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## International student Igbiriki selected for Apple HBCU Scholars Program



Richard Igbiriki

Lincoln University's **Richard Imorobebh Igbiriki**, who has been selected as one of 30 scholars in the Apple HBCU Scholars Program, will also serve as an ambassador on the campus to build awareness for the Apple and Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF) Diversity Initiative.

The junior computer science major with a focus on gaming and cyber security was selected among 1400 juniors across 7 majors who applied to the program from HBCUs across the nation. The application and selection process included resume submission and series of video interviews, which assessed critical soft skills that enable success in the program, coupled with technical ability.

"A small Nigerian student from a small university going to the biggest company in the world, how ironic and marvelous," said Igbiriki, who is a native of Bayelsa, Nigeria. "This is an opportunity to represent Lincoln University and make her proud. My intention is to open up opportunities to other members of the LU pride and (establish) a lasting relationship between Lincoln University scholars and Apple."

The program, which is part of the new Apple and TMCFF Diversity Initiative, includes a one-year scholarship, a summer internship with Apple in Cupertino, California, an Apple employee mentor, participation in a year-round development program for post graduate careers as well as the Apple HBCU Immersion experience at Apple in Spring 2016.

"There are 'scholarships' and then there are 'scholarship programs,'" said TMCFF President & CEO Johnny C. Taylor Jr. "Apple has made an historic investment in a scholarship program that will transform the lives of HBCU star students by not only removing the financial barriers to college attendance, but by providing them additional non-financial program elements like Apple mentors and summer internships. These Apple HBCU Scholars will be the future tech industry leaders."

## Scott, Burrell, & Robinson Earn 2015 CIAA Football All-Conference Honors

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) in conjunction with its Football Coaches Association and Sports Information Directors Association awarded three Lion football players 2015 CIAA Football All-Conference honors three months earlier.

Running back **Stephen Scott** (*Baltimore, MD/Bethel College*) was named to the 2015 All-CIAA First Team while offensive lineman **Brandon Burrell** (*Fort Lauderdale, FL/Bethel College*) and defensive back **Brion Robinson** (*Silver Spring, MD/Springbrook HS*) both were named Honorable Mentions.

Junior running back Stephen Scott (*Baltimore, MD/Bethel College*) received his first ever All-CIAA Football First Team honors after leading the CIAA in total rushes (304), rushing yards (1,258), and in yardage per game (125.8).

Junior offensive lineman Brandon Burrell (*Fort Lauderdale, FL/Bethel College*) earned his first ever All-CIAA Football Team honors after contributing to the Lions' offensive success in 2015. Burrell started and played in all ten games in 2015 and earned CIAA Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after anchoring a LU blocking attack that helped set several single-game rushing records in a win against NC Wesleyan.

Senior defensive back Brion Robinson (*Silver Spring, MD/Springbrook HS*) was named to his third consecutive All-CIAA Football Team after ranking eighth in interceptions (3) and ninth in the CIAA in solo tackles (42).

Lincoln ended their 2015 season with an overall record of 3-7 and 1-6 in CIAA play. Their season win total is the most for a Lincoln football team since the 2009 season (3-7).



Stephen Scott



Brandon Burrell



Brion Robinson



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## Nursing program receives national accreditation

Lincoln University's new undergraduate degree program in nursing recently received its accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) after its board met, Oct. 19–22. CCNE is listed by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

The accreditation, which extends to Dec. 31, 2020, means that the university's program met all four accreditation standards: mission and governance; institutional commitment and resources; curriculum and teaching-learning practices; and, assessment and achievement; as well as had no compliance concerns in respect to the key elements.

"The Commissioners join me in expressing our very best wishes as (Lincoln) continue(s) to promote excellence in nursing education," said Judith F. Karshmer, the chairwoman of the board of commissioners.

In its third year, Lincoln's new nursing program graduated its inaugural class in 2015 with all passing the NCLEX-RN boards and practicing as RNs across the country. One of those graduates, Teri Munyori, is also pursuing a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) at Widener University.



"This is all great news and demonstrates the progress the university continues to make in its academic program offerings and equipping professionals to serve local, national and global communities," said Dr. Richard Green, interim president of the university. "Lincoln offers one of the best values for quality nursing education in the region."

The program is one of about 32 baccalaureate-level nursing programs at HBCUs in the nation with only 4 being CCNE-accredited: Lincoln, Howard (DC), Hampton (VA) and Prairie View A&M (TX) Universities.

"With emphasis on CARE-Compassion, Advocacy, Research, and Evidence, we are preparing today's healthcare workers and tomorrow's healthcare leaders," said Joyce Taylor, director of Lincoln's nursing program. "We have more than doubled our enrollment since the program's inception and continue to grow. We offer program features such as: smaller class sizes, an innovative digital integrated curriculum together with a state-of-the-art simulation lab, research opportunities and many more resources needed to prepare the next generation of nursing professionals."

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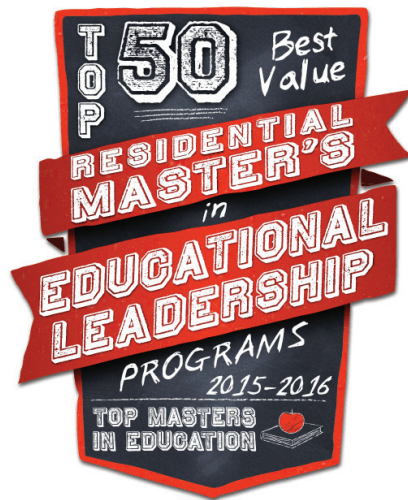
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# Graduate Educational Leadership program ranked in top 50 for 'best value'



Top Masters in Education, an online resource for educators looking to enhance their own educational foundation, ranked Lincoln's Master's in Educational Leadership program among its 2015–2016 top 50 list for 'best value in residential Master's in Educational Leadership programs' in the United States.

Lincoln's program, which ranked #45, was evaluated on information about its accreditation, academic quality, student satisfaction as well as reputation in the field and cost.

"While our current ranking makes us keenly aware of our competitors, we are also encouraged to continue to make strides toward program enhancements and improvements," said Patricia A. Joseph, Ph.D., dean of the College of Professional, Graduate & Extended Studies, which oversees graduate programs.

The program based at the university's University City location in Philadelphia is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The 39-credit hour program enables the student to maintain their busy lifestyle while earning a degree that will give them the skills to become exemplary school administrators. Courses focus on finance, school law, and curriculum building. Tuition is \$25,300.

Another Historically Black College & University (HBCU), Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, tops the list.

"We believe this list offers a great starting point for students seeking an accredited, affordable, top-quality program that suits their needs," said Hugo Saucedo, lead editor, who determined which were the lowest priced, highest quality, regionally-accredited residential M.Ed. programs.

## ★ By The Numbers ★ Lincoln University undergraduates represent



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# Orange Crush Roaring Lions Marching Band makes historic first appearance at 2016 HBOB



Orange Crush Roaring Lions Marching Band Performs in 2014

The Orange Crush Roaring Lion Marching Band makes history this month in Atlanta when it competes in the final Invitational Showcase of the 2016 Honda Battle of the Bands (HBOB).

The HBOB, which was created to celebrate, support and recognize the excellence of Black college marching bands and the unique academic experience offered by Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), takes place Jan. 30 at Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

"This is an exciting opportunity to elevate us in the band world and will give our current and new students a renewed enthusiasm for performing," said Professor Ronald Green, the band's director and percussion coordinator.

In addition to Lincoln the other finalists competing, which were selected through a process that included online fan voting and feedback from band directors, HBCU presidents and American Honda representatives, are: Alabama A&M University, Alcorn University, Bethune-Cookman University, Jackson State University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University and Tennessee State University.

Founded in 2007, the Orange Crush had been previously nominated for several years and even received a commendation, but had never made it to the finals. This year, they were determined and organized,

choosing a band member to spearhead the voting campaign, and did everything imaginable to bring awareness to HBOB, including voting events in the student cafeteria to daily email and social media blasts.

As an added bonus, Honda Corporation awarded each of the eight finalists with a \$20,000 grant for band enhancements such as equipment or uniform upgrades.

And for Teri McMillon, the band's drum major and trumpet player, upgrades are great but being chosen to perform is beyond her wildest dreams.

"I've never done anything like this in my life," said the Charlotte, North Carolina native, who has played with marching bands since age 13.

"I'm honored and grateful that others have seen in us what we have seen in ourselves. We have a lot to share once we get to Atlanta."

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