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Statement from Lincoln University Interim President
Richard Green Touting Progress of University

“In my report to the Lincoln University Board of Trustees in its September 17, 2016 meeting, I was pleased to present the state of the university and to highlight some of the significant events at the institution since the April 2016 meeting of the Board.

The student enrollment has increased by 11 percent this current academic year, with a total fall enrollment of 2,131 compared to 1,905 at this time last year. Despite the 2015-2016 State budget impasse, Lincoln University ended its 2016 Fiscal Year with a balanced budget without the need to borrow funds or reduce positions to meet its obligations. The financial health of Lincoln is sound and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriation for the current year has been received ensuring a continuing position of fiscal strength for 2016-17. The increase in enrollment recorded for this academic year represents the second consecutive year that student enrollment figures have increased at the university. To accommodate this welcomed increase Rendall Hall was renovated in record time and now serves as the on campus residence for 95 students. There were a few last minute adjustments that had to be made to make sure the Rendall residents were properly accommodated in time for the start of classes.

A number of faculty and administrative vacancies resulting from retirements and resignations were filled since the last Board meeting. After a very extensive national search, Dr. Patricia Ramsey was appointed as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She has a PhD in Biology from Georgetown University and extensive administrative and teaching at Bowie State University, Shaw University and Norfolk State University. Mr. Doug Overton has joined Lincoln as the Head Men’s Basketball Coach, coming to us with experience as a NBA player and extensive coaching at the professional and collegiate levels. Mr. Overton is a graduate of La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA.

Interim appointments have been made for Vice President for Student Affairs, Athletic Director and the Dean of the College of Science and Technology. National searches will be conducted to fill these positions on a permanent basis.

Again, increased student enrollment, the successful applications for state and federal grants, the increase in Title III funding (\$209,433 more for 2016-17 than received for 2015-16) and the completion of the review of the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan, provide Lincoln University with a position of academic and fiscal strength for the future.”



Founded in 1854, The Lincoln University (PA) is the FIRST of four Lincoln Universities in the world and is the nation's FIRST degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU). The University combines the elements of a liberal arts and science-based undergraduate curriculum along with select graduate programs to meet the needs of those living in a highly technological and global society. Today, Lincoln, which enrolls a diverse student body of approximately 2,000 men and women, possesses an international reputation for preparing and producing world-class leaders such as Thurgood Marshall, the FIRST African American U.S. Supreme Court Justice; Lillian Fishburne, the FIRST African American woman promoted to Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy; Langston Hughes, the noted poet; Kwame Nkrumah, the FIRST president of Ghana; Nnamdi Azikiwe, the FIRST president of Nigeria and a myriad of others.

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