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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 Ms. Charlene Kilpatrick 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?

I am a two time graduate of The Virginia State University. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in communication in 2008 and my Masters of Education in 2011. I hope to return to school in pursuit of a degree in Marriage and Family therapy. Interesting facts about KP: I love fried chicken. My favorite color is pink. I am Filipino and West Indian. I like the history channel.

What made you choose Lincoln University?

I wanted to work at an HBCU so why not work at the 1st HBCU.

What made you want to become an RC?

During my last semester at my internship as a school counselor I liked helping my high school seniors prep for college. I found myself so excited that they were going on one of the greatest adventure of their life. So it dawned on me why not continue being a counselor but at the huger education level. And I remembered my RCs Michael Thrift and Robert Anderson. They had a big impact on my college experience and I wanted to do the same. Also I was a Graduate Assistant and office assistant for Residence life at VSU.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln?

Fondest memory at LU... My greatest memories are sitting in my lobby and having random movie nights or random group heart to hearts with my students. A quote that I always tell my Lucy Laney Ladies" worth is not valued in another's definition. It valued in your definition."

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

This year I was the Chair of the RA Banquet and Fundraising. This upcoming year I look forward to doing the banquet and fundraising again with also doing Res Life week. So stay tuned!!!



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Upcoming Events:

May 9th

Commencement

May 17th

Summer School Check In

May 19- June 27th

Summer Session

Residence Life Banquet

The Lincoln University Office of Residence Life sponsored their annual banquet. Over 30 Resident Advisors were nominated for a variety of honors and awards.

Resident Adviser of the Year-Ayana Stewart

Programmer of the Year- Nnanna Anosike

Highest Grade Point Average- Shana Moore

Outstanding Service Awards -Stacy Montgomery & Asaad Monroe

Most Improved RA- Jacqueline Ferguson

Newcomer of the Year-Carolyn Thomas

Bulletin Board of the Year-Ayris Brown

Friends of Residence Life - Warren Johnson (Bursar)



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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 Mr. Jamal Ransom 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 20 years old, from Philadelphia, and a senior. I am a Computer Science major with aspirations of one day creating my very own social network.

What made you want to become an RA? I wanted to become an RA because I saw it as an opportunity to meet more people attending my university. As a resident advisor, you get to learn how to handle multiple different situations and it serves as a great opportunity to assist those around you. Not only that, but a resident advisor position also gives you a sense of leadership on campus and allows you to develop skills to better prepare you for your future and life after college.

What building do you work in and how is that experience? I work in McRary hall and that was an interesting experience this year because it was a coed dorm last year with Upperclassmen and some freshmen. I am eager to experience what it is like to have a full freshmen building this coming fall.

What made you choose Lincoln University? I chose Lincoln University because I wanted to experience not only an HBCU, but the FIRST HBCU. In addition, Lincoln is a very historic place.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln? My fondest memory at Lincoln was back in 2012 when president Obama was running for reelection and after all of the students had voted (I even traveled to Philly to vote), it was cool to see how the cafeteria was packed with students in unison to see the results of the election.



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Residence Hall Association

The Lincoln University Residence Hall Association (RHA) hosted the RHA awards to recognize successful hall councils and spotlight individuals who went above and beyond. Many of the RHA presidents spoke on how they have grown as a person and how RHA showed them they do have a voice on this campus. Ms. Tiphane Purnell, RC and former RHA campus advisor, served as the keynote speaker.

2013-2014 RHA Award Winners

RHA Board of the Year- Apartment Style Living (ASL)
Most Improved RHA – McRary Hall
President of the Year – Arianna Page (ASL)
Vice President of the Year- DerWayne Henry (McRary)
Secretary of the Year- Natia Contee (ASL)
Treasurer of the Year- Briana Winters (ASL)
Best Initiative of the Year- Lucy Laney Raffle
Historian of the Year- Briana Winters (ASL)
King of the Year- Jared Thomas (ASL)
Queen of the Year- Olutoyin Olowookere (McRary)
Advisor of the Year- Ms. Tiphane Purnell (LLC South)
Program of the Year- Spring Extravaganza (McRary)



Keynote Speaker Ms. Purnell



Apartment Style Living 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.

Captain Ruth Evans-Waller is the current Assistant Director for the Lincoln University Department of Public Safety. She served as a former Residence Hall Coordinator for three years.

What would you like to tell us about yourself? I was assigned to Lincoln as Account Manager with a security company in October 1999; Became an official employee in 2000; changed to Police Dept in 2001 and became Asst. Director/Captain; Class advisor for the Class of 2001; Current co-advisor for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Class of 2017; Teach women self defense; wife, mother of 2 sons, 1 granddaughter; hobbies (sports, shopping, dancing); Deacon at my church (Second Presbyterian Church of Oxford); students and staff call me "Captain Ruth".

What year did you work in Residence Life? 2000-2003

What made you want to become an RC? The former Director of Public Safety (J. Robinson) and the former Executive Director of Campus Life (V. Cohen) thought that I would be a great fit, in addition to working with Public Safety.



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Where Are They Now?

What building(s) did you oversee and how was that experience? Cresson Hall, Alumni House, Bond House, Amos Hall, McCauley Hall and Houston Hall (at the time they were called The North Halls). The experience was phenomenal! I had to learn the campus living culture fast. The 5 days of intense training that I received from Miss E. Bell is the reason why I was so successful. She is an excellent mentor!

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln? Hosting the North Halls Ladies' Night! My residents would get dressed up for a banquet style dinner; the male residents escorted all of the female residents into the café; we would honor female faculty and staff members with plaques; I would have male student performers lip-sing songs from the sixties and seventies; showed footage of Prophetess Juanita Bynum's "No More Sheets" to empower my female residents; and we would end the night with a Soul-Train style line dance to Kool and the Gang's song Ladies Night. It was wonderful and the residents loved it.

How is Residence Life different now from when you worked for the department? The staff of course, lol. I am not too involved with Residence Life to know if the practices are still in place. During that time, we knew our residents one-on-one, did building tours, collected keys and identification cards at the end of the semesters, had monthly programs, etc.

How is your current role similar to when you were an RC? I still have the one-on-ones with the students regarding personal safety, conflict resolution, health, hygiene, domestic violence and the law!



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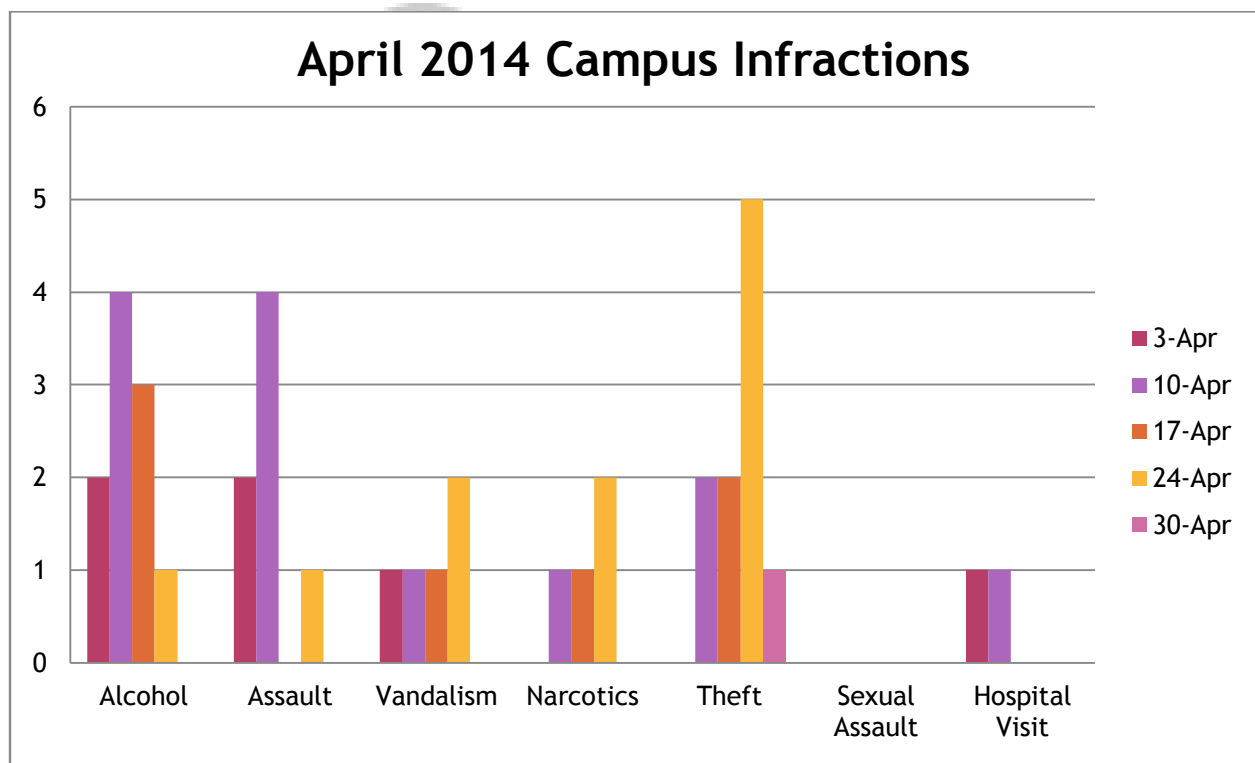
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Campus Infraction Data



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 In-Service

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

In-Service are mandatory monthly trainings/ workshops that are designed to promote personal and professional growth and development of our Resident Advisor (RA) staff members. Past In-Service topics have included networking, programming, social media professionalism, appreciation in the work place, and more.



RA, Nnanna Anosike and Viacom representative, Ms. Ritaz Lopez presenting at RA In-Service

Residence Life Program Spotlight

McRary Hall Easter Egg Hunt

Over 40 students and staff came out to participate in the McRary Easter Egg Hunt. Over \$30 in prizes were given away with a golden egg valued at over \$10. Demetrius Robinson, resident of McRary and member of People Standing United (PSU) and the baseball team was the grand prize winner collecting over 30 eggs.



Demetrius Robinson
Easter Egg Hunt Winner



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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!!!



Residence Life Classifieds

Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC) - RHC's are full-time live in professional staff members. They supervise Resident Advisors, advise Residence Hall Association, participate in a duty rotation, and help students with a variety of issues.

Resident Advisor (RA)-RA's are traditionally upperclassmen students who live on each floor and will provide residents with advice and support throughout the academic year. They help students struggling with challenges and connect them with the resources they need to be successful in their LU experience.

Desk Assistant (DA) - DA's are students who assist the Residence Life staff. DA's help with visitor sign in, bulletin boards, spreading the word about events and more. In our experience, we notice students who start as DA's become interested in the RA position. DA's can be paid through work study but is also available on the volunteer basis.

Communications and Marketing Intern- The communications and marketing intern will be responsible for the Residence Life image and marketing efforts, as well as developing a plan for and implementing the management of various marketing media. Additionally, the communications and marketing intern will help with special projects in the main office. This position may require some evening and weekend hours.

Visit <http://www.lincoln.edu/hr> regularly for professional positions and <http://www.lincoln.edu/residence/employment> for student employment



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Editor's Column

"The Three Most Important Aspects of Residence Life" by Jonathan Harris, Editor-in-Chief

I remember like it was yesterday, getting the call to interview for a Residence Hall Coordinator position at The Lincoln University back in September 2012. As a part of my interview, I was asked to present on what were my three most important aspects of Residence Life. I chose support, engagement, and accountability. My rationale was first without support, you may find motivated students that could decline opportunities to create programs and engage with other students. Second, without engagement, students who are disconnected from their residence hall and possibly the university could miss out on important opportunities to enhance themselves outside of the classroom. Lastly, without accountability, staff may lack the proper skills to create an environment conducive to academic growth and social development. The panelist in some regard must have agreed as I was offered the position.

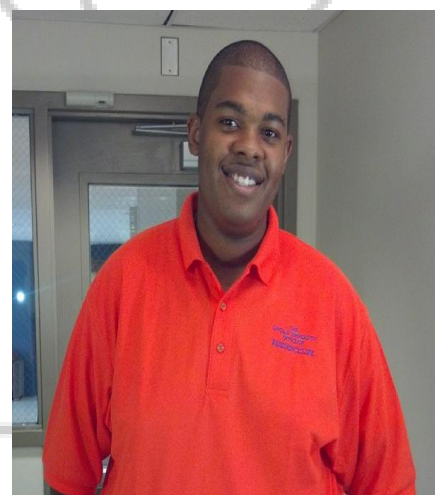
As I am wrapping up my second academic year as a Residence Hall Coordinator, I have experienced how important it is to provide all three to our students. I see the three aspects I chose the way someone may view a car. Engagement serves as the engine which allows the car or student in this case to be active and get moving. Support serves as your steering wheel which helps you guide the way you want to go. Lastly, accountability would be the seatbelt keeping you in place. I do believe possessing these three traits can make any Residence Hall Coordinator successful.

Meet the Editors

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



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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.

