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Interim President

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY IS POISED FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS

Revised Strategic Plan Enhances University's Strength and Commitment

<u>The 2013-2018 Revised Strategic Plan</u> is driven by Lincoln's Vision to "become the institution of choice for diverse students from all over the world to receive innovative and creative educational challenges that prepare them to lead in a global society." The seven strategic imperatives embrace Lincoln's Legacy of Excellence. For it is through Academic Excellence, Student Success, Research and Scholarship, Sustainability, Institutional and Operational Effectiveness, Community Engagement, and Globalization and Diversity that this great and historic institution was built and sustains its strength.

Lincoln Remains Strong

A number of faculty and administrative vacancies resulting from retirements and resignations have been filled. 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. Student enrollment increased 11%, with a total fall enrollment of 2,131 compared to 1,905 this time last year. While the 2015-16 state budget impasse was a time for stringent belt-tightening, Lincoln maintained a balanced budget, and offered high quality academic programs without layoffs and without loans to cover operational expenses.

With state budget appropriations for 2016-17 being distributed as scheduled, successful applications for state and federal grants, and an increase in Title III funding, the University's fiscal stability is unquestionably strong.

HOMECOMING 2016

Homecoming 2016 promises to be exciting, fun-filled, and full of *Lincoln Pride* as current students and alums gather together to celebrate Lincoln University's traditions. The festivities begin with the Coronation of Mr. and Miss Lincoln 2016 scheduled for October 9th @ 4:00 pm in the ICC followed by Guest Speaker, Dr. Rachel Rawls on October 10th @ 7 pm in the ICC; Black Art Matters Talent Show scheduled for October 11th @ 7 pm in the ICC; Wild N Out vs Morgan State University on October 12th @ 7 pm in the ICC; and on October 13th Game Show with GQ @ 7 pm in Ware Center followed by the Midnight Fashion Show in the Manuel Rivero Gym. The Step Show will be held on Friday, October 14th @ 8 pm in the gym.

Special Alumni events are also scheduled. The Alumni Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, October 14th beginning at 6:15 pm in the SUB Multipurpose Room (Reservations required). The Alumni Greek Sing will take place on Saturday, October 15th from noon – 1 pm at the LLC Greek Plots.



On Saturday, October 15th, the Homecoming Parade begins at 11 am followed by the 2016 homecoming football game at 1pm at the Lions Stadium. Come out and root for the home team! Show your **Orange** and **Blue** spirit as the Lincoln Lions play the Vikings from Elizabeth City State University. In addition, the doors open at 10 pm for the concert in the Manuel Rivero Gym with the Homecoming Party following from 1 - 4 am.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Wilson Bailey Asst. Coach- Track & Cross Country **Marrisa Boyer Campus Security Officer Dr. Edgar Berry** Interim Vice President, Student Affairs Lynne Brandsma Asst. Professor, Graduate Studies **Reginald Byarse, Jr.** Asst. Coach - Football **Damaris Colon** Program Asst. – IT **Dorian Long** Asst. Coach – Men's Basketball Kathleen Ramirez, RN Staff Nurse – Health Services



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Bachelor of Arts in Museum Studies Major

I am pleased to announce that Lincoln University is expanding the Museum Studies track to a Museum Studies Major with Minor. The University is committed to offering this program to prepare students for entry-level museum jobs in management and operation, and for students to be competitive for admission into exemplary graduate programs in museum studies.

The Museum Studies program serves the university's mission by "maintaining a nurturing and stimulating environment for learning, teaching, research, creative expression and public service for a diverse student body, faculty and workforce" in a field that is in desperate need of our participation. Our story is an American story. Without better representation of African Americans in the museum field, we have little guarantee that our contributions now and in the future will be a major part of our country's legacy as documented and celebrated in the museums.

With more than 17,000 museums in the United States, students will be trained in best practices in the areas of museum administration, education, interpretation and presentation, fundraising, marketing, collections care and curatorial studies. Students will learn creative problem-solving from lectures, field trips, case studies, internships, exhibition and curatorial projects, writing, and hands-on learning in a highly charged creative environment, working with world-class art, historical materials, archival materials, exhibitions, interpretation and communication.

The program will use resources of Lincoln's culturally-rich environment including art, material culture and archival collections; and the resources of The Barnes Foundation and the dozens of world-class museums within 100 miles of the university's main campus. Notes Barnes Foundation Executive Director and President Thom Collins:

Nearly 100 years ago, Albert Barnes established the Barnes Foundation to facilitate transformative educational experiences through encounters with art. His endeavor was informed, in equal measure, by advocacy for African Americans and curiosity about modern art in Europe and America. The most significant manifestation of the former was the relationship he forged with Horace Mann Bond and Lincoln University. The partnership between the Barnes Foundation and Lincoln University has grown from one of institutional governance to one that serves the Lincoln community through classes and other programs.

We are currently poised to take the opportunity for students to another level through a revised Museum Studies program. This program, including the major and a new Museum Studies minor, would marshal the Foundation's collections, staff, and other resources to increase students' exposure to opportunities and prepare them for leadership in graduate studies and professional endeavors in the museum field. We are proud to endorse the expansion of the Barnes and Lincoln's joint venture.

There are relatively few undergraduate museum studies programs in the United States. None of them enjoy the unique, historical relationship that Lincoln has with The Barnes Foundation. With the hands-on learning opportunities (both classroom and within museum and cultural sites and organizations) provided by experienced professionals, the Museum Studies program will attract ambitious, talented students interested in the diverse opportunities available in museum management and operation.



The pharmacist and staff from the local Rite-Aid pharmacy will be at the University in the health services department on October 3^{rd} from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, October 10^{th} from 10:00 - 12:00 noon, and on October 17^{th} from 1:00-4:00 pm to administer flu shots to employees & students with private insurance.

There is no co-pay for employees with Independence Blue Cross coverage through Lincoln University. Please contact Health Services at ext. 7338 to schedule an appointment.