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# *Baccalaureate*

Top of the U and  
International Cultural Center  
May 4, 2019

# Overview

The Class of 2019 will gather at the Top of the U for the following events:

- Form a unity circle for the Orange and Blue Balloon Lift;
- Light the Lincoln Legacy Lamp and recite responsive prayer in memory of fallen Lincoln Lions and friends;
- March in the Farewell Processional through the Kappa Bull Roast to the ICC;
- Advance the lamp in the Passing of the Torch March led by Orange Crush Drum Line; and
- Process into the ICC auditorium and place the Lincoln Legacy Lamp on the dais to share in the 2019 Baccalaureate celebration and charge.



# Baccalaureate

Lincoln University continues its long tradition of hosting a Baccalaureate service. Unlike the massive Commencement exercise held in the U meadow area, our Baccalaureate ceremony offers a quieter, more intimate opportunity for us to pause and reflect upon ways to learn, liberate and lead in our communities, and change the world.

The Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, ecumenical ceremony held prior to a graduation ceremony. This service is a rite of passage. This service is about coming together, reflecting and rejoicing for our Lincoln journey. It is our hope that as a result of this service, members of the Class of 2019 will not only celebrate graduation but also ponder ways to continue cultivating the character, values, and standards of excellence to be responsible citizens of a global community.

# *Orange and Blue Balloon Lift and “We Remember Them” Ceremony*

## **DEDICATED TO FALLEN LINCOLN LIONS**

### ***Responsive Prayer***

All Wise Creator, as we remember them, remember us. Help us during this great time of struggle. Grant us thy strength in our weakness, thy peace for our many unanswered questions and limited understanding.

As we remember them, remember us. Bring determination in our despair, purpose out of pain and healing out of our sorrow. Strengthen our resolve to live our lives for justice, peace and love.

Finally, we pray your blessings upon the families of our fallen friends and also our Lincoln University family of students, staff and servants. Give us all your power to learn, liberate and lead in our communities, and change the world, as we remember them.



# *The Passing of the Lincoln Legacy Lamp March and Placement*

Accompanied by the Lincoln University Orange Crush Drum Line, Lincoln graduates will advance the Lincoln Legacy Lamp from the rear to the front. Following the processional into the International Cultural Center, the Lincoln Legacy Lamp will be symbolically placed on the dais by a Class of 2019 representative.

*LU Orange Crush Marching Band Drumline*

***Ms. Jelani Hendrickson***

*Health Science Major and Class of 2019*

***Mr. Garrison Kearse***

*Music Major and Class of 2021*

***Mr. Darieus Baker***

*Mass Communications and Class of 2019*



# *The Baccalaureate*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Ms. Toni Caldwell-Hall  
*Adjunct, Department of Visual and Performing Arts*

## **CALL TO CELEBRATION +**

Rev. Frederick T. Faison, Ed.D.  
*University Chaplain, Associate Dean of the College and Dean of Students*

## **SONG OF CELEBRATION+**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
Composed by John R. Johnson / Written by James W. Johnson / arr. Sarjeant  
*Lincoln University Concert Choir and Symphonic Band*

## **PRAYER**

*Dhuhan Abdullah '13*

## **CELEBRATION PICTORIAL**

Mr. Anthony Parker, Jr.  
*Communications Major and Class of 2019*

## **OCCASION**

Ms. Courtney Knight  
*Mass Communications Major and Class of 2019*

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

*My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord*  
Moses Hogan  
Lincoln University Concert Choir  
*Shawn Weaver, Student Conductor*

## **THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ACADEMIC REGALIA AND GRADUATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Patricia Pierce Ramsey, Ph.D.  
*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## **CLASS GIFT PRESENTATION**

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Precious Lord*  
Thomas A. Dorsey/Arr. Arnold Sevier  
*Lincoln University Concert Choir*  
*Mr. Shawn Weaver, Student Conductor*

*+ Audience will please stand.*

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## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ms. Khalisha T. Benson

*Student from the School of Adult and Continuing Education*

*Master of Arts in Human Services, December 2018*

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Mr. Vernon Lamont Hunt

*Student from School of Adult and Continuing Education*

*Master of Business Administration, December 2018*

### **PRAYER FOR THE CLASS OF 2019**

Mr. Kenneth B. Moore, Jr.

*Student from the School of Adult and Continuing Education*

*Master of Education and Class of 2019*

### **TRIBUTE TO EXTENDED FAMILIES AND VISION FOR THE CLASS OF 2019**

Mr. Jarrett Brown

*General Science Major and Class of 2019*

### **CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2019**

Rev. Dr. James L. Smith

*Adjunct, Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy*

### **MUSICAL BENEDICTION +**

Irish Blessing

Ross C. Bernhardt

*Lincoln University Concert Choir*

*Shawn Weaver, Student Conductor*

### **BENEDICTION +**

Rev. Dr. Faison

### **RECESSIONAL**

Ms. Caldwell-Hall

*Members of the Class of 2019:  
please gather in the lobby for a group photo.*

*+ Audience will please stand.*

# *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*James Weldon Johnson (1871 – 1938)*

Lift every voice and sing,  
till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.



# Mission

Lincoln University, the nation's first degree-granting Historically Black College and University (HBCU), educates and empowers students to lead their communities and change the world.

It does so by:

- Providing a rigorous liberal arts education featuring active and collaborative learning;
- Integrating academic and co-curricular programs with the University's distinctive legacy of global engagement, social responsibility and leadership development; and
- Cultivating the character, values and standards of excellence needed to enable students to become responsible citizens of a global community.

# Vision

Lincoln University will be a national model for both 21st century liberal arts undergraduate education and innovative graduate and professional programs.



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