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University Achieves National Rankings of Distinction Lincoln Hails Upswing in Alumni Commitments



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT Ivory V. Nelson addresses alumni from the Washington, D.C. area about Lincoln and the need to increase donations from private sources.

Message From The President

As Lincoln University prepares to welcome and educate another class of students at the end of August, let us look at two other separate but equally important events in the life and times of this

venerable institution.

I am pleased to report that the University ranks at the top nationally in graduating African Americans with baccalaureate degrees and that the alumni are stepping up their financial support of Lincoln. In fact, for the first time in several years, the University has raised over \$1 million during a fiscal

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Lincoln University Ranks at Top Nationally Among All Colleges and Universities

According to 1999-2000 data compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, Lincoln University ranks:

- **second in the nation** in graduating African Americans with baccalaureate degrees in the physical sciences (biology, chemistry, and physics).
- 12th in the nation among colleges and universities in graduating all minorities with baccalaureate degrees in the physical sciences.
- in the **top 2 percent in the nation** in graduating African Americans with baccalaureate degrees in computer and information sciences.
- in the **top 2 percent in the nation** in graduating African Americans with baccalaureate degrees in biological and life sciences.
- in the **top 3 percent in the nation** in graduating African Americans in all academic disciplines.

Lincoln Celebrates 147th Anniversary at Founder's Day and Alumni Awards Banquet -- Alumni Present 5th Annual Golf Classic

The campus was bathed in sunshine; night winds were cool and gentle. The emerald-green and well-manicured lawns boasted an array of blooming flowers. Overhead, birds sang to one another.

And, surely, somewhere, The Legendary Lions of Lincoln* --Langstson, Thurgood, Hildrus, Nnamdi, and Kwame -- were smiling down on the

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LINCOLN ALUMNI

who were honored for exemplifying the ideals of leadership and service proudly display their awards at the May 5 Founder's Day banquet. They are (L-R): Dr. Henry H. Mitchell '41; Mavis E. Kelley-Williams '81; Vernon E. Davis '86; and Charles R. Patton, M.H.S. '83.



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year from private sources, including members of the alumni.

These significant events signal clearly that our daily hard work at the University and continued commitments to excellence are paying major dividends.

Lincoln Ranks Nationally

The national recognition for our many academic achievements is indicative of the fact that our small institution continues with the time-honored tradition of producing exemplary performances by our students, faculty and alumni. In essence, it is the Lincoln Legacy in action!

Since I have devoted my presidency to returning the University to prominence and raising funds in support of our initiatives to provide a world-class education to our deserving students, these are, indeed, encouraging times.

Moreover, I commend the Lincoln University faculty and staff for their dedicated roles.

When I examine the acceleration in our giving, this report, too, is promising. But if Lincoln University is to compete successfully in this new millennium, then we should and must do even better.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR LINCOLN UNIVERSITY COMMITMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS

(Year-To-Date, June 21, 2001)

\$25,000

Robert L. Archie, Jr., Esq. '65
Carol A. Black, Esq. '67
Walter D. Chambers '52
Warren R. Colbert, Sr. '68
Dr. James A. Donaldson '61
William B. Ingram '61
Robert A. James '66
J. Vernon Peterson '73
Adrienne G. '76 and Wayne C. Rhone '74
Donn G. Scott '70
Dwight Taylor '68
James W. Wright '66



\$10,000

Drs. Ivory V. and Patricia A. Nelson* Dr. Robert L. Albright '66 Dr. Lula A. Beatty '71 Dr. William E. Bennett '50 Dr. William C. Brown '60 Aubrey Ford, Jr. '70 Oliver Franklin '66 George T. Hedgespeth, Jr. '71 Michael B. and Debra Hill Dr. David Knox '72 William H. Mangum '56 Thomas L. McGill, Jr., Esq. '68 Rev. Calvin S. Morris, Ph.D. '63 Dr. Richard M. O'Daniel '68 Dr. Vincent and Deirdre Pearson '72 Dr. J. Paul Stephens '68 Vaughn Thomas '66 Dr. Marvin Wachman**

*Ivory V. Nelson, Ph.D., is the President of Lincoln University.

*Dr. Marvin Wachman served as President of Lincoln University from 1961 to 1969.

Lincoln Plans Capital Drive

As I stated in our premiere edition of the *Lincoln Review* (April-May 2001), Lincoln, under the Office of Development and External Relations, is proactively proceeding with plans to design and implement a \$100-million capital fund drive for the University by September 1, 2001 with specific emphasis on enhancing:

- Facilities and Equipment
- Technology
- Endowment Support
- Operating Support

Alumni Hear Key Messages

To further underscore the importance of Lincoln's rejuvenated fund-rasing activities, I have made it a high priority on my calendar to visit with University alumni chapters in several cities. I am very heartened with the reception to my two key and simple messages:

- 1. Lincoln University continues with its historic and sacred mission to provide more generations with a quality higher education and produce leaders to shape a new millennium.
- 2. Lincoln University Alumni should step up their financial support to their Alma Mater.

Besides in Philadelphia, I have addressed alumni and their family and friends in Washington, D.C., New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Before year's end, I anticipate carrying my two key messages to Lincoln alumni in other cities. Thus far, the response has been simply magnificent.

Again, thanks for the wonderful reception! And thanks everyone for your continued support and commitments to excellence.

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Lincoln Celebrates Anniversary and Presents 5th Annual Alumni Golf Classic

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old Orange and Blue!

The weekend of May 4-6 was, indeed, a picture-perfect time for a celebration and commencement, too. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. Two hundred and twelve elated students received their baccalaureate degrees and another 223 jubilant students earned master's degrees.

We also had a winning weekend for the 5th Annual Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, July 20. Proceeds from the event benefit the University's scholarship fund.

Here is a photography essay of Founder's Day, Commencement, and the Golf Classic.

Enjoy!



THE BROTHERS PRICE, FIRST-PLACE WINNERS of the Lincoln University Alumni 5th Annual Golf Classic show off their links' trophies. The peerless foursome are (L-R): James, Lloyd, Thomas, and George Price. The 18-hole, "best ball" contest was played July 20 at Inniscrone Golf Club, in Avondale, near Lincoln in Southern Chester County, Pa. Proceeds from the fund-raising event benefit the University's scholarship fund.





LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT Ivory V. Nelson presents a plaque to Carol A. Black, Esquire '67 for her commitment to her alma mater, achievements and for serving as keynote speaker at the Founder's Day and Alumni Awards Banquet on May 5. After her graduation, Black channeled her linguistic talents, community work, and career goals

into the successful establishment of the Philadelphia law firm of Black and Adams. The firm is named for her and husband William R. Adams, Jr., Esquire.

PENNSYLVANIA State Rep. Arthur D. Hershey of Chester County was among the many guests to attend Founder's Day and the Alumni Awards banquet on May 5 at the Marshall Center.





AETNA U.S. HEALTHCARE SALUTED Lincoln University as a premier institution by dedicating the month of January to the University in the company's 20th anniversary edition of its African American History Calendar. Pictured with framed copies of the calendar are (L-R): Frank McCauley, general manager, Aetna U.S. Healthcare S.E. Region; University President Ivory V. Nelson; Adrienne G. Rhone '76, chair of Lincoln's Board of Trustees; and the Rev. Thomas W.S. Logan Sr., the 1935 Lincoln graduate featured on the calendar.

^{*} Lincoln University's Legendary Lions include such preeminent alumni as **Langston Hughes** '29, scholar and world-acclaimed poet; **Thurgood Marshall** '30, civil rights attorney and first African-American Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; **Hildrus A. Poindexter** '24, internationally known authority on tropical diseases; **Nnamdi Azikiwe** '30, Nigeria's first president after its independence; and **Kwame Nkrumah** '39, first president of Ghana following that country's independence from colonial rule.



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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Lillian E. Fishburne '71 (inset, left), the first African American woman to hold the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, addresses the Class of 2001 on May 6. Rear Admiral (retired) Fishburne and Dr. James A. (Moose) Parker '42, a noted dentist, and community, civic, and educational leader, received honorary doctor of science degrees during the outdoor ceremony. University President Ivory V. Nelson (inset, right in blue and black robe) presents Dr. Parker with his honorary degree.



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OCTOBER 27

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LINCOLN UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 1951 poses for a picture with University President Ivory V. Nelson and members proudly wear their 50-Year Emeritus Alumni Medallions during the Founder's Day and Commencement weekend, May 4-6, 2001. They are (L-R): Dr. Robert Turnquest, Charles W. Champion, Dr. James E. Butler, M.D., Dr. Carl Mansfield, Dr. William A. Miles, Earl Smith, William Scott Jr., Ronald Gilliam, Uriel Wallace, Joseph Harris, Don N. Harris, President Nelson, Dr. Donald L. Mullett, Dr. Paul Taylor, Dr. Edward Belle, Leland H. Burris, Benjamin L. Brown, Esq., William Minter, Talbot Bulkley, Dr. William R. Smith, and the Rev. John A. Parkinson.

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