



Good Morning Lincoln Family,

We, your student Government Association, come before you as your students, your friends, your sisters, but more importantly as PROUD Lioness of the FIRST HBCU; OUR Lincoln University. We value the pavement of which we walk on. We honor those who have come before us and we take head to the legacy in which we are all a part of.

Observing the current state of our nation, we have seen over the past few years that racism is still very much so alive in this country. Yesterday, our students witnessed first-hand that racism also exist within our own community, as our institution's sign was defaced late last night. As, your Student Government Association, we applaud our students for their dignity to uphold Lincoln at its finest through their social media domains and their inquiries on how we, as a student body, can handle this situation.

Our institution has withstood many acts of racism over and over again. We withstood the Civil War in 1861, withstood the Reconstruction Era following, withstood during the Civil Rights Movement and today, 161 years later, we will continue to withstand in the face of our adversity. Since 1854, our institution has represented a lineage of an educated, sophisticated and civically engaged people. Lincoln has produced world-renowned scholars, doctors, innovators, musicians, poets and so many others. That same lineage is still within us all.

We charge our administration, our faculty, our staff and our students to remember what The Lincoln University means. To our fellow students, we charge you to remember why it is that you are here. Understand that your education and your place at the nation's FIRST HBCU, THE Lincoln University, should never be taken lightly. Seize this moment; soar in the time that you are here obtaining your education. Value this moment; realize that this opportunity should never be taken for granted. We, as students, complain so much about what Lincoln isn't doing for us; we charge you today to think about what Lincoln has already done for you and what you can do for her.

We combat last night's actions by showing them what it truly means to be the educated youth of a prestigious and dynamic heritage. We combat them by giving back to OUR communities. We combat by demonstrating the best of our best. We combat by attending our classes and excelling in our academics. We combat by using our education to service our communities back home. We retaliate by understanding that we are not inferior nor defined by the same name they tried to break our ancestors with hundreds of years ago.

We WILL Rise.

We WILL Stand.

We will not rest.

We trust that our University will lead a thorough investigation of last night's happenings and will update us all along the way.

We also trust that our student body will remain civically engaged, always progressing and rising to the standard of our Dear Old Orange and Blue.

Today, we stand...as our ancestors, once did. Today, we stand still proud of our institution, still honoring our legacy and still fighting for its abilities to withstand adversity.

Hail, Hail Lincoln!

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In Leadership & Service,

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