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Alumni Commit to Major Donations to University

They recall with fondness their undergraduate days spent on the campus of the "old Orange and Blue."

They say that they owe success in their private lives and professional careers to the educational foundation received at Lincoln.

In support of their Alma Mater, nine members of Lincoln's alumni have recently committed to donate \$200,000 to the University.

Seven of the alumni are donating \$25,000 apiece; a married couple, who also are Lincoln graduates, are donating the other \$25,000 for a total of \$200,000, said University President Ivory V. Nelson.

"These nine daughters and sons of Lincoln are setting a sterling example of making a financial commitment to their Alma Mater," Dr. Nelson said.

President Nelson added: "Their

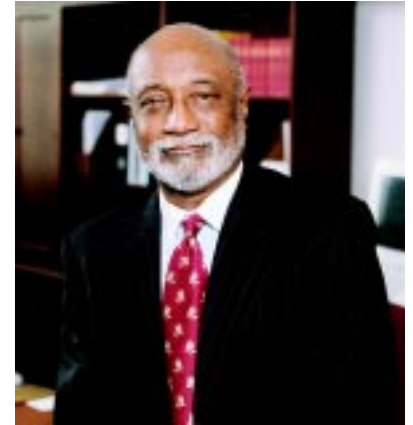
generous gifts demonstrate their dedication to Lincoln as well as their strong belief that Lincoln needs more donors to step up to the plate and make significant financial commitments to this venerable institution. Their contributions are helping us to create more higher education opportunities for students to attend Lincoln."



Warren R. Colbert, Sr., '68, member, Lincoln Board of Trustees; first vice president of Investments, UBS/PaineWebber, Inc.

The seven alumni donating \$25,000 each are: **Walter D. Chambers '52**, Lincoln Trustee Emeritus; retired assistant vice president, Bell Atlantic Corp.; chair, Board of Trustees, The College of New Jersey; **Robert L. Archie, Jr., Esq. '65**, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Duane, Morris & Heckscher LLP; **Carol Black, Esq. '67**, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Black & Adams; **Warren R. Colbert, Sr. '68**, first vice president, Investments, UBS/Paine Webber, Inc.; **Dr. James A. Donaldson '61**, dean of Howard University's School of Arts and Sciences;

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Dr. Ivory V. Nelson

Message From The President

When you look at your annual calendar what do you see? If you are a member of the Lincoln University Community or familiar with our institution, you would know that even as we focus on daily activities our attention is drawn to significant dates on the calendar.

May 4-6: Alumni Reunion Weekend and Founder's Day Celebration.

May 6: Commencement.

July 20: Alumni Golf Classic.

July 21: Alumni Annual Picnic.

October 27: Homecoming.

Certainly, these are all very important dates in the continuing history of this 147-year-old higher education institution.

And then there is the year 2004, which is a scant three years away. As Lincoln approaches its sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary in 2004, the University is making

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- **January 16:** Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Flake, pastor of Allen Episcopal Methodist Church in New York and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, speaks at Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation.
- **March 1:** Chester County Historical Society presents campus town meeting to discuss its planned 2002 exhibit on the Underground Railroad.
- **March 8-10:** Lincoln students win top honors at the "Speak-Off Oratorical Contest" at Alabama State University.
- **March 14:** Annual Student Honors Convocation honors 214 scholarship recipients and 124 award- and prize-winners for their exemplary academic performance.
- **March 19-21:** Movement specialist and Alvin Ailey Dance Company faculty member Wendy Amos, great-great-granddaughter of the Rev. Thomas Hunter Amos, a member of Lincoln's first graduating class, lectures at the University.
- **March 20:** Lincoln Students win prizes at 27th Annual Persuasive Oratorical Contest on the topic of alcohol.
- **March 21-23:** Global Studies Institute hosts First Annual International

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Alumni Make Major Donations to University

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Donn G. Scott '70, market president, Greater Philadelphia, First Union National Bank; and **James W. Wright** '66, chairman and CEO of First Tuskegee Bank in Alabama.



James W. Wright '66; chair and CEO, First Tuskegee Bank, Alabama.

Rhone, chair of Lincoln's Board of Trustees, manager of government relations for IBM Corp., and her husband, **Wayne C. Rhone**, a computing expert, who graduated from Lincoln in 1976 and 1974 respectively, are contributing the remaining \$25,000.



Donn G. Scott '70, member, Lincoln Board of Trustees; market president, First Union National Bank.

the inherent legacy left to us as an Historically Black University," Colbert said. "Lincoln provided us with a first-class education and a firm foundation to help us succeed in life and our chosen careers."

He added, "There is a natural synergy that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) pass along to enhance our networking and help us build and maintain strong relationships years after we graduate. Some of my friends who did not attend HBCUs are envious of the friendships which I have maintained over the years."

"Lincoln gave me a balanced and uplifting perspective on life and the

world which was unattainable in my hometown environment (Norristown, Pa.)," said James W. Wright, who has served as chair and CEO of First Tuskegee Bank since 1991.



Adrienne G. Rhone '76, chair, Lincoln Board of Trustees; manager, government relations, IBM Corp.

Under Wright's leadership, the bank has realized an asset growth from \$21 million to \$65 million

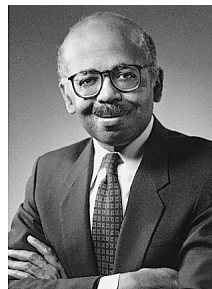


Walter D. Chambers '52, Lincoln Trustee Emeritus; retired assistant vice president, Bell Atlantic Corp.; chair, Board of Trustees, The College of New Jersey.

Carol Black, Esq., was emphatic in her willingness to step up her support of Lincoln.



Dr. James A. Donaldson '61, vice chair, Lincoln Board of Trustees; interim President of Lincoln, October 1998 to August 1999; dean, Howard University's School of Arts and Sciences.



Robert L. Archie, Jr., Esq. '65, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Duane, Morris & Heckscher LLP.

"It's the least I can do in support of Lincoln which has done so much for me in my education and career," said Black, whose deceased father, the Rev. Austin Black, was a 1924 Lincoln graduate.

Said Donn G. Scott: "My family made the decision for me to attend Lincoln. They knew Lincoln would be the ideal educational institution to propel me.

"With my donation I want to send a clear message to the thousands of other graduates who could and should step up their contributions. Lincoln was there for us. Let's be there for Lincoln."

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Conference, *The Caribbean and Latin America in the 21st Century: Problems and Solutions*. Led by Institute founder and director Dr. **Robert E. Millette**, participants included three alumni: conference keynote speaker Dr. **Orville E. Kean** '59, president, University of the Virgin Islands; and presenters **Dr. Gregory S. Jenkins** '87, assistant professor, Department of Meteorology, Penn State University; and Dr. **Carlyle G. Corbin Jr.** '72, Minister of the State for External Affairs, U.S. Virgin Islands.

- **March 29:** Counseling and Career Services presents annual Career Fair featuring over 100 companies, including Aetna U.S. Healthcare, American Express Financial Advisors, State Farm Insurance, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, MBNA America, and Philip-Morris USA.
- **March 30:** More than 500 prospective students and their parents attend Lincoln's 2001 Spring Open House to learn more about the University, meet the faculty and students and receive enrollment information.
- **March 31:** Dr. Evelyn Bethune, granddaughter of noted educator Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, delivers keynote address for the Lincoln University Section of National Council of Negro Women, Inc.'s Second Annual Women's History Month Luncheon.
- **April 5:** President **Ivory V. Nelson** delivers keynote address at 37th Annual International Night dinner for Oxford (Pa.) Area Rotary Club District 7450.
- **April 5:** University presents 12th Annual Music Department Faculty Recital.
- **April 7:** Author **Byron W. Woodson, Sr.** '70 who claims descent from Thomas Jefferson, signs copies of his family biography, *A President in the Family: Thomas Jefferson, Sally Hemings and Thomas Woodson*, at the Lincoln Urban Center in Philadelphia.

Message From The President

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significant progress toward its goal of having Lincoln be the **First Choice** for students seeking a first-rate higher education.

In this first issue of our new newsletter, **Lincoln Review**, we discuss some of our future activities, recent accomplishments and milestones as well as focus on the challenges ahead for Lincoln, America’s first Historically Black University.

In my appearance before Pennsylvania lawmakers February 26-27 to present the University’s 2001-2002 operations budget request for the Commonwealth’s support, I pointed out a vital fact: Lincoln’s own contributions to the state extend well beyond its classrooms and 422-acre campus in Southern Chester County. The University is one of the largest employers in Southern Chester County with 450 employees. Seventy-two percent (72%) of the employees are Pennsylvania residents. Fifty-four percent (54%) of the University’s alumni reside in the state. In addition, the University purchases approximately \$16 million of goods and services annually, including 58% or \$9.1 million from state vendors.

For fiscal year 2001-2002, Lincoln is requesting state appropriations totaling \$19,089,100.

In the meantime, Lincoln is working diligently to improve its finances. Besides funding for capital projects, Lincoln is seeking additional state funding to support its operating budget. We are faced with rising operating costs that must be met and much-needed improvements in facilities, technology and services which require additional funds.

To meet these and other challenges, Lincoln is reaching out, reaching across and reaching beyond. We are seeking to secure the necessary funding from the state, graduates, friends and private donors to update the physical plant and provide for the operational aspects of the University. A major step in addressing our financial needs was taken when Governor Tom Ridge made his first visit to our campus on December 12, 2000. Gov. Ridge committed \$29.4 million to address the University’s most serious infrastructure needs.

Further, I commend the nine exemplary members of the alumni who have stepped forward to donate a combined \$200,000 to the University.

To help lead the University in vital areas and in this new millennium, Lincoln has appointed two very able new vice presidents: Dr. William B. Bynum Jr., vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; and Mr. Michael B. Hill, vice president for Development and External Relations.

Again, thanks to everyone for helping Lincoln prepare more students and produce more leaders for the new millennium.

And thanks to everyone for your continued support of Lincoln University.



Profile: Pennsylvania State Rep. LeAnna M. Washington

Lincoln Alumna Chairs State Legislative Black Caucus



Pennsylvania State Rep. LeAnna M. Washington (D-Phila.), who graduated from Lincoln University in 1989 with a master’s degree in human services, is the new chair of the state’s Legislative Black Caucus. She is the first woman to head the Caucus that was founded in 1970.

“Lincoln gave me the tools to speak up, be a change agent, bring good services home to my constituents in

Pennsylvania, be a team player, delegate, and be self-directed,” Rep. Washington said.

Lincoln’s Master of Human Services Program is designed for full-time professionals who have a record of successful work experience in a human services field. Students also must have the academic capability to enter and complete the course of studies leading to the M.H.S. degree.

A Philadelphia native, Rep. Washington was first elected to represent the 200th Legislative District in 1993. She has received numerous awards for her dedication to community and humanitarian issues, including the Citizens Commission on Human Rights’ International Human Rights Award in 2000, and the 1998 Pennsylvania State Conference NAACP Branches Appreciation Award. She has three children.



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2001 Calendar for Commencement & Alumni Reunion Weekend

Friday, May 4

9:00 a.m. - Midnight Registration and Secure On-Campus Housing.....Hansberry Hall
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Master of Human Services (HOMOWO Celebration) Off Campus
 Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, PA**
 (For Directions, call the MHS Office at 610-932-1223)
 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. "PHI" AND "PI" Dinner..... LLC - Faculty Dining Room
 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Concurrent Hospitality Receptions Campus Locations



Saturday, May 5

8:00 a.m. - Midnight Registration and Secure On-Campus Housing..... Hansberry Hall
 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast..... Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Meeting of the Executive Council of the
 Alumni Association of Lincoln University.....Vail Hall Boardroom
 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. National Ladies Auxiliary/Lions Annual Meeting.....The Guest House
 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Emeritus Class Luncheon (Class of 1951)
 Brunch with the President LLC Faculty Dining Room
 10:00 a.m. - Noon Friends of the Library **OPEN HOUSE** Langston Hughes Library
 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch LLC Faculty Dining Room
 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Concurrent Hospitality Receptions Campus Locations
 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Alumni Association of Lincoln University
 General Membership Meeting.....Dickey Hall Auditorium
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Reunion Class Pictures (1's and 6's) Brown Memorial Chapel

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FOUNDER'S DAY - ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room

9:00 p.m. - Midnight Reunion Networking Social....**(A MUST!** Featuring a live band and dancing)
 Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center Patio Area

Sunday, May 6

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast..... Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room
 10:00 a.m. The Baccalaureate Service..... Brown Memorial Chapel
 2:30 p.m. Commencement Exercises On The Lawn
 5:00 p.m. President's Reception for Graduates and Guests of the University
 Marshall LLC - Main Dining Room

- **ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2001**
- **ALUMNI ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2001**
- **HOMEcoming DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2001**

For additional information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations
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