



WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES – 2016 NATIONAL HBCU WEEK CONFERENCE



Dr. Richard Green
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The 2016 National HBCU Week Conference was held October 23 – 25, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia. I had the opportunity to attend with colleagues, Dr. Patricia Ramsey, Marion Bernard-Amos, Maureen Stokes, and student Gionelly Mills. The conference focused on 3 key pillars for the success of this country's HBCUs—innovation, excellence and sustainability.

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, welcomed HBCU presidents, federal agency officers, industry thought leaders, financial aid executives and community advocates who gathered to participate in the conference. Through dynamic discussions and active engagement in critical policy conversations, the conference explored best practices and forging new partnerships to strengthen our HBCUs.

The nation needs about 8 million more graduates to reach President Obama's "goal to have the best-educated, most-competitive and diverse workforce in the world by the year 2020;" noted Dr. Reed. She discussed the long history of HBCUs in successfully educating minority students and the need for a significant increase in graduating African

American students. Dr. Reed posed the question, "Who better to answer that call to increase postsecondary opportunity than our nation's HBCUs?"

As an integral part of the American culture, Lincoln University and all HBCUs must ensure that the students we educate sustain a guaranteed measure of success and continue to positively impact and influence today's culture by advancing a legacy of excellence. The conference included discussions on many relevant issues affecting HBCUs today including: Research and Development and STEM; fundraising development and alumni; sustainable partnerships; student movements, empowerment; leadership and civic engagement, and many more.



On October 28, 2016, it was my pleasure to be the keynote speaker at the **6th Annual African American Leadership Summit** sponsored by the **African American Leadership Association – Pittsburgh**. This organization was co-founded in 2009 by Lincoln University alum, Bernadette Turner '98 and Darcel Mardkins, and is dedicated to fostering and developing the growth and participation of minority leaders in the greater Pittsburgh area and beyond. This year's summit was dedicated to Ms. Turner who passed away in December 2013 at

age 42 from complications related to leukemia. When Turner and Mardkins started AALA, they wanted African American leaders to have a place where they were able to network, access information, and have questions answered to help them become more successful. Since inception, people have been placed on boards, promoted and connected to people making a difference in their professions. The co-founders' message to others is that "you too can be a part of the movement - become involved, get connected and L.E.A.D. (Leave Egos At the Door)." Ms. Turner is greatly missed though her **Legacy of Excellence** lives on through AALA and Lincoln University.

After the Summit, I met with alumni interested in supporting Lincoln students from the Pittsburgh area.



Campus Kudos....

The President's Newsletter

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

Lincoln University presents the Smithsonian Poster Exhibition – A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The commemorative poster exhibition will be on view through November 13, 2016 in Ware Center. The exhibition is a representation of the African American and African diaspora people, their contributions to the local community, and the American story. Lincoln University will take a group of 200 to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture on November 9, 2016. For more information about the museum and its programs, visit nmaahc.si.edu.

NEW APPOINTEES TO LINCOLN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Lincoln University Board of Trustees approved the appointment of several new trustees:

- Mr. Joseph V. Williams, Jr., Class of 1968, Alumni Trustee;
- Ms. Rachel E. Branson, Class of 1999, University Trustee;
- Ms. Dawn A. Holden, Class of 2000, University Trustee;
- Ms. Olutoyin Olowookere, Student Representative;
- Ms. Sandra F. Simmons, Senate Appointee; and
- Mr. James G. O. Sumner, Senate Appointee.



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

**Ann Marie Berry, Program Support Specialist
Title III & Sponsored Programs**

**Robert Heller, Sports Information Director
Athletics**

**Wendell Reed, Campus Police Officer
Public Safety**

**Rossman Shaffer, Campus Police Officer
Public Safety**

**Jay Simmons, Controller (Contract)
Fiscal Affairs**

*Visual and Performing Arts
Department faculty present*

An evening of Musical Performances & Art Exhibition

November 2, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
Ware Center Gallery and Theater

Performances by:
Dr. George Allen
Dr. J. B. Cerin
Timothy Chambers
Edryn Coleman
Dr. Christine Limb
Helen Meacham
Charles Pettaway
Ralph Rogers

Contributing Artists:
Tara Booth
Blake Bradford
Jeffrey Chapp
David Chatfield
Laine Godsey
Christina Kerns
Marlene Lacy
James Maurelle
Andrew Small
Gordon Stillman