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Acting-President Harrison Outlines Immediate Plans for University

Praises Strength and Promise of Students



Acting-President Dr. Valerie Harrison outlined immediate plans for strengthening engagement with all members of the Lincoln University community, including expanded efforts on sexual misconduct prevention, a possible faculty advisory council and additional forums for students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents.

The announcement followed the Board of Trustees' acceptance of 13th President Dr. Robert R. Jennings' resignation in November. Board Chairwoman Kimberly A. Lloyd '94 explained the university would be carefully considering its options for a long-term interim president as it begins its search for the 14th president of the university.

"The members of the Cabinet and I join the Board in an uncompromising commitment to the University, and to advancing its great legacy," said Harrison. "The best interest of our students will always be at the heart of our efforts. In the coming months, we will have many conversations with [the Lincoln community] about various aspects of the University's strategic direction and progress."

Dr. Harrison, former university general counsel, brings more than 15 years of higher education experience to the posi-

tion. Prior to joining Lincoln's leadership team in 2013, she served as vice president for legal affairs and general counsel at Arcadia University, a nationally recognized leader in international education. Before that, she served as associate university counsel at Temple University for 13 years, where she was also an adjunct professor.

An alumna of the Morgan Lewis Labor and Employment Practice and a former senior counsel to Joseph E. Seagram & Sons and ARCO Chemical Company, she came to academia inspired by her desire to connect young people to educational opportunities.

In a recent open letter to students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents, Dr. Harrison also praised the strength and promise of Lincoln students, highlighting "the impressive displays of critical thinking, oratory skills and social consciousness" following the grand jury's decision not to indict Darren Wilson, the police officer who shot an unarmed teen in Missouri.

Students gathered at the bottom of the campus "U" to protest that decision and to support Black men all over the world.

"As the students spoke, I could not help

but think that in this same sacred space, Thurgood Marshall developed the advocacy skills and passion for social justice that led him to successfully argue the Brown v. Board of education decision before the Supreme Court, leading to the dismantling of legally mandated racial segregation in public education," she wrote.

Dr. Harrison highlighted students who participated in the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute, one in particular, who from that experience was offered and accepted a position following graduation this May, students studying abroad in Senegal, England, Spain, Bolivia and Chile on scholarship as well as 20 students who received travel awards to present research at scientific conferences and 25 others who received grants to conduct joint research with Lincoln faculty.

"Lincoln University is educating the next generation of educators, engineers, scientists, nurses, authors, doctors, artists, lawyers, entrepreneurs and social justice advocates. Indeed, our faculty and staff envision today's students changing the course of American history, just as Thurgood Marshall did," Harrison wrote.

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Alumnus Pays ‘Debt’ to Alma Mater and Mentors with \$100,000 Gift to University

When David Payne first arrived at Lincoln University in 1991, he had completed 10th grade, a General Equivalency Diploma and a four-and-half-year stint in the U.S. Army. Throughout his Lincoln tenure, he said he kept two things in his wallet: a \$1 food stamp and a \$1 million check he had written himself — the two items meant to keep him grounded and focused.

And it paid off. Payne, now a successful entrepreneur, announced Dec. 5 at the university’s monthly faculty meeting that he can now begin to pay a ‘debt’ to his alma mater and specific faculty, administrators and a coach — with whom he credits with his transformation and success — with a \$100,000 gift to the university to establish the Dream Deferred Endowed Scholarship and another \$5,000 in cash prizes to recognize campus organizations with the best social programs for the upcoming year in honor of slain Ferguson, Missouri, teen Michael Brown.

“Some debt is good,” said the 1995 graduate and class valedictorian. “Debt is what makes you get up in the morning and brings you home at night.”

Payne, who was accompanied by business partners, Harvey Grant and Steve Gerald, not only praised his Lincoln mentors in his remarks, but also designated them to establish the criteria and select the recipients for the endowed scholarship from their respective areas. They were: Jernice Lea, who was responsible for him attending Lincoln, for the master’s in human services program, Dr. Levi Nwachuku for history, Dr. William K. Dadson for business & entrepreneurial studies, Dr. Emmanuel Babatunde for

the sciences and Prof. Cyrus Jones, also a former longtime university track coach, for athletics, with particular priority to track & field athletes.

“There was this presence, these people, no matter how bad things got, they would recharge your batteries.”

He also recognized one current and other former faculty members who impacted his life as well, including: Dr. Denise Gaither-Hardy, Dr. Goro Nagase, the late Dr. Frank “Tick” Coleman and Dr. Judith Thomas.

“This is not about me,” he said referring to the establishment of the scholarship. “It’s about them. This is the first step to bring to fruition some of the goals I had as a student, to give that speech that was 25 years in the making and to acknowledge those great people who were the single biggest influence to my life and the life I can provide my children.”

Jones, who spoke briefly at a luncheon in the alumnus’ honor, said Payne’s recognition of him as a mentor and influence was like “somebody putting me on the top of the Empire State Building.”

Kimberly Lloyd ’94, chairwoman of the university’s Board of Trustees, who attended Lincoln at the same time as Payne, emphasized the faculty’s unexpected impact on every student.

“You never know who you have in the midst of your classroom,” Lloyd said. “It’s not always the student who sits in the front and has the answer to every question. It can be the person who just sits and listens to everything you say and does the work who makes the difference.” Payne, who received his bachelor’s de-



David Payne '95, Entrepreneur

gree in accounting and graduated summa cum laude from Lincoln, later earned an online master’s degree in holistic nutrition elsewhere as well as several certifications. He worked for accounting firm KPMG, the Kellogg Company, and in the health and wellness industry for several years.

However, he said he had his greatest success with a snack food business he started and later sold for a significant sum. Since then, he has been involved in a number of business ventures, including real estate and other investments, but his primary business is Capital Beverage, a water distribution company in the Washington Metropolitan area.

“I was fortunate to get an opportunity to come to Lincoln and then prove I deserved to be here,” he said. “Now is my chance to help other young people who are seeking that same opportunity. It’s our time to make good on the promises that were not kept to us that we questioned.”

Manning-Miller Receives Scripps Howard Fellowship for Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute



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Chairwoman of The Lincoln University's Mass Communications Department, Dr. Carmen Manning-Miller, was one of 12 journalism professors competitively selected as fellows for The Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The five-day institute held January 4-8, which is made possible through a grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The E.W. Scripps Company, immerses fellows in the concepts and practices of entrepreneurship and teaches them to establish contacts with public and private developers and/or investors. Participants learn to use grants, contests and challenges as teaching opportunities as well as design

of a sample semester-long course in entrepreneurial journalism.

Led by Dan Gillmor, author of "Mediative" and an internationally known speaker and thinker on new media and entrepreneurship, the institute includes training from entrepreneurs, investors and Cronkite faculty.

To be considered, Manning-Miller and others submitted an online application, a statement, curriculum vitae/resume and a letter from their dean or department chair indicating their school's plans to introduce a class in journalism entrepreneurship within the following academic year. Fellows are expected to return to their accredited institutions to establish or expand courses on media entrepreneurship.

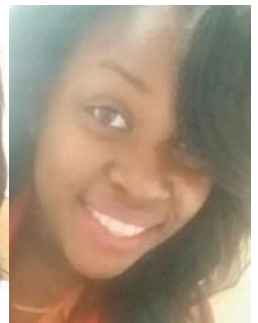
Three Lincoln Women Receive Vira I. Heinz Women in Global Leadership Award



Tamara Jones



Martina Ellis



Tamika Arnold

Tamara Jones, Martina Ellis, and Tamika Arnold have been selected as the Vira I. Heinz (VIH) Women in Global Leadership awardees this year.

VIH prepares women for tomorrow's global challenges by offering a unique opportunity for international experiences, leadership development and community service, including a scholarship of at least \$5,000 to put toward the cost of their chosen international experience, according to the program's website.

Jones, a sophomore biology and pre-med major from Chicago, Ill., will study and work in Guayaquil, Ecuador; Ellis, a sophomore psychology major from

Philadelphia, Pa., will study and work in Maldalvi, India; and Arnold, a junior English liberal arts major from Syracuse, N.Y., will teach and study abroad in Veritas, Costa Rica.

From January 2015 to January 2016, the three students will be involved in a series of retreats, workshops and a summer international experience as partial fulfillment of the requirements of their award. For their summer VIH experience, the women will choose study abroad and service learning programs.

During the spring semester prior to and the fall semester following their international experiences, the awardees meet at the University of Pittsburgh. These train-

ings provide the awardees with a foundation of skills necessary to maximize the benefit of cultural instruction while abroad and to engage their leadership skills in their own communities upon their return.

At its conclusion, the women are expected to produce a final project called the Community Engagement Experience where they will be responsible for implementing a program designed to raise the global consciousness of the Lincoln University community.

VIH Women in Global Leadership is an extension of the Heinz Foundation and consists of selected Pennsylvania universities.



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Donna Svinis
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 Masters in Education
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 Start Date: 12/15/14



Karen Calvert Hull
 Office Assistant,
 Department of Libraries
 Start Date: 1/05/15

**Section reflects a select number of new hires.*

Zeljkoic Elevated to Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Senior Member



The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the world's largest professional association for the advancement of technology, elevated Dr. Venesa Zeljkovic, an associate professor of chemistry and physics at Lincoln, to the grade of senior member in December 2014.

"We are pleased to have Venesa Zeljkovic join the elite rank of IEEE senior members – both Venesa Zeljkovic and [Lincoln] should be proud of the professional achievements that led to this recognition," said Dr. J. Roberto B. de Marca, IEEE president and CEO. "We look forward to additional contributions and successful projects and discoveries made by or associated with our new seniormember."

Those among the elite ranking represent only 7 percent of the organization's 431,000 members, who include engineers, scientists and allied professionals. These include computer scientists, software developers, information technology professionals, physicists, medical doctors and many others. For admission, a candidate must be an engineer, scientist, educator, technical executive or originator in IEEE-designated fields for a total of 10 years and have demonstrated five years of significant performance.

Matthews and Weathersbee Awarded Gilman Scholarship to Study Abroad

Mass communications majors Elijah Matthews and Rushod Weathersbee were awarded the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship to study abroad.

Benjamin Gilman is an international scholarship program established under the federal Academic Opportunity Act of 2000 that provides scholarships to U.S. undergraduates with financial need for study abroad, including students from diverse backgrounds and students going to non-traditional study abroad destinations.

The scholarships provide up to \$5,000 for American students to pursue overseas study for college credit.

Matthews, a sophomore from Lansdale, Pa., received \$5,000 for his study abroad program at the Akita University in Akita, Japan, while Weathersbee, a senior from Baltimore, Md., will be the first student to study at the American University of Ras Al – Khaimah, a United Arab Emirates institution, with which Lincoln has an agreement.

