



## 2017 Lincoln University Commencement



Richard Green, Ph.D.  
Interim President

The University received very positive feedback from attendees, graduates, faculty, and staff on the 2017 Commencement. The Commencement was livestreamed and viewed by an additional 933 online viewers in 14 countries, including 800 watching in the United States.

For the first time at Lincoln, and in addition to the traditional senior class gift to the university, the 2017 graduating class established a fund to support students in need of financial assistance. Graduates who pledged their support of the fund were given a blue and orange philanthropy cord to wear on Commencement day. [Read more.](#)

Honorary degree recipient and President and CEO of TIAA Dr. Roger Ferguson addressed Lincoln's graduates at Commencement with poignant and pertinent remarks. Dr. Ferguson advised students to be continuous learners and to build their financial knowledge by saving, investing, and using credit wisely.

Kenneth E. Scott, president and chief executive officer of Beech Companies, also received an honorary degree from Lincoln University. Mr. Scott is well known throughout the Philadelphia region for his support and commitment to community service.

Valedictorian Perewari Victor Pere, a native of Igbedi, Nigeria, told graduates to create their own future and "discover yourself." More than 400 students, graduate and undergraduate, participated in the 2016-17 Commencement ending the academic year positively. Hail, hail, Lincoln! [Read more.](#)

## DR. BRENDA ALLEN SELECTED PRESIDENT

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 11, Dr. Brenda Allen was selected to serve as the 14<sup>th</sup> president of Lincoln University. "The Board is confident in its selection of Dr. Allen to lead the institution at this most pivotal time in its history," stated Kimberly Lloyd, board chairwoman. "Dr. Allen's demonstrated leadership experiences coupled with her breadth and depth of achievements were the fundamental attributes we desired in Lincoln's next president. We're pleased to have unanimously approved her appointment." [Read more.](#)



## Campus Kudos...

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### Thanks and Gratitude for Dedication to Lincoln's International Presence

On June 30, 2017 Ms. Constance "Connie" Lundy, the director of International Programs and Services, will retire from Lincoln University after 25 years of dedicated service. Her diligent efforts and devotion have positively

impacted the University's increased international presence. She has supported hundreds of students in learning and experiencing other cultures by developing opportunities through our study abroad programs. Ms. Lundy has advanced the Lincoln legacy of excellence globally by facilitating life-changing experiences for our students.

Many thanks and appreciation to Connie for her commitment to Lincoln and the students who we serve. Please join me in extending our thanks and appreciation and wishing her the best in the future.

### Director of Alumni Relations Appointed

Deborah E. Johnson '15 has been appointed director of the Office of Alumni Relations effective July 1. Ms. Johnson, with nearly 30 years of experience as a development and program professional, brings experience in the creation, implementation, management, and assessment of cultural, educational, and fundraising events, annual appeals, fund cultivation, and stewardship processes. Johnson earned a Master of Human Services degree from Lincoln University in 2015. She holds certifications in grant making, project management, and non-profit management. [Read more](#).

### WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

**Kenneth Johnson**  
Assistant Football Coach & Equipment Manager

**Tiffany C. Lee**  
Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning

**David Madonna**  
Campus Police Officer, Public Safety

**Rebecca Parker**  
Program Assistant  
Master of Education / Master of Science in Business

**Sandra Sweet**  
Executive Secretary  
Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

**Sandra Upsher-Nixon**  
Program Assistant  
Career Services