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#BlackCollegesMatter

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Opening Comments by Lincoln University Interim President Dr. Richard Green

Why Do Black Colleges Matter?

Black Colleges Matter today for many reasons. When Lincoln University opened its doors in 1854 it was one of two universities in Pennsylvania that people of color could attend without prejudice, undue scrutiny or sanctions. It provided post-secondary education for men - and later women - in the fields of theology, education, business, humanities and sciences. It also provided a safe, nurturing environment where gifted, talented and black young adults could prosper. Lincoln University, like many HBCUs, was and today still is an institution where African American men and women hold intellectual discourse with their peers and professors, and move on to make a difference in the world.

Click here to read the rest of [President Green's Opening Remarks](#).

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Following the various community forums and feedback from campus constituents, the Strategic Review has now moved into the Tactical Action Planning (TAP) process. The Tactical Action Plan includes detailed actions on how each department/unit aligns with the strategic imperatives and the steps that will be taken to achieve them. The TAP process began with The Barthwell Group facilitating individual Tactical Action Planning sessions for 25 selected office/units across the campus community. The feedback to these units will be used in assisting the remaining departments and units on campus in completing their Tactical plans. We are hoping to have a Master Tactical Action Plan completed by the spring 2016 semester.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

- Katelyn Duca, Campus Police Officer
Office of Public Safety
- Diane Preske, Executive Assistant
Office of Fiscal Affairs

THEODORE MILTON SELDEN '19 MEMORIAL

On October 23, 2015, Lincoln University, Drexel University, and the University of Pennsylvania commemorated Mr. Theodore Milton Selden during a special program at Penn Law School in Philadelphia. Mr. Selden was a distinguished debater and orator, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lincoln University, graduating valedictorian of his class in 1919. While in school, he maintained the rank of an honor student his entire undergraduate tenure, was a charter member of the Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and revised the music of Lincoln University's Alma Mater, "Dear Old Orange and Blue." Mr. Selden returned to Lincoln as an instructor and earned a Master's degree in 1920. He earned a second Bachelor of Science degree from Dartmouth College, where he was a Rufus Choate scholar, recipient of the Benjamin F. Barge Gold medal for Original Oratory, became a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society, and graduated second in the Class of 1921. In September 1921, he entered the LL. B. Program at the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania where he was one of a small number of African-Americans who attended the School between 1888 and 1924. On July 3, 1922, Mr. Selden's life was tragically cut short when the train on which he was working as a Pullman Porter to provide for his education, crashed between Philadelphia, PA and Atlantic City, NJ.

Mr. Selden exhibited the characteristics of a Lincoln man with exemplary skills, great aspiration, and outstanding accomplishments. He was a young man of extraordinary promise who, through perseverance, led a life of outstanding academic achievement, and advanced the Lincoln Legacy of Excellence.

Effective January 1, 2016 the following changes will take place with University administration:

- Dr. Patricia Joseph will serve as Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs;
- Mr. Kevan Turman will serve as Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement;
- Dr. Virginia Smith will serve as Interim Dean, College of Professional, Graduate and Extended Studies; and
- Ms. Maureen Stokes, Associate Vice President for Communications and Public Relations, will report directly to the President.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY GIVING BACK!

On Sunday, October 18, 2015, Ms. Ihsan Mujahid, Interim Director, Student Life & Development and 31 Lincoln University students visited the **Jewish Relief Agency** in Philadelphia, PA for one of their food packing/ distribution events. The group assisted in packing over 2300 boxes to feed over 6000 individuals in Philadelphia and surrounding communities.



[Click here for the video of the students volunteering](#)

Student volunteers included: Kayla Adams, Brionna Anthony, Daisha Bannister, Margaret Bernardez, Alliah Blue, Alicia Boone, Troi Braxton, Davisha Brown, Patrice Brown, Zakkiyah Buchanan, Jasmine Chisholm, Ajee Cook, Erin Dobson, Bresha Dotson, Veronica Flemmings, Brionna Foster, Thembisile Gxuluwe, Jireh Harrison, Tytiana Jackson, Janaya Joyner, Torah Mosby, Chinenye Onukwugha, Darian Payne, Bobbi Pough, Charles Ragland, Jarrel Strong, Corrine Webb, Lexus White, Shanae Wilson, Tamara Wilson-Ashton, and Joy Yakie.



Heart Walk.

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, Ms. Mujahid, along with 16 students volunteered at the **American Heart Association's Heart Walk** in Philadelphia, PA doing the following: Manning the Memorial Wall and Memorial Stickers stations, assisting at the Jefferson Hospital Tent, and soliciting donations with small AHA items.

Student volunteers included: Hazziza Abdullah, Enasia Bell, Patrice Brown, Ajee Cook, Bria Epps, Brionna Foster, T. Crystal Fountain, Thembisile Gxuluwe, Olivia Hines, Dena Ingraham, Chrisarah Johnson, Deane Love, Kawren Scott, Jarrel Strong, Corinne Webb, and Tamara Wilson-Ashton.



WITH GRATITUDE

On October 9, 2015, Wells Fargo established the **DONN G. SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND** at Lincoln University with a \$30,000 grant awarded at Lincoln University's Alumni Awards Banquet. Scott, a 1970 graduate of Lincoln University, is a former regional banking executive for Wells Fargo, and a former board member of Lincoln University and the Barnes Foundation. Scott credits Lincoln University with preparing him for leadership roles in banking. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Lincoln University and an MBA in finance from Temple University.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Kudos to colleagues in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, especially faculty members, Dr. Claude Tameze, Chair of Mathematics & Computer Science, and Director of the Mathematics Learning Center, Professor Abel Ayele, Coordinator of the Mathematics Learning Center, Ms. Lorrene Miller, Professional Math Tutor, and SI student workers, on significant improvement of our students in math proficiency. We appreciate and applaud your continued dedication to the success of our students through this extremely important endeavor.

