx-FM, and the television station, LCTV.

"Having a working knowledge of the industry plus a diverse academic curriculum will help give our students more

experience and knowledge after they graduate and look for their first job," said John Malone, associate professor in the Division of Fine Arts and Communication, where the new Radio, Television, and New Media program is housed.

Students will take a wide variety of courses such as Audio and Video Production, Communication Law, History of American Radio and Television, and Digital and Interactive Media among others.

Last year, Lincoln College partnered with the City of Lincoln and its cable franchisee, Comcast, to assume operational control of the local education and government channel. Now, rebranded as LCTV, the channel will serve as the outlet for the television component of the degree program. In addition, the College is constructing a state-of-the-art television and multimedia studio facility in the former ceramic arts building on campus which already hosts LCTV.

Since 1974, Lincoln College has owned and operated WLNx-FM and produced several notable alumni throughout the years. Most recently, WLNx has expanded its digital media presence, becoming one of only 33 college radio stations in the country on the iHeartMedia digital platform.

Malone has served as faculty and general manager of the College's radio station WLNx since 2004. Prior to joining Lincoln College, Malone was a longtime commercial radio broadcaster, most recently an award-winning program director of WMBD Radio in Peoria.

Malone is joined by Deb Antoine, assistant professor of Communication. Antoine has an extensive background in television and digital production from both professional and academic settings. She most recently headed the television and digital media program at Benedictine University in Springfield, Ill.

Current Lincoln College students can declare their new major of Radio, Television, and New Media with their academic advisor. New students can select the major from the College's offerings during the admission process. Transfer students are welcome to apply.



More degrees will be launched at the College over the next academic year. Currently, students on the Lincoln campus can earn degrees in Business Management, Criminal Justice Studies, Jazz Studies, Radio, Television, and New Media, Sport Management, and Theatre.

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.

1930s

Eldon E. Bethard, 99, 1936, December 10, 2014; Josephine E. (Denney) Leesman, 97, 1938, June 1, 2016.

1940s

Edmund J. McKearnan, 89, 1948, January 2015; Bonnie L. (Scott) Sprague, 85, 1948, July 28, 2013.

1950s

Robert N. Baart, 87, 1950, September 6, 2015; Don E. Olsen, 85, 1950, May 27, 2016; Eugene F. Parker, 81, 1954, April 17, 2015; James D. Feeley, 80, 1955, April 23, 2016; Donald L. Allspach, 80, 1956, February 14, 2016; Donald W. Davis, 82, 1956, April 9, 2016; Carole D. (Wendt) Baran, 79, 1957, April 23, 2015; Judith A. (Dillingham) Bottomley, 76, 1957, March 1, 2014; Donald E. Vinson, 79, 1957, May 15, 2016; John W. Robinson, 81, 1958, April 22, 2016.

1960s

Robert G. Granda, 75, 1961, February 12, 2016; Jon W. Frick, 75, 1963, November 1, 2015; Laurel E. Werth, 72, 1963, April 19, 2016; Robert W. Nottingham, 76, 1966, February 5, 2016; Phillip B. Rosner, 70, 1966, May 27, 2015; Robert A. Chambers, 66, 1967, February 18, 2014; Elizabeth I. (Balding) Sotzen, 67, 1968, April 6, 2016; Carolyn J. (Money) Smith, 80, 1969, March 18, 2016.

1980s

Claudia J. Zeigler, 62, 1981, November 22, 2014; Joseph N. Millard, 51, 1983, December 23, 2013.

1990s

Nancy M. (Wait) Vaught, 60, 1990, March 20, 2016; Clint B. Clark, 38, 1998, June 3, 2016.

2000s

Bradley A. Aper, 33, 2003, April 8, 2016



2014 LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award recipient Don Vinson with VP Debbie Ackerman, Associate Professor Ron Keller, and President John Blackburn

Don Vinson '57

1937 – 2016

Donald E. Vinson, class of 1957, passed away May 15, 2016 in Springfield. Don graduated from Lincoln High School. He spent one year at Southern Illinois University, then came to Lincoln College in fall 1956 on a tennis scholarship. After graduating, he went to work in Chicago then returned to Lincoln and married Georgia Brown. He served in the National Guard and was called to active duty during the Berlin and Cuban crises in the early 1960s. The Vinsons returned to Lincoln in 1990. Don retired as a vice president for marketing in the Springfield office of Chicago-based Globe Glass and Mirror in 2001. Over the years, Don served on the Lincoln City Council, the Lincoln Civil Service Commission, the City Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Police and Fire Commission. From 2005 to 2014, Don served as a docent and volunteered countless hours at the Lincoln Heritage Museum. He was recognized for his commitment to LC with the LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award in 2014. Don is survived by his wife Georgia, three children and four grandchildren.



David Harts

THE HARTS SOCIETY

Alumnus and former

Trustee **David H. Harts**

(1878-1962) was

a great benefactor of Lincoln College

whose generosity and dedication preserved

the College through difficult financial

times. The Harts Society honors the

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recognizing others who have provided for

the College through their estate plans.

Have you considered a Lincoln College Legacy?

The Harts Society at Lincoln College recognizes alumni and friends who have provided for the College through their estate plans. As technology, legislation, and the cultural climate changes, our ability to predict the future becomes less reliable, and having a current estate plan becomes more important, no matter how large or small your estate may be.

An up-to-date estate plan is the best way to ensure that your personal and financial goals are achieved for the benefit of your family and those charitable institutions which are most important to you. It allows you, while you are still living, to ensure that your property will go to the people and charities you want, in the way you want, and when you want. It permits you to save as much as possible on taxes, court costs, and fees, and it relieves your loved ones of the burden of unnecessary red tape and financial confusion.

If you intend to leave a Lincoln College Legacy by remembering LC in your estate plan, please contact the Alumni Office at 877.522.5867 to record your intent.

Please use the following language on IRA, insurance or other beneficiary designation forms or share it with your attorney for inclusion in your will or living trust:

I (name) of (city, state and zip) leave (written amount or percentage of estate or description of property) to Lincoln University (a/k/a Lincoln College, EIN #37 0661227), 300 Keokuk Street, Lincoln, Illinois 62656.

Due to the complexity and changing nature of tax laws, seeking the assistance and expert counsel of an attorney or other tax advisors is strongly recommended when completing an estate plan.

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THANK YOU to LC alumnus and Trustee Jack '63 and Cyndi Sparacio for hosting our southern California Alumni & Friends reception in February!

Regional events are being planned to connect where many alumni and friends live—check the website and watch for more locations and dates to be added.

Interested in hosting an event for Lincoln College alumni and friends? Contact the Alumni Office at 877-522-5867 or email alumni@lincolncollege.edu.



The Lincoln Log

Attention Parents! If the address lists someone who no longer lives with you, please send your student's correct address to: Lincoln College - Office of Alumni Relations, 300 Keokuk Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 or e-mail alumni@lincolncollege.edu

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2016 COMING EVENTS

The Grand Soirée

Lincoln Heritage Museum
September 24

Alumni & Friends Reception

October 26
Weber Grill in Lombard, Illinois

Homecoming

October 31-November 5
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
Davidson-Sheffer Gym
November 4

Theatre Production

November 3-6 and
November 10-11
Johnston Center Main Stage

Jazz Concert

November 19

Giving Tuesday

November 29

Choir Concert

December 2, 3

Dance Recital

December 10, 11

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