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The Nation's First HBCU and Its President Answer Call To 'March For Affordable College Education'

Dr. Jennings Leads NAFEO delegation of more than 14 HBCUs and PBIs

The Lincoln University President Dr. Robert Jennings and a contingent of nearly 40 Lincoln students led a delegation of at least 14 Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs) in calling for affordable college education, Saturday at the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington.

Dr. Jennings was the first and only university president to respond to an Aug. 2 letter from National Association For Equal Opportunity In Higher Education (NAFEO) President and CEO Lezli Baskerville, Esq., that urged both the leadership and student body of several HBCUs and PBIs to participate in a call for a "comprehensive and equitable financial aid system that will make postsecondary education affordable and accessible."

"In many ways, the civil rights movement was a youth movement, an HBCU student- propelled movement, and HBCU students, faculty, staff and administrators played a central role," Baskerville wrote. "NAFEO wants to ensure that at this year's 50th Anniversary March on Washington for "Freedom, Jobs, Peace and Social Justice," HBCU and PBI students and the HBCU and PBI communities will be front and center, marching for affordable higher education."

Recent changes associated with Parent



Dr. Jennings and Dean of Students Dr. Lenetta Lee '85 gathered with students on D.C.'s Mall prior to 50th Anniversary of March on Washington program.

Plus loans and Pell Grants have had a disproportionately negative impact on students, particularly those at HBCUs, which are causing many to forgo or discontinue their education.

"History has taught that a movement without young people yields no movement at all," said Dr. Jennings. "As many as 10,000 students nationwide are facing the grim reality of being locked out of pursuing a college education for the Fall 2013 academic year. The time for our young people to be heard is now."

Lincoln was joined by NAFEO confirmed contingents from South Carolina State University, Cheyney State University, Florida Memorial University, Jarvis Christian College, University of the

District of Columbia, Claflin University, Morgan State University, Howard University, Bowie State University and Saint Augustine University.

Students from Albany State University, Fort Valley State University, Columbus State University and Savannah State University were also expected to participate.



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Republic of Liberia Delegation Visits And Discusses Partnerships With Lincoln

A Republic of Liberia delegation, including the nation's Vice President, its Ambassador-to-the-United States and other officials, visited The Lincoln University to discuss additional partnership opportunities on grants, research, faculty and student exchanges, capacity building and curriculum reforms to transform its K-16 educational institutions.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Kenoye K. Eke, Sr. hosted a June 21 luncheon and meeting with the Liberian delegation and university officials at the International Cultural Center, which addressed a number of initiatives The Lincoln University has engaged in both as an independent institution and also as part of consortium of universities either partnering with the Republic of Liberia's Ministry of Education or directly with individual colleges and universities there.

"I am most thrilled by the Expression of efforts to increase Lincoln's global engagements with governments and universities abroad," said Dr. Eke. "(These efforts) will only help us to better serve and prepare our students for the global economy of the 21st century."



Members of Liberian delegation pose with university officials.

Since its founding, Lincoln has had a longstanding relationship with Africa, and Liberia, in particular. Established as Ashmun Institute in 1854, its namesake Jehudi Ashmun, a religious leader and social reformer, was involved with the American Colonization Society, which supported the return of free African Americans to Africa and helped found the colony of Liberia as a place for freedmen. Ashmun served as served as the United States government's agent in the Liberia colony and as such its de facto Governor.

Lincoln's (then-Ashmun Institute) earliest intent was to prepare clergy and laymen who would evangelize Blacks, both in the United States and in Africa. John Miller Dickey, the founder and first president of the college, encouraged some of his first students: James Ralston Amos, his brother, Thomas Henry Amos, and Armistead Hutchinson Miller, to support the establishment of Liberia as a colony for African Americans.

In addition, Liberians were among the earliest international students at Lincoln.

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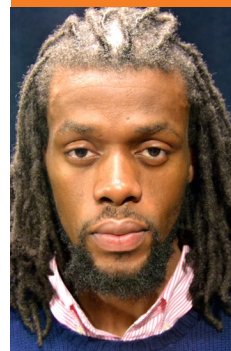
New Faces at Lincoln

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Langston Hughes
Memorial Library
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Lloyd Unanimously Elected Chair Of The Lincoln University Board Of Trustees

Trustee Kimberly A. Lloyd '94 was unanimously elected Board Chair of The Lincoln University Board of Trustees at its Annual Meeting held March 23.

Lloyd, whose term as Chair is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, has served on the Board since August 2004.

In addition, the Board also unanimously elected its remaining slate of officers. They include Trustees Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Johnson, Vice-Chair and Mr. Kevin E. Vaughan, Secretary.

Lloyd, a Commercial Real Estate Professional with The Michaels Organization, is a former Vice President for both City National Bank and GMAC Commercial Mortgage.

In addition to The Lincoln University Board of Trustees, she serves on the boards of the Neumann Senior Housing Corporation and the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation, of which she also serves as treasurer. Lloyd is also a member of The Pennsylvania Society, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and both the Pennsylvania State University and Lincoln University Alumni Associations.

She holds a master's degree in management and organization from Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Lincoln University.

Fulbright Orientation Hosted



Fifty-one international grantees from 38 different countries participated in The Lincoln University's fourth Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program, including seminars and workshops from Gender Issues to Navigating the American Graduate School environment as well as regional excursions.

Dr. Jennings Represents The Lincoln University In Holy Land



President Jennings was one of 10 Presidents and Chancellors from American colleges and universities selected to participate in Project Interchange in Israel, an all-expense paid educational institute of the American Jewish Committee.

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"I am honored to be on this historic campus," said His Excellency Joseph N. Boakai, Sr., Vice President of the Republic of Liberia. "This is an effort to rebuild our country on the basis of sound education. We do have ongoing discussions and collaborations with other universities and we are here to do a follow-up on the MoU that supports exchanges for students and faculty."

In November, Lincoln was also among a consortium of colleges, universities and agencies, facilitated by the city of Philadelphia, including Cheyney University, Drexel University, the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia's Revitalization & Education Program/Labor and International Foundation for Education & Self-Help, which signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Liberia's Ministry of Education to potentially collaborate on grant initiatives, faculty and student exchanges, curriculum development and research.

More recently, Lincoln submitted a USAID grant proposal, in conjunction with North Carolina A&T, Cheyney University and the William V.S. Tubman University in Liberia and a group of Liberian community colleges, to study agricultural business ventures and infrastructure and to develop curriculum supporting innovation and entrepreneurial opportunities in Liberia.

Liberian Ambassador Jeremiah C. Sulunteh, also strongly recommended that Lincoln establish its own MoU directly with the Ministry of Education as part of an initiative for capacity building and curriculum reforms for their K-16 educational institutions.

Boakai, who added that the same partnership idea was proposed with Winston-Salem University, explained that \$500,000 was available to help support such an initiative with Liberia's Ministry of Education.



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Student Honors, Awards & Opportunities

2013 Eisenhower HBCU Fellowship Named

Morgan Weatherly '15 was awarded a 2013 Eisenhower HBCU Fellowship for \$10,000 from the Federal Highway Administration, which will cover tuition and the \$1,500 travel costs to attend the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board.

TMCF Summer Residential STEAM Research Initiative

Tisha Joseph '16, Patrick Elliott '13, Cynthia Johnson '14, Gregory Wilson '16, Lela Morris '16 and Aliesa Weatherly '15 completed the 2013 Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Summer Residential STEAM Research Initiative held here. The eight-week program for six undergraduates with majors in any of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture & Mathematics (STEAM disciplines) is designed to expose prospective TMCF Scholars to very active and comprehensive supervised research activities in the Agriculture (Plant Science), Biology, Bioinformatics, Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics.

Faculty & Staff News, Accomplishments & Grants

NATS Participant Named

Dr. Kirsten C. Kunkle, Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera Workshop, was chosen from a large international pool of candidates to be one of 12 participants in the 2013 National Association of Teachers of Singing's Intern Program, a highly competitive and innovative venture that seeks to pair experienced and recognized master teachers of voice with talented young members of NATS.

Within a format designed to promote the dynamic exchange of ideas and techniques, the goal is to substantially improve the studio teaching skills of these promising young teachers.

Appointments

Dr. Lenetta Lee '85, Dean of Students, was also recently named Associate Vice President of Student Affairs.

Marion Bernard-Amos, Director of Title III Programs at the University, was recently appointed Interim-Director of The Lincoln University – Coatesville satellite campus

Jennings Elected To University President's Council

President Jennings has been selected to the President's Council or Board of Directors of the University of the People.

University of the People (UoPeople) is designed to provide access to college studies for qualified high school graduates, despite financial, geographic, societal, or personal constraints. The institution offers Associate and Bachelor degree programs in Business Administration and Computer Science.

Founded in 2009, UoPeople has partnered with Yale University for research, New York University to accept students and Hewlett-Packard, as part of their Catalyst Initiative, for internships.

To date, more than 1500 students from 137 countries have been admitted. The organization has gained widespread support of leading academics.