

#### LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

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# From my desk to yours...

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The President's Newsletter

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### 2016-17 Academic Year



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Interim President

As we conclude the 2016-17 Academic Year, I want to thank everyone for their special efforts to make Lincoln University the best place possible to work, study, and learn. Best wishes for a restful and refreshing summer!

#### HBCU LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND NEW RESOURCES

Representative Thomas Massie from Kentucky's 4<sup>th</sup> district introduced H.R. 899 (February 2017), a bill to abolish the federal Department of Education. The full text of the bill reads:

The Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2018.

In an article featured in Diverse Issues in Higher Education (Diverseeducation.com), an opponent of H.R. 899 said that, "Abolishing the U.S. Department of Education in the name of saving taxpayer dollars is just a "shell game" that would not save any money but hurt millions of students who rely on federal student aid." By Executive Order, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos will study whether the Department of Education has overstepped its authority.

Read the full article: Opponent Take Aim at Eliminating Department of Education

**NEW RESOURCES** are available on the Thurgood Marshall College Fund website (<a href="www.tmcf.org">www.tmcf.org</a>) related to advocacy of the \$25 billion funding request made in February by Presidents and Chancellors from the country's HBCUs; including a <a href="Congressional Directory">Congressional Directory</a> and <a href="Alumni Talking Points">Alumni Talking Points</a> for stakeholder meetings.

It is extremely important that we are aware of the implications of such proposed actions and inform our representatives of our opinions.

#### 2017 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipients

**Dr. Roger W. Ferguson, Jr.**, President and Chief Executive Officer of TIAA, has been slated to give Lincoln University's commencement address and receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at graduation on May 12, 2017. Dr. Ferguson is an alumni of Harvard University and holds a bachelor of arts degree, a doctor of jurisprudence and doctorate of philosophy in economics. He began his career as an attorney at the New York City office of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Recently, Dr. Ferguson became a member of the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents. He is a fellow of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (and co-chairs its Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education). He is Chairman of The Conference Board, serves on the boards of the Institute for Advanced Study and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Also, Dr. Ferguson is a member of the Economic Club of New York, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Group of Thirty.

Dr. Ferguson is the former Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System and represented the Federal Reserve on several international policy groups and key committees. On 9/11/2001, he led the Fed's initial response to the terrorist attacks, taking actions that kept the U.S. financial system functioning while reassuring the global financial community that the U.S. economy would not be paralyzed.

Mr. Kenneth E. Scott, President and CEO of Beech Companies, will also receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at the 2017 commencement. Mr. Scott is well known throughout the Philadelphia region for his support and commitment to community service. For over 25 years, his work has produced comprehensive development in the areas of business, education, finance, media, housing, philanthropy, real estate development and technology. Mr. Scott is an alumni and Executive Fellow at the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a member of the Oxford University (UK) Executive Network.

He has been recognized by many organizations including Habitat for Humanity for his commitment and dedication to family and community. In 2007, Mr. Scott received the "Liberty Bell Award" one of the highest honors from the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. In addition, he received the Philadelphia Naval Base & Shipyard (NAVSEC) Engineering Award, the Fox Chase Cancer Center Service Award, the Black Journalist Award, the Philadelphia School District Service Award, the Father's Day Award, and the Frontiers International Leadership Award.



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## **Athletics News**

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**Teira Pendleton** 

**Terence Berry** 

Athletes, coaches, university administrators, and guests celebrated the accomplishments of our student-athletes during the 2016-17 academic year at the annual Athletics Banquet on April 24. Athletes from all 13 of Lincoln's athletic programs were honored as team most valuable players, most improved players, top rookies and top performers in the classroom.

Baseball player Terence Berry (Dover, NJ/Dover HS) and women's basketball player Teira Pendleton (Baltimore, MD/Baltimore Poly Institute) were honores as the Lincoln University Male and Female Athletes of the year, while women's volyball player Shanna King

(Newark, NJ/University High School) and baseball player Ronald Lashley (Brooklyn, NY/Benjamin Banneker Academy) were the recipients of the Frank "Tick" Coleman Sportsmanship Award.

**Terence Berry** was part of the baseball program's first no-hitter since 2006, tossing the first five hitless innings in his first start since Tommy John surgery on February 18 against Urbana and later earned National College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWWA) Atlantic Region Pitcher of the Week for his no-hitter. He also earned ECAC Pitcher of the Week honors later in the season for his shutout against conference foe St. Augustine's University. He leads the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) in fewest hits allowed per nine innings and is ranked 46th nationally. Terence also ranks second in the conference in strikeouts per nine innings (48th nationally) and total strikeouts (69th nationally). His 67 strikeouts are the third highest single season total in program history.

**Teira Pendleton** was the catalyst of the women's basketball team's run to the semi-finals of the CIAA Tournament. She scored 20 points in the Lions upset win over top seed Chowan University in the quarterfinals, earning Food Lion Player of the Game honors. Teira added 16 points in Lincoln's semi-final loss and was named to the CIAA All-Tournament Team and for the season led the team in scoring and rebounding. She scored a career-high 22 points in Lincoln's upset win over then #5 Virginia Union University (VUU). The Lions win over VUU was the highest ranked opponent Lincoln ever defeated in program history. Teira was also recently named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Area All-Academic Team for her performance in the classroom.

**Ronald Lashley**, the men's Frank "Tick" Coleman Sportsmanship Award winner, has maintained a 3.57 cumulative GPA. He is a member of the baseball team and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council. Lashley has consistently assisted numerous student-athletes within his major (computer science) with their classes and projects as a tutor and has volunteered his time as a manager for the women's volleyball team for the last two seasons.

**Shanna King**, the women's Frank "Tick" Coleman Sportsmanship Award winner, has been an integral part of the volleyball program the past four seasons. Shanna has been a leader on and off the court for the program and served as a team captain this past season. She concluded her career this fall as Lincoln's all-time leader in assists.

Reginald Byarse has been appointed Interim Head Football Coach, effective May 1, 2017.

Congratulations to the Lincoln Lions, Staff and Coaches for your Dedication and Commitment in Continuing Lincoln's Legacy of Excellence!



## Welcome New Employees

Brian Bernas Audio/Video Production Assistant

Lorna Chambers
Title III Program Support Specialist

John Asim Police Officer