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Residence Hall Coordinator Spotlight

Each issue, a Residence Hall Coordinator here at The Lincoln University will be highlighted for outstanding achievement, service, and positive representation of the department.



We sat down with Mr. Timothy Lewis to ask him a few questions about his time here at Lincoln and his plans going forward.

What would you like to tell us about yourself?

I am the father of one daughter and the grandfather of two. I matriculated at Virginia State University, and then joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Gulf War during Operation Desert Storm. I played lineman on Air Base football team and coached softball winning several championships.

What made you choose Lincoln University?

I choose The Lincoln University because of its superior history among all the HBCU's I was originally hired as the Office Manager of the Lincoln University Bookstore and later became the Assistant Coach of LU Women's Basketball Team, the Coach of LU Bowling Team, which under my direction the team won the award for the highest GPA in the CIAA. I was the Head Coach of the LU women's Volley Ball Team and I currently serve as the Resident Coordinator of the LLC North.

What made you want to become an RC?

I became an RC because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of students by mentoring the young men on campus and providing encouragement, leadership and spiritual guidance. As a Resident Coordinator I am responsible for the safety of our student residents and the security and maintenance of the facility in which we reside.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln?

My fondest memories are of meeting all the wonderful colleagues here at The Lincoln University and watching the students' as they transition into prosperous Alum.

What committees/additional responsibilities do you have here at Lincoln?

I serve on the housing committee, chair the room selection committee and coordinate the room assignments for the freshman and upperclassmen.



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Upcoming Events:

May 7th - June 27th

Residence Life
Professional Development
Series

May 19th - June 27th

Summer Session

June 16th

Upward Bound Arrives

June 24th - 29th

Playwright Workshops

2014 Commencement

The Lincoln University Office of Residence Life would like to congratulate all of the 2014 graduates. We would like to especially congratulate our Resident Advisors and our Program Assistant, Ms. Valerie Reason.



2014 Residence Life Graduates

Adams, Shanice
Brothers, Tynesha
Brown, Ayris
Ferguson, Jacqueline
Foster, Jodi-Ann
Frink, Anthony
Herbert, Evan
Jones, Alejandro
Monroe, Asaad
Montgomery, Stacy
Moore, Shana
Reason, Valerie
Robinson, Nina
Thomas, Lache
Woodson, Emmanuel
Wright, Sierra



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Resident Advisor Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight a different Resident Advisor (RA) to talk about their experience.

We sat down with Ms. Joslyn Royster to ask her a few questions about her time here at Lincoln and her plans going forward.



What would you like to tell us about yourself? Born and raised in the Garden State (New Jersey) I am a senior representing the fearless class of 2015 majoring in Health Science aspiring to be a physical therapist. I enjoy doing different arts/crafts or just hanging out having fun with friends and for those who know me know I am a people person and love to make people laugh.

What made you want to become an RA? I wanted to become a RA to open myself up more to my peers to get to know them personally as well as them getting to know me.

What building do you work in and how is that experience? I work in Lucy Laney Hall an all female upperclassmen residence hall. At first working there was somewhat challenging because I was unsure how the females would react having a sophomore as their RA but I asserted myself respectfully and built relationships with the girls some relationships I had with those I was familiar with got stronger but overall they taught me things about myself I never noticed so it was a great learning experience.

What made you choose Lincoln University? Not having the intentions of attending an HBCU I found out my aunt attended the university and when I did make the decision to attend Lincoln University what better HBCU to attend than the FIRST. It is such a historical place and very family orientated once I came in as a freshman I knew this was the university I would fall in love with and everyday I'm reminded I made the right choice.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln? Through the years so many memories have been made but my fondest memory would have to be when one of the residents in my building belongings were stolen and me along with my co workers have down if out belongings to help her with whatever she needed, including clothes, shoes, hygiene products and even money if needed. Being an RA is more than what others see and at the moment I fell in love with what I do and the department I work for because Residence Life is all for serving and helping the students we as Resident Advisors demonstrate the impact we have on the campus.



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Residence Hall Association

Life as a RHA Executive Board Member

So you are considering becoming a Residence Hall Association executive member? Congratulations on making the decision to give back to your residence hall in a positive manner. Just by being a resident on campus, you are automatically a member of the Residence Hall Association. As an executive board member, you get to lead a building of students as they voice their ideas and concerns. You really have the opportunity to make a difference in your building and on this campus. Get ready for an awesome ride!!!



Available Positions in each Residence Hall

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Historian
Queen
King

Many of our RHA members have gone on to become Student Government Association Officers, Resident Advisors (RA's), members of Greek Organizations, Student Leader Ambassadors (SLA's), and Student Activities Assistants (SAA's)



LLC South RHA



Frederick Douglass RHA



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Where Are They Now?

Take a trip down memory lane as we talk with different Residence Life alumni. Each month we will highlight a former RA or RC to learn about their experience.

Kevan Turman is the current Lincoln University Campaign Manager. He was a former Resident Advisor (RA).

What would you like to tell us about yourself? I am a 2001 and 2008 Graduate of Lincoln University with a BS in English Education and a Masters in the Science of Reading. This is my third stint back at my Alma Mater. My first job here was Admissions Counselor/Tour Coordinator, and then I was promoted to Student Life & Development Coordinator. I left to live in Africa for 4 months and came back to an offer to be the Alumni Director. I left Lincoln for the second time to work for the University of Delaware as their Associate Director of Alumni Clubs and Young Alumni Programs and then worked at Wiley College and Grambling State University before returning back to Lincoln for the 3rd time as Assistant to the President and now the Campaign Manager.

What year did you work in Residence Life? I worked in Residence Life in 1998 thru 2001.

What made you want to become an RA? I wanted to impact the lives of young men that looked like me.



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Where Are They Now?

What building(s) did you work in? I was an RA in Frederick Douglass and Houston Hall.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln? My fondest memory here at Lincoln was co-leading Freshman Transition Week my Junior Year with my best friend "Ziggy".

How is Residence Life different now from when you worked for the department? It's much more organized and the programs and expectations have heightened.

How is your current role similar to when you were an RA? My current role deals with building sustainable relationships and its similar to being an RA in that relationships are extremely important in that young men don't trust easily.

The Students First Campaign

As the Lincoln University Campaign Manager, Kevan is leading the charge to advance the Legacy of our prestigious institution.

The Lincoln University has created a movement called the "Students First Campaign". The campaign was established in 2013 to help any Lincoln Lion or prospective Lincoln Lion continue or began advancing their legacy at this institution. The goal is to reach over \$10 million dollars in proceeds so that scholarships and other opportunities can be given to students.

Visit www.lincoln.edu to learn more information on how to donate



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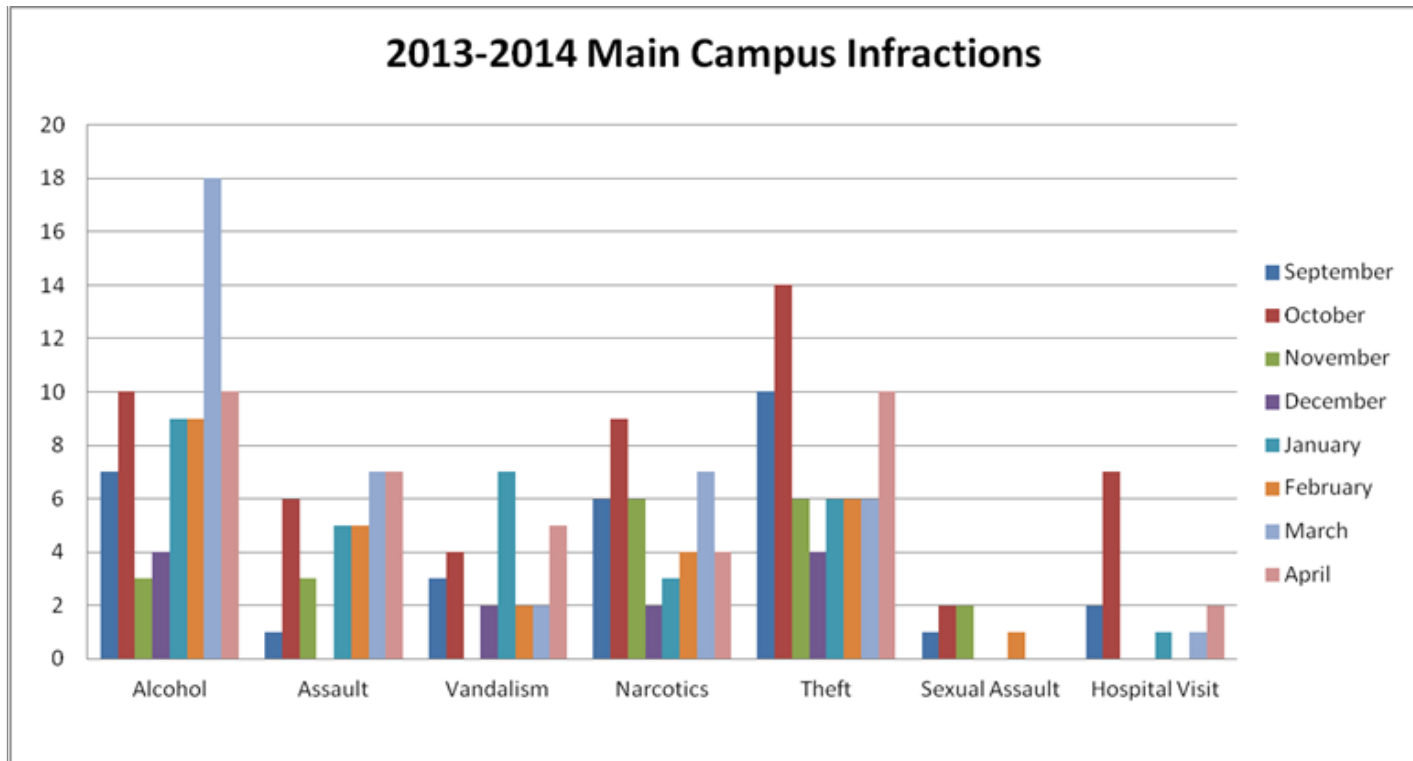
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Campus Infraction Data



Tips on How to Remain Safe on Campus

- Infractions can occur in all buildings, both residential and academic so always stay aware.
- Report suspicious activity to your RA, RC or Public Safety 484-365-7211. You can remain anonymous.
- Please do not ignore any sirens or alarms.
- If you lose your key or ID, do not wait too long to report it.
- Do not give your key or ID to other students, it also puts your roommate at risk.
- Keep your door locked, even if you are going to the shower.
- Make sure you close and lock your windows.



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Committee Spotlight- RA Training

Learn about the behind the scene tasks that Residence Life staff do to foster a positive learning environment

RA training is once per semester with workshops that are designed to develop of our Resident Advisor (RA) staff members personally and professionally. RA training topics have included time management conflict resolution, programming, role modeling, crisis management, and more. The sessions are traditionally facilitated by the Residence Hall Coordinators. RA training welcomes guest speakers from other departments to also interact with the RAs. RA training also consists of fun ice breakers and activities to develop the RA cohort. RA Training is currently planned by Ms. Timbers and Ms. Purnell.



The 2013-2014 RA's at RA training

Residence Life Program Spotlight

Lucy Laney Raffle

Several of our Lincoln University students participated in the Lucy Laney raffle which was launched mid-way through the spring semester. The Lucy Laney raffle was spearheaded by the Lucy Laney staff and Laney Residence Hall Association (RHA). All the proceeds went towards provided the Resident Advisors with an end of the year banquet. Students received a variety of prizes including free room deposits and gift cards. The Lucy Laney raffle received the award for "Best Initiative of the Year" at the Residence Hall Association (RHA) awards.



Resident Advisors Sharon Davis, Joslyn Royster, and Carolyn Thomas selling raffle tickets.



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How to Donate to Residence Life (Five easy steps)

Step 1: Visit www.lincoln.edu

Step 2: Click the blue "Donate Now" button in the far right column of the webpage

Step 3: Specify the amount you would like donate

Step 4: In the box that says "Designation (optional)", type in "Residence Life"

Step 5: Provide your contact information and press submit.

Thank you for supporting Residence Life!!!



What Do We Stand For?: Residence Life Mission

The mission of Lincoln University's Office of Residence Life is to provide a diversified educationally stimulating living environment where students explore their own development and positively contribute to a global society.

We strive to provide residents with valuable support and resources, as well as enriching activities and programs that serve to develop a sense of community, provide opportunities for learning in a clear, attractive, well-maintained, safe, and comfortable residence hall while promoting the University's missions.

Lincoln University's Residence Life programs and services create a positive environment that actively engages students in the collegiate experience and help to build school spirit, character, and morale throughout the year while residing in the residence halls.



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Editor's Column

"McRary Hall: My Blended Family" by Jonathan Harris, Editor-in-Chief

In August 2013, I learned I would be transferring from the Apartment Style Living (ASL) to McRary Hall. As a former RA for freshmen, a part of me also wanted that population of students while working as an administrator. I originally started off with about 60 freshmen in my hall and after moving from a building with 400 upperclassmen, I was excited for a more close-knit building of freshman. Due to Rendall hall being renovated, half of my students were relocated to Frederick Douglass hall and Rendall students were split between LLC North and McRary. McRary turned into about 75% upperclassmen and 25% freshmen. While many may question the effectiveness of mixing the two populations together, I experienced the benefits of our new blended family.

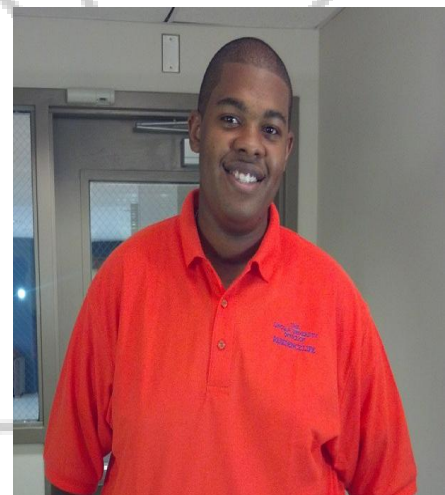
After everyone opened up to one another, I saw a great chemistry develop. Awkward stares turned into late night dinners, video game tournaments, cookouts, and off campus trips. I saw the upperclassmen giving advice to my freshmen on school, family, girls, clubs/organization, and life. I watched several upperclassmen pull the freshmen aside who were getting off track and talk to them about why school is a gift not to take for granted. Interestingly enough, I was planning to make a mentoring program between the two buildings but when the relocation happen, the mentoring occurred naturally due to living together. Many of them are now best friends and I learned our blended family was a blessing in disguise. This model could prove to be effective in other halls one day as well.

Meet the Editors

We are here to answer all your Residence Life inquires. Think of us as your trusted friends who just happen to be Residence Life pros. We are interested in your feedback and opinions.



Dr. Lenetta Lee,
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&
Co-Editor



Mr. Jonathan Harris,
McRary Residence Hall Coordinator &
Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

Residence Life Vision

The Office of Residence Life at The Lincoln University seeks to create an intentional learning environment in the residence halls that create a bridge to compliment classroom education and real world experiences.

