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Interim President



Lincoln University

157th Commencement

With 341 undergraduate and 77 graduate students participating in the 2106 Commencement, held Friday, May 13, 2016, the ceremony was a rewarding and memorable experience for the Lincoln University community as the 2015-16 academic year came to an end. Dr. Soraya M. Coley '72, President of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, provided graduating students with a message for the future in her commencement address. Dr. Coley elaborated upon five elements for success, including: expectations, action, persistence, seeking and maintaining options, and discovering your purpose. She further expressed that:

It's about knowing where you are going, not forgetting where you started. It's about having the courage to fail and not breaking when you are broken. Taking everything you've been given and making something better. It's about work before glory and what's inside you. It's doing what they say you can't. It's not about the shoes. It's about what you do in them. It's about who you were born to be. Become legendary. - Dr. Soraya M. Coley, 2016

Her Excellency Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila '94, Prime Minister of Namibia, addressed the graduating students at the Baccalaureate service on Thursday evening, May 12, 2016.

I want to thank again, the Commencement Committee, volunteers, Office of Public Safety and the staff of Aramark for your outstanding efforts in making our 157th Commencement ceremony a successful closure to the academic year!

BUDGET IMPASSE AND CASHFLOWS

With the 2015-16 PA budget impasse Lincoln University's appropriation of 14,084,000 was not distributed until April 2016, requiring the University to adhere to a more stringent approach to its already conservative cash management. Strict spending measures in place enabled us to maintain a positive cash position through this difficult period.

I am pleased to say that we are now receiving our remaining monthly 2015-2016 budget allocations from the State in a timely manner. However, there is some concern that the passage of a 2016-17 State budget may face similar obstacles as this past year. We will continue to closely monitor cash and expenses for the remainder of 2015-16 and into 2016-17.

A note of significant importance is that Lincoln University has experienced strong support from the entire University community of faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends as we have maintained a position of quality and strength of our educational programs. Because of this support and the positive results of our enrollment management efforts, Lincoln is fiscally sound and expecting a significant increase in enrollment for the 2016-17 academic year. The standing we have in the top 20 of the "College Choice HBCU Rankings" is an indication of our growing position of strength.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Samaa Gamie, Dr. Dipali Puri, and Professor Sophia Sotilleo on their award of tenure and promotion to Associate Professor and to Dr. Chieke E. Ihejirika on his promotion to Professor. Well-deserved!

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Paul Bearden
Program Coordinator, Title III

Vincent Burnett
Campus Security Officer

Jaiquann Beckham
Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

James Falatovich
Campus Police Officer

Edward Franklin
Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

Shane Hull
Campus Police Officer

Rispah Nyangweso
Pre-Award Officer, Title III

College Choice HBCU Rankings Lincoln University Among Top 20

May 23, 2016 by HBCU Reports

1 Spelman College	College Choice Score: 94.0	Cost Per Year: \$26,388
2 Howard University	College Choice Score: 94.0	Cost Per Year: \$23,970
3 Hampton University	College Choice Score: 93.8	Cost Per Year: \$23,100
17 Lincoln University	College Choice Score: 90.3	Cost Per Year: \$16,398



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Patricia Pierce Ramsey will join the Lincoln University family as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs beginning July 1, 2016. A highly accomplished scholar and educator, Dr. Ramsey brings with her extensive leadership experience that will strengthen the academic core of the Lincoln University community.