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Residence Coordinator Spotlight

Each issue, a professional staff member in Residence Life here at The Lincoln University will be highlighted for outstanding achievement, service, and positive representation of the department.

Meet the new editor of "The Reslife Reader" Ms. Tamia Davis RC of Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center South



What would you like to tell us about yourself?

I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. I am a graduate of The Lincoln University! I am a proud member of the class of 2013 as a Mass Communications Major. One day I inspire to be a dean of students. I am also very family and friend-oriented. I LOVE to laugh and have fun. I was also a part of The Lincoln University Women's Bowling Team, Big Sister Little Sister and We Are "1"

What made you choose Lincoln University?

I couldn't think of any better place to start my journey in higher education then my alma mater. I also believe in giving back to the place that made me into the woman I am today.

What made you want to become a Residence Coordinator?

My entire four years at Lincoln University I worked in residence life. I truly enjoyed being a Resident Advisor. After Graduation, I moved around to a couple places. I lived in Virginia Beach, and Atlanta. I learned it's a tough

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place out there for Mass Communication majors. I wanted to start creating a plan B. My second love has always been working with the youth and mentoring. So I chose to get into the field of education. When wanting to working in Higher Education, being a Residence Coordinator is the best place to start. I love working in the college environment and having that relationship with students.

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln?

I have to say my fondest memory here at Lincoln was actually as a student. Of course my graduation day was a memory I'll never forget, but steering away from that a little I would say it was my sophomore year. I was a RA in Hansberry on the 3rd floor. Starting the position I would never think that I would meet the lifelong friends I met that year. That year there were two rooms in particular that I grew to love the residents beyond words. The first couple of weeks we would sit and play games in the lobby and there I met **Sharray Grant, Ayana Howard, Sylvia Legree** and **Miriam Boyd**. So my fondest memory exactly would be becoming an RA in Hansberry that year. Without being an RA, I would have never met my now best friends who are the most amazing group of women (now including Zaire Mathews) they I have ever came in contact with. #ThankYouLincoln #CrewLove

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

I am in charge of the Residence Life Newsletter and Residence Life website. I also help with Res Life Week and RA Selection committee. I also advise Acting Out, We R "1", Sigma Gamma Rho and Omega Psi Phi.



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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. Lorraine Barnes 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?

My name is Lorraine A. Barnes. I am a senior, majoring in Health Science. I was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware. I aspire to be an orthodontist and have my own practice some day. I enjoy shopping, hanging with my friends and eating. I will be graduating from this institution in December of 2015

What made you want to become an RA? Sabrina Smalls was my RA during my freshman year in Ashmun. We had a very close relationship. It was so close that she inspired me to become an RA. I didn't really want to come to Lincoln so when I first got here, I stayed in my room most of the time. Sabrina introduced me to the girls on my floor and we have been best friends ever since. Who knew such a small position could have such a large impact on my college career. Now that I am an RA I can connect with students on many different levels and also help them in any way, just as Sabrina did with me.

What building do you work in and how is that experience?

I have been working in ASL since I was first hired during my sophomore year. At first it was a little difficult trying to make rules for upperclassmen when I was only a sophomore. I had to figure out a way to make things work out in my favor. I learned that trying to be "bossy" is not always the correct approach. I believe that my residents respect and appreciate me. Not only are they my residents but I look at them as my friends as well.



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They know that they can come to me for any and everything. In ASL we have the largest staff and there are times when things get rough between us. One thing I will say is that working with a big staff is like having a second family. Family member may argue and fight but at the end of the day we all love each other and love to be around each other. I love my coworkers/ family

What is your fondest memory here at Lincoln? It was a hot day during spring semester of my freshman year. Everyone was outside in the quad and we came up with the idea that we were going to have a water fight between Ashmun and McCrary. Within 20 minutes, one small water fight turned into the largest water fight on campus. There was water EVERYWHERE. It was just a time that we all came together and just had fun. I will never forget that day, especially since we had to clean up all the water that was spilled in Ashmun.



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Residence Hall Association

Kings and Queens of Hall Council participated in the annual Coronation event sponsored by Student Life and Development



Hall Councils at the Homecoming Parade



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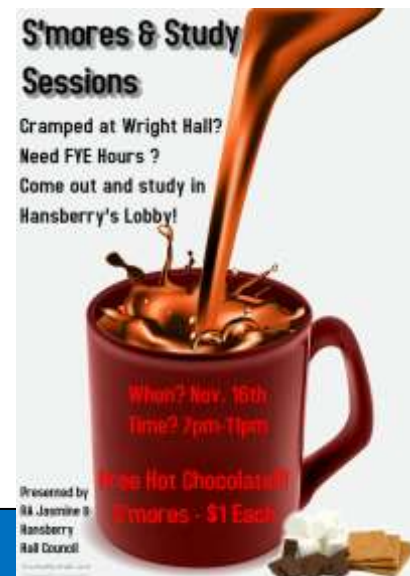
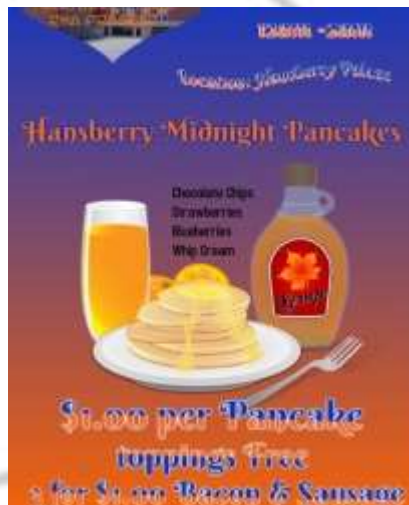
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Hall Council Spotlight

Hansberry Hall Council is being recognized for this hall council spotlight due to their hard work over the past two months. They have done several programs to keep the students of Hansberry engaged and excited to be women of Hansberry.

- Sara James - President
- Ny'Air Best - Vice President
- Khaliyah Pugh - Secretary
- Tomanise Chalmers - Treasurer
- Deryl Lowe - King
- Aunyaee Cunningham - Queen
- Kyla Davis - Historian



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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.

Lache Thomas is a former Residence Hall Advisor at Lincoln University. She is currently a first year student at Howard University School of Law

I am an Alumna class of 2014 originally from Cleveland, Ohio and currently enrolled at Howard University School of Law.



Experience at Lincoln University's Residence Life

I worked in Residence Life at The Lincoln University from Fall 2012- Spring 2014 in Thurgood Marshall Living Learning Center South. I initially wanted to become a Resident Advisor because I heard that it was the highest paying job on campus, I also wanted to be involved with the underclassmen. I enjoyed my time as a RA and it helped a lot with my communication skills.



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My fondest memory at Lincoln University would have to be the day I received my cap and gown and walked across the stage at graduation.



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Committee Spotlight- RA Selection

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

The RA Selection Committee is responsible for recruiting and selecting interested Resident Advisor candidates. On average, our office receives or 100 applications per year and we currently employ over 50 Resident Advisors. Our RA's must be in good academic, financial, and judicial standing. Our next RA information session is November 11, 2015. Applications and resumes are due January 31, 2016.



Resident Advisor Program Spotlight

Rape Aggression Defense: LLCS Kawren Scott

Resident Advisor Kawren Scott, teamed up with Public Safety's Captain Ruth Evans Waller and Sergeant Johnson, for Rape Aggression Defense. This program was a crash course for defense against men. The program went over verbal and physical techniques on how to deal with rape or physical harm. Participants also got to put their new techniques to the test when practicing on a dummy. Students were also certified in Rape Aggression Defense.



Res Life Updates

2015 Thanksgiving Recess (Fall Break) Closing Procedures

Closing and Reopening Dates

The University is officially closed Friday, November 20, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. through Sunday, November 29, 2015. No student will be allowed to remain in the residence halls under any circumstances. Students should prepare travel arrangements accordingly; staying on campus is not an option.

The residence halls will re-open Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Departure Checklist

Roommates should ensure that the following procedures are completed prior to departure. The last person to leave the room, apartment or suite is responsible for making sure that all these items have been completed. Failure to complete any steps will result in a \$200.00 fine charged to your student account.

- Make sure the room is clean and tidy.
- Dispose of all perishable food and trash.
- Unplug all appliances: printers, refrigerators and surge protectors.
- Close and lock windows.
- Put blinds down, but leave them open; open shades.
- Take all valuable items including checkbooks, prescriptions, televisions, game systems, and computers, etc.
- Clear the heating unit of all items.

Turn off all lights and lock doors.

- Do not turn in room keys to the RA or RHC during Thanksgiving break. Turning in room keys only applies to winter break.



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Re-entry into the building will not be granted for any reason during the Thanksgiving break. Any items considered to be of value to you need to be taken home. The university will not be held liable for valuable items that you choose to leave behind.

Check-out Procedures

A Residence Life staff member will review your room after your departure and your account will be billed for any excessive trash or damages found. All residents are required to complete the following procedures in addition to check-out procedures by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2015. No exceptions.

Dining Services Affected by Break

Thompson Hospitality will close Friday, November 20, 2015 after the dinner hour. Thompson Hospitality will resume on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will not be served Sunday, November 29, 2015.



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Dean's Corner

Dear Students,

Thank you for an engaging terrific semester thus far. I see us stopping and thinking. I see us heavily engaged in our studies. I see us taking a proactive role in terms of safety. I feel so proud right now to serve as your Dean.

I have one request-keep doing what you're doing.

On a different note you should always be thinking how to better yourself, and to use the tools at Lincoln to advance yourself. Have you been to the library, career services, study abroad programs? How about Chapel? Don't sleep on Chapel. Rev is amazing.

When you reflect on the onset of the semester what do you see? How have you changed? Have you become the person you desire to become or have you adopted someone else's values? I warned you about that. Be honest. What are your midterm grades, and what is your plan to make your grades better?

I'll be watching and as always supporting. Stop by to see me my door is always open for you.

Best,

Dr. Lee

Everywhere



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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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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.



Ms. Tamia Davis,
Thurgood Marshall Residence Hall Coordinator &
Newsletter Editor



Dr. Lenetta Lee,
Interim Vice President of Student Affairs &
Co-Editor



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

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.

