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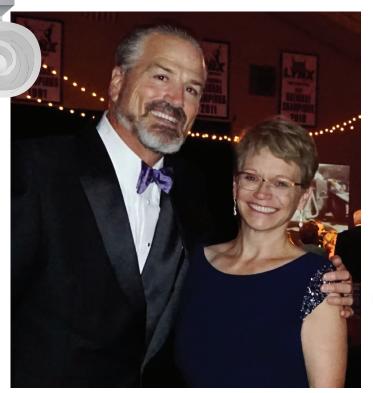


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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As you will see as you go through this fall issue of The Log the past several months at Lincoln College have been busy and successful. It is hard for me to decide what to highlight, but I've decided to focus on four key developments.

First, I'm thrilled to report that Lincoln College set a **new enrollment record** this fall. Indeed, with more than 750 students, our oncampus residence halls reached maximum capacity and we welcomed the largest incoming freshman class in a decade.

As colleges across the nation, and particularly in Illinois, struggle to maintain enrollment, this is a tremendous vote of confidence in Lincoln College and our mission. Our faculty, staff and alumni all deserve credit for making Lincoln College an appealing, affordable option for all students.

I am convinced that **we have the best alumni of any college anywhere**. That was driven home once again this summer when we concluded our Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future campaign a year early and \$1.6 million above our goal. When we kicked off the public phase of the campaign two years ago, we anticipated it would take six years to generate \$8 million to jumpstart our transition to a full four-year degree granting college. Instead, thanks to more than 2,400 donors, we raised \$9.6 million in just five years!

For the first time in 90 years, Lincoln College is now offering master's degrees. Students will now be able to pursue post-graduate studies in Organizational Leadership and Business Administration. A standalone degree format is available as well as a 4+1 format for current Lincoln College business students working toward a bachelor's degree.

Finally, I want to highlight our new International Exchange Program which welcomed eight Chinese students from Shenyang Jianzhu University in China this fall. I can't say enough about these fun and eager students. I'm also very proud of our student body, as they have enthusiastically welcomed the new students to the campus community. Our safe, small town environment and central location in Illinois makes Lincoln College an ideal institution for international students wanting an immersive American experience. We are anxious to grow this program and build further ties with Shenyang Jianzhu University and other international colleges and universities.

There is so much more I could highlight, but instead I'll just encourage you to spend a little time reading through this latest edition of The Log and catch up with your Lynx.

Dail M. Serbort



### Embracing Our Past, Empowering Our Future CAMPAIGN

In July, Lincoln College celebrated the successful completion of the \$8 million "Embracing our Past, Empowering our Future" fundraising campaign — a year early and surpassing the goal by more than \$1 million, setting the stage for future growth.

"Five years ago we launched our Campaign for Lincoln College with a highly ambitious goal of generating \$8 million to jumpstart our transition to a full four-year degree granting college. Thanks to the generosity of more than 2,400 donors, we've now raised \$9.6 million," said President David Gerlach.

"This would not have happened without the support of our alumni, our friends and the Lincoln and Logan County community," Campaign Chair John Blackburn said. "But, we won't be resting on our laurels. We must keep the momentum growing to assure that Lincoln College can meet the demand for high quality, affordable education for a diverse audience."

"We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the positive response we received since launching the campaign. I can't thank our alumni, friends, and employees enough," said Debbie Ackerman, vice-president for institutional advancement. "The College received four gifts at the million-dollar level and many gifts of \$25,000 or more. At the same time, we are particularly gratified by the large number of smaller gifts and first-time donors, which demonstrates the significant grassroots support that we have among alumni, friends and the local community."

Ackerman said that more than 2,000 individuals and 350 organizations contributed to the success of this campaign. She said the College was particularly pleased with the overwhelming support directed to the unrestricted LINCOLN Fund.

"Our goal for the LINCOLN Fund was \$1.9 million and we received \$4.1 million in contributions during this campaign thanks to the wonderful generosity of our donors," Ackerman said. "Because LINCOLN Fund contributions are unrestricted, they represent a vote of confidence by our benefactors in our vision and mission. By choosing to invest in extraordinary ways these donors are, in effect, saying that they trust the College administration to select the best use of their gifts. We take that very seriously and are humbled by their trust in us."

Ackerman also noted that the Campaign for Lincoln College won strong support even as other major fundraising activities at Lincoln College have grown.

"The annual Grand Soirée, which is the main fundraising event for our nationally recognized Lincoln Heritage Museum has been a fantastic success thanks to the exemplary work of the Soirée committee, and our annual golf outing for athletics sold out again this year," Ackerman said.





### Highlights of the Campaign for Lincoln College have included:

- Raising \$1.7 million for scholarship support for students; 60 total scholarships, including 31 newly-funded scholarships;
- Launching the MacKinnon School of Business;
- Opening the state-of-the-art LCTV television and new media studio;
- Converting blighted apartments adjacent to campus into high quality student housing;
- Renovations that show significant progress in returning University Hall to its full glory;
- Accepting the transfer of the former St. Clara's manor for conversion into student housing and multi-use space to accommodate additional growth;
- Raising an estimated \$5-\$6 million in bequests or other planned gift arrangements that will benefit Lincoln College in the future;
- Installation of a new Millipore water purification system in the science lab is improving efficiencies and giving students new opportunities to conduct meaningful experiments and research;
- New facilities and features at the Creekside Center for Environmental Education, including an accessible boardwalk, interpretive displays and new groundwater monitoring equipment that will aid in student research directly benefitting the ag industry; and
- Installation of new equipment at the Johnston Center for the Arts to enable Contemporary Jazz Studies students to learn sound recording and mixing skills and record and produce their own original compositions.

### ACADEMICS

### New! BA in Law

Lincoln College began enrolling students in a new Bachelor of Arts in Law degree program in the Fall 2019 semester. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), our regional accreditation agency, approved the new program in April.

"We are very pleased to offer this new Bachelor of Arts in Law degree. This will be the eleventh new bachelor's degree that Lincoln College has added since beginning our transition back to our roots as a four-year degreegranting university," said President David Gerlach.

Courses were designed with the help of an advisory board of practicing attorneys and will be taught by experienced judges and lawyers using the same methods and approach followed by law schools. The curriculum will include a full semester-long LSAT (Law School Admission Test) preparation course, but also offers flexibility for students interested in careers in the legal profession but who

don't plan to attend

law school.

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Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Lincoln College welcomed a cohort of eight students and visiting scholar Professor Bing Wang from Shenyang Jianzhu University in northwest China to campus this fall semester. The group is participating in a recently developed International Exchange Program which provides an immersive experience for Chinese students interested in studying in the United States.

In September, the students hosted the Mid-Autumn Festival, a traditional Chinese theatrical music performance. The Festival is usually held August 15 on the lunar calendar, when the full moon, a symbol of family union in Chinese culture, is celebrated. It is the second most important festival celebrated in China.

"Mid-Autumn Festival was initially used to express people's worship of the moon. It is depicted in the most well-known myth: Goddess Chang'e Flying to the Moon," explained Professor Wang. "Since the Tang Dynasty (618 AD), watching the full moon and creating poetries on this day is very popular. In the history of Chinese literature, thousands of poems

are associated with this Festival. Since the Ming Dynasty (1368), Chinese people began to celebrate it as an important occasion for family reunions."

The Mid-Autumn Festival engaged LC students and the local community in a fun cultural event with opportunities for questions and answers, followed by a reception in the Johnston Center.

### Lincoln College Had Record-Breaking Enrollment Year

Lincoln College has achieved a record-breaking traditional student enrollment year for 2019 at the Lincoln campus, with a 12% increase from 2018. We welcomed the largest incoming freshman class in ten years (397 students), a 17% increase from 2018, up 29% since 2015, and thanks to enrollment strategies and retention initiatives, on-campus residence halls are at maximum capacity with a total enrollment over 750 students.

A new International Student Exchange Program has contributed to the increase. The cohort of students from China are the largest group from a single country, but 19 different countries are represented on campus this semester this semester, growing our international numbers from 13 to 40 students.

About 266 students have enrolled in the ABE (Accelerated Bridge to Education program) adult degree-completion program, which offers courses in Normal, Peoria, Oglesby and Lincoln. The Peoria and Lincoln locations achieved record high enrollment this fall.

Local high school students are also choosing to start their college careers early at Lincoln College, with 54 students enrolled in LC dual-credit courses.

The fact that so many local students and their parents are choosing Lincoln College is a tremendous vote of confidence in our ability to provide a quality, affordable college education close to home," President Gerlach said.



Taking another big step back to our university roots, LC has added two graduate programs — a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Business Administration — to the Course Catalog. Classes in the master's programs will be taught in an eight-week accelerated hybrid format similar to ABE (Accelerated Bridge to Education) program courses, with one night a week face-to-face plus online components, making it convenient for working students.

The Master of Business Administration degree prepares students to be effective leaders in managing organizational resources, and to function in a socially responsible manner in a diverse, multicultural business environment. A stand-alone degree format is available, as well as a 4+1 format for current Lincoln College business students working toward a bachelor's degree to complete a master's degree with only one additional year of graduate studies.

The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership degree allows students to develop skills related to strategic decision making, leading change in an organization, motivating employees, and advancing culture within an organization, as well as cultivate effective leadership skills across a range of organizations and disciplines.

"Both Business and Organizational Leadership have been very popular as undergraduate majors and surveying our alumni has shown tremendous interest. Students now have the opportunity to continue their education with Lincoln College after graduating with a bachelor's degree. Degrees in both fields provide a wide range of career opportunities, preparing Lincoln College students for success postgraduation," said President Gerlach.

For more information, visit the website <a href="https://academics.lincolncollege.edu/home/graduate-programs/">https://academics.lincolncollege.edu/home/graduate-programs/</a>.

### COMMENCEMENT ongratulations Class of 2019!

Lincoln College held its 152nd commencement ceremony on May 11, 2019, where 186 students graduated.

The ceremony included 133 Lincoln campus Associate and Bachelor degree students and 53 Bachelor degree recipients from the Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program, which included students from the Normal, Lincoln, Peoria and Oalesby satellite sites.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Commencement speakers LC Trustee John D. Blackburn, former president of Lincoln College and retired CEO of Country Financial, and Lawrence E. Thomas, who began his career at Edward Jones as an intern in 1977, became a principal a few years later, and has held various leadership positions in the firm over his long career; he currently leads the university channel for Financial Advisor Career Development in Talent Acquisition at Edward Jones in St. Louis. The 2019 student speaker was Brighton Robbins of Lincoln.

Robbins, a graduate of Lincoln Community High School and the daughter of Teresa and Mike Robbins of Lincoln, graduated

Summa cum Laude with her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. She was an NJCAA

Academic All-American for two years in both volleyball and softball, was a student mentor, was a student worker in the Lincoln campus Financial Aid office, and was the 2018 Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois for Lincoln College, an annual selection of one top senior from each college or university in Illinois.

**Brighton Robbins '19** 

"A decade from now, I may not remember every detail my instructors taught me, but I will remember the people and the experiences I gained at Lincoln College," Robbins told her fellow graduates. She remembered what it was like as a freshman, not really knowing what she wanted to do, until she found herself in Introduction to Criminal Justice.

"Support from the faculty and staff at LC gave me so many opportunities and opened so many doors which will continue to empower me to reach my full potential. Though the path has not always been easy, the people and support around me made it possible for me to stand here today and share my story with you," she said. "Although this may be the end of our journey at Lincoln College, it is the beginning of the rest of our lives. To my fellow graduates, congratulations and best of luck in all your futures."

John Blackburn, who has served on LC's Board of Trustees since 2002 (with a break from 2012 to 2015 when he served as President), told the graduates, "Commencement is every Trustee's favorite day of the year. We are all so proud of you and congratulate you for reaching this milestone."



LC Trustee John D. Blackburn

He had a few pieces of advice for the class of 2019: Dream big. Don't miss opportunities to thank those who have helped you. Outwork everyone around you, even when you think no one is looking.

"Your future is as bright as your choices and efforts make it," he said. "In reality, the only thing that makes the 'good old days' great is a damn poor memory."

Blackburn also encouraged the class of 2019 to make giving back a priority, as they are able.

"Give back to your community, favorite charities, and your college: your time, talent, and some of your wealth. Your college needs your help in providing future students the quality education and the college experience you were provided."

He closed with wise words for public speakers: stand up to be noticed, speak up to be heard, sit down to be appreciated.

In his remarks, Lawrence Thomas gave accolades to parents of the graduates, and spoke about the importance of the choices everyone makes in life and life lessons he has learned.

"Over my career, I have had the opportunity to meet awesome people from all walks of life; to learn, to participate in efforts that would make some contribution to the world in which we live; to work with dynamic and awesome people both in the workplace and in the community; to laugh at myself and with others (not laugh at others); to show compassion when needed, to lend a hand, and to know that what I was doing and am doing is making a difference in the world," Thomas said, sharing his top three

Life Lessons:

- Be humble: appreciate opportunities that come your way.
- Stay inquisitive: be a lifelong learner; learning never goes out of style.
- Be conscious of and true to your values, which for him included building and holding dear relationships with others and never compromising worthiness.

Lawrence Thomas

and six 'Rules of the Road':

- Find your happiness, and make it a priority in your life.
- Control what you can control; what you can't control, you have to roll with.
- Reach extraordinarily high for your dreams; be the best at whatever it is you want to be.
- Give back: be stewards of the world, pay it forward, it is your world and you will have your place.
- Fight for justice, respect, peace and freedom, as you have learned to do; [that is] the mark of Lincoln College and its founder and namesake Abraham Lincoln.
- Be authentic; you are who you are, no apologies

"As you prepare to head out into the world, focus on the good. Despite how cold we can seem to be toward one another, how troubled we can seem to appear, we live in an awesome country, a remarkable country with vast opportunities, and that's what you, the class of 2019, has to look so positively toward: how great it is to be in America and an American; how your voice matters, and you have an obligation to make your voice heard; that everything will not always be right, but that you will learn along the way, just as you have here, and you will educate and inspire others with what you achieve and by what you say."

The complete 2019 Commencement ceremony was broadcast and recorded by LCTV, and is archived on the LC TV Youtube channel at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5svrYbqjOpU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5svrYbqjOpU</a>.

# ONCE A LYNX, ALWAYS A LYNX D

After three decades of playing and coaching Lynx Baseball, Tony Thomas '88 decided it was past time to get everyone together, so in September he and Dean of Students Bridgett (Ryan) Thomas '01/'07 hosted a Lynx Baseball Reunion.

Over 50 former Lynx players and coaches were back on campus for a casual Friday night reception followed by a full day of activities on Saturday: working out with the team, brunch in the dining hall, wiffle ball in the Nutt Arena and some practice time on Shirley Field in the afternoon – the Lynx vs. Alumni game was rained out – and the dinner program Saturday evening.

Coach Thomas's players from the past 26 seasons made up the majority of the returning alumni, but there were a few from the pre-1990 era, including Don McLaughlin '75, Bobby Guy '64, past LC trustee Jack Sparacio '63 and Dave Thill '61, who played for Coach Norm Kaye and made the trip back to campus from Wisconsin.



"Returning to campus gave me an opportunity to think back to when I had played on the 1960 baseball team. I had a great time reminiscing with many of the players who have played for Lincoln College over the years. It was very much like a homecoming," said Thill.

A brief program followed the dinner Saturday evening. With jerseys 8 and 17 hanging behind him, and aiving a nod to Nathan Holden '03 who wore #9, Coach Thomas acknowledged his predecessors, Lynx baseball head coaches Norm Kaye, Chuck Lindstrom, Bob Schlemmer '74, Nyls Nyman, Rob McDonald, and Kevin Hartsell, his past and current assistant coaches, and the six seniors playing for the Lynx this year, one of whom is his son Ryan Thomas '18/'20, the only Lynx to wear jersey #17 since Gary Ryan '01 passed away from cancer

Coach Thomas shared his thoughts on Lynx baseball, in the format of a post-game selfinterview, asking and answering the questions he gets asked most often: "Why Lincoln College?"; when did he know he wanted to be a coach; what he's proudest of; his favorite player or coach memory; what it means to be part of the Lynx family; and last words when he retires.

"As an LC graduate, this place is as important to me as it was to you as a student athlete. Why LC? It gave me an opportunity, to become a better person and to become what I am today," he said. He credited his many mentors, including Coach Rob McDonald, with influencing his decision to be a coach. Opportunities to mold student athletes and see them succeed makes him most proud.

"Today, you have showed that I've done a good job, and I'm proud of every one of you," he told his players. Favorite memories were his first Lynx coaching wins, first in NJCAA and last year in the NAIA, and the opportunity to watch his son Ryan play for four years.

Coach Thomas used the story behind jersey #8 to illustrate "Lynx family": #8 belonged to Josh Cook '11, who passed away in late 2015. When the team took their Spring Training trip in March 2016, they had special T-shirts made to wear in Josh's honor. As it happened, the team decided to wait until the end of the week to wear the shirts, and that day they drew some attention from the team on an adjacent field.

Kyle Bruce '05 \*Chris Ackman '01 Tony Eckhart '04 Kenny VanHouten '03 Don States '00 Josh Bossingham '00 Jeffery Harris '03 Mike Harris '00 Dave Thill '61 \*Ryne Komnick '08

### Chris Phillips 103

Frank Pesce '03 Brian Rynearson '05 Logan McDanel '17 Alex Brown '05 Matt Serna '08 Matt Whetstone '02 Nathan Englehardt '99 Jeff King '02

"As the guys got ready to play, I was going to give them a little pep talk, but they told me 'This is our moment. This is for Josh Cook. We're good. He was one of our team members' –even though he was never a team member with them."

Coach Thomas went back to the dugout, where one of the players from the other team was waiting and called him by name. It was Josh Cook's brother who had told his team when the Lynx walked up in their shirts, "That's my brother's coach, that's my brother's team. They're playing representing my brother in his honor."

"You can't make this story up; that's what Lynx Baseball Nation is. We care for each other from year to year; we know what took place in the past, and we talk about the future. It makes us better people, better students, it makes us better in society.

Lynx family is a group of baseball players that pass down traditions, thoughts and memories of each other, understanding 'Once a Lynx, always a Lynx.'

When does a coach get a thank you? Right now. I truly appreciate you being here tonight and what you've done for me and my family over 27 years."

He assured everyone he had no immediate plans to retire, but said when he does, his last comment will be "Without you players I wouldn't be the coach or the person I am today. Thank you."

The evening's other speaker, Andrew Bartman '03, took the podium, acknowledging that Coach Thomas would be tough to follow. A former Lynx player and assistant coach who is now Director of Coaching Development for USA Baseball in Durham, North Carolina, Bartman credited Coach Thomas for giving student athletes room to fail, space to make decisions—even bad ones—and find their way, as Bartman did.

Long story short, Bartman said, he realized while at LC that he wanted to be a baseball coach, and the trajectory of his life changed because of Coach Thomas. Bartman went on to play at MacMurray College and coached at another college before returning to LC as an assistant coach in 2010. As he recruited potential players for the Lynx, he developed an even greater appreciation for Coach Thomas.

"Tony was concerned about the person, who we're bringing on this campus and who's aging to represent the program. On a night like this it really hit home to us assistant coaches," Bartman said. "We want to have the right kind of people in this room ten years from now. We have a good collection from a lot of different years here today, and that's a testimony to Tony having standards for his program and the type of people in it."

Other programs may have more trophies in their trophy cases, Bartman said, but the real trophies for the coaching staff at LC are the living, breathing men the program has produced who are out in the world being good people, areat men, areat fathers.

"It was a pleasure to return to my hometown and alma mater for the Lincoln College Baseball Reunion," Bartman said afterward. "Being able to share my story and acknowledge coaches Tony Thomas and John Stoltzenburg who set me on a path towards my career in baseball was an honor. Lincoln College was a special place for myself and my teammates, as evidenced by how many of them came to campus for the reunion. It was also very exciting to see the new path Lincoln College is on as a four-year institution and NAIA member school. There is a great amount of energy surrounding the athletics department on campus right now."

Dean Bridgett Thomas had the last official word of the evening: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, We're going to have more [reunions]. Please come back and see us!"





The Bartman Bunch







Stoltzenburg '93, Andrew Bartman '03, Coach Jarrod Serra '04, Tony Thomas '88, Colton McClellan '05 '09, Kolton Mayall, Chris Ackman '01

### Homecoming 2019!

Thank you to all who came back to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2019! It was great catching up with everyone and celebrating with our honorees. We'll have more about them and lots of great photos in the Spring issue of the Log!



### Congratulations HALL OF FAME CLASS!



Stiven Salinas '11 led Lynx Men's Soccer to their first Region 24 Championship and a 5th place finish at their first NJCAA National Tournament appearance in 2010. He went on to play for University of South Florida, which won the 2012 AAC Championship, and was tournament MVP on the US team that won the F5WC 2017 World Cup in Beijing









### Congratulations ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS!



Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mel Finzer '65 retired as a Captain in 2005 after a distinguished 38-year career flying for United Airlines. He serves as a 727 docent at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. He graduated from Illinois State University after LC; as a Lynx, he played on rst competitive soccer team, was a member of the Phi eta Kappa honor society, and received the Samual B.











COMING SOON TO LYNX ATHLETICS

### **WOMEN'S WRESTLING**

### **ARCHERY JV BASEBALL**

The Lincoln College Athletic Department will be increasing the number of sports offered for studentathletes in the 2020-2021 season. The additions of Women's Wrestling and Archery will bring the total number of intercollegiate sports and clubs offered by the school to twenty-five. LC will be adding a junior varsity baseball team to their list of JV programs as well.

Lincoln College Athletic Director Mark Perdue is pleased to see the department continue to grow. "It is a positive sign for the College that we continue to grow our enrollment through increasing athletic opportunities," said Perdue. "The addition of new programs was part of the charge I was given when hired as AD, and I look forward to seeing these new teams form and add to the Lincoln College tradition of athletic excellence."

Last year, the number of intercollegiate sports offered at Lincoln College grew to nineteen with the addition of Men's and Women's Bowling. Both teams began competition this season. Women's Wrestling will move that number to an even twenty sports that compete as part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Lincoln's offering of club sports will increase to five with the addition of Archery to the already established clubs of Cheer Team, Dance Team, Men's Volleyball and E-Sports. The co-ed archery team will compete as part of the USA Archery Club system.

In addition to expanding the number of athletic offerings for 2020, the LC Athletic Department will continue to grow their number of junior varsity teams in play with the addition of a JV baseball team for the 2020-2021 season. The new JV program will be under the direction of Head Baseball Coach Tony Thomas and Assistant Coach Kolton Mayall who will be the full-time head coach of the JV team.

Recruitment of athletes for a women's wrestling team has already begun under the direction of current men's wrestling coach Jordan Bakley and assistant coach Sam Recco. Athletic Director Mark Perdue has started his search for a Women's Wrestling head coach with the goal of having someone in place by the spring of 2020. Likewise, the search for an archery coach is underway and recruitment of athletes will follow. In the meantime, interested parties can contact AD Perdue at mperdue@lincolncollege.edu.

For more information on Lincoln College athletics programs, please visit www.lincolnlynxsports.com.

The Lynx are excited to play in the NAIA's Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) starting Fall 2020. GO LYNX!





### LINCOLN HERITAGE MUSEUM 2019 GRAND SOIRÉE

The Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College hosted the annual Grand Soirée gala fundraiser the last Saturday in September. This year's theme for the black tie event was 1940s Swing Dance Party; many of the 270 guests dressed in 1940s or 40s-inspired attire, and several ladies did their hair up in Victory Rolls.

The Logan County Airport's Heritage In Flight Museum provided display items, including period military uniforms and models, and a vintage Army jeep was on display as guests entered the Lincoln Center atrium.

The evening included a cocktail reception, dinner, wine pull, live and silent auction, heads-or-tails game, and raffle drawing for an 8-day New England Summer and Fall Foliage Tour for two — which was won by Trustee John Edwards.

Live and silent auction items varied from getaway vacations for adults and space camp for kids to designer handbags and personalized dining experiences, but one of the most hotly contested items was "Recollections of a World War II Veteran," an intimate lunch for six with World War II airman, LC alumnus and past LHM volunteer Bill Gossett '43, hosted by LC President David Gerlach at the President's house. The promise of a private audience with Mr. Gossett prompted a bidding war, with President Gerlach eventually stepping in and convincing Mr Gossett to hold two lunches, with each bidder paying over \$2500 for

"The night was wonderful, and I am so thankful for all the support we have received to preserve the legacy of Abraham Lincoln here at the Lincoln Heritage Museum," said Museum Director Anne Moseley, as things wound down. "I hope to see everyone again next vear at the Grand Soirée.

This was the 44th anniversary for the Grand Soirée, which began as a University Hall to conserve historical artifacts and provide educational outreach to help people "Learn

For more information about the Lincoln Heritage Museum, visit their website https://museum. lincolncollege.edu/ or follow their Facebook page President Emeritus Ron













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### Keller publishes new book on Lincoln in the IL Legislature

Associate Professor Ron Keller has published "Lincoln in the Illinois Legislature," the first major book to focus on Abraham Lincoln's legislative career in more than 50 years. The title is one volume in the "Concise Lincoln Library" series published by Southern

The last major book on Lincoln in the state legislature, "Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness: The Illinois Legislative Years," was written in 1965 by the late U.S. Senator Paul Simon, near the beginning of his own political career when he was serving in the Illinois Senate.

"I did not set out to rehash [Simon's] book, but instead, I wanted to reconsider Lincoln's legislative years from a fresh perspective," Keller

said. "On a few occasions I break with Simon's conclusions. For instance, in assessing Lincoln as the log-rolling legislator, I am a bit more critical than Simon. I sought to heighten the personal character of Lincoln and the relationships he forged in those years."

Keller has spoken at several book signing events around Illinois, including one at the Lincoln Heritage Museum in June. He thinks Lincoln's legislative career doesn't get studied enough by historians, and cites the 50-year gap between books on the subject as evidence. And while the book serves as a biography of Lincoln during his state legislative vears. Keller explained that he wanted to accomplish more.

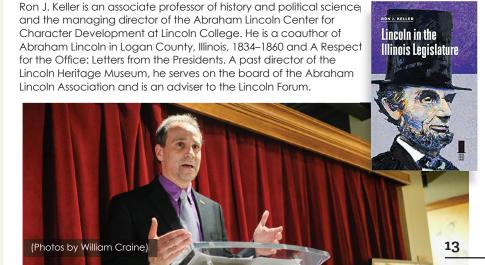
"I hope this book contributes to the knowledge and the dialogue of one of our greatest Americans in the midst of a very formative time in his life, but I also hope this book will serve as an examination into the art of early Illinois legislative politics," Keller said. "Most biographers skip over his terms in the Legislature. It's overshadowed by his law career, his failed pursuits with Mary Owens, his relationship with Mary Todd, his term in congress. All get more attention than his four terms in the Legislature, so, I felt something is amiss."

Some historians consider Lincoln's four-term leaislative career as lackluster, but Keller dias into his time in the Illinois House to reveal how the underpinnings of his temperament, leadership skills, and political acumen were bolstered on the statehouse floor. Keller argues it was during these early years that Lincoln displayed and honed the traits that would allow him to excel in politics and ultimately define his legacy: honesty, equality, empathy, and leadership.

"To know Abraham Lincoln as a politician, you have to know Abraham Lincoln as a legislator," he said.

"Lincoln in the Illinois Legislature" is an indispensable account of Abraham Lincoln's earliest political years, detailing Lincoln's early political platform and the grassroots campaigning that put him in office. Drawing on legislative records, newspaper accounts, speeches, letters, and other sources, Keller describes Lincoln's positions on key bills, highlights his colleagues' perceptions of him, and depicts the relationships that grew out of his statehouse interactions. Keller's research delves into Lincoln's popularity as a citizen of New Salem, his political alliances and victories, his antislavery stirrings, and his personal joys and struggles as he sharpened his political shrewdness.

"Lincoln in the Illinois Legislature" is available for purchase at the Lincoln Heritage Museum gift shop, in bookstores and online retailers or directly from SIU Press at www.siupress.com.



### **MUSEUM CORNER**

Learn from Lincoln... Summer Fun

The Lincoln Heritage Museum hosted "Wow Wednesdays" and "Super Saturdays' for adults and children throughout the summer. Wow Wednesdays delighted history buffs each week by featuring a different character trait of Abraham Lincoln and bringing special items out of the vault. Super Saturdays provided a fun, free, educational

children's activity for the community. Children learned Morse Code, how to use a telegraph machine, took part in a watermelon pitting contest, made their own stovepipe hats and 19th century games, and even met

important historical figures like Harriet Tubman, thanks to living history presenter and LC Trustee Kathryn Harris.

Look like Lincoln? Abe Lincoln World Record Attempt

In September, the LHM collaborated with the Logan County Tourism Bureau in an attempt to set a world record for the most people dressed like Abraham Lincoln. Lincolns checked in throughout the day, and the official count was taken in the afternoon on the lawn of the Logan County Courthouse at the center of town. The requirements were strict: white collared shirt, black bow tie, black waistcoat or vest, long black coat, stovepipe hat and beard with no mustache.

LHM Assistant Director Olivia Partlow was at the registration site with a supply of extra hats and beards from the Museum gift shop, and Director Anne Moseley and past director Ron Keller served as official recorders for the event; unfortunately, only 76 Abes were present, and at least 250 participants were needed to qualify as



a Guinness Book World Record. Plans are under way to try again next year, though, so Save the Date! to dress like Lincoln in Lincoln, the third weekend of September and help us set the world record!

### **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony**

Join us at the LHM at noon on Saturday, December 7, for our annual ceremony to recognize and remember those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor in 1941. The program will consist of the presentation of Colors

by the Logan County Color Guard, performances by Lincoln College students, and words of prayer and remembrance. Please plan to arrive five minutes before the ceremony begins.

#### Trick or Treat with Abe

The LHM hosted Trick or Treat with Abe on Saturday, Oct. 26, giving area families a fun, educational way to spend a rainy afternoon. Children

and adults enjoyed the scavenger hunt, crafts, and practicing their 'stump speeches' on the main floor, trick-ortreating and playing period games like jacks, solitaire, hoopand-stick, and bean bag-double can with historical figures in the exhibit gallery upstairs.

The day's special historical quests included city of Lincoln founder John Stevens, Trapper John, Louisa Ewing Hawes Shores of Atlanta, and Harriett Tubman, portrayed by Ron Keller, Rev. John Johnson, Museum Director Anne Moseley, and Kathryn Harris, respectively; President Lincoln, portrayed by Randy Duncan visited with guests and posed for photos. Admission was canned goods for the Lincoln Logan Food Pantry, and several large boxes were filled by the end of the afternoon.



### Creekside Summer Camp Out

Lincoln-area families enjoyed an end-of-summer camp out at Lincoln College's Dr. G. Dennis Campbell Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education in early September.

> Conservation Biology students and EcoLynx club members assisted with the overnight event, which included nature crafts and other outdoor activities, daylight tours of the forests and restored prairies, an evening camp meal followed by s'mores around the fire pit, and star gazing.

Located four miles north of the Lincoln campus, Creekside is free and open to the public year round.



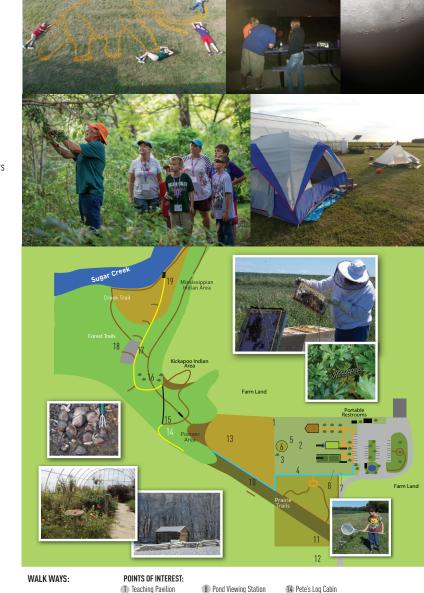
### LINCOLN COLLEGE AWARDED **ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT**

For the second year in a row, Lincoln College was awarded an environmental grant from Illinois American Water. The College was awarded a \$2,714 grant, as well as an in-kind donation of water testing through Illinois American Water's certified lab in Belleville, valued at over \$3,000. The combined value of the grant and in-kind contribution makes the Lincoln College grant the largest of ten grants

A check presentation was held in late May at the Campbell Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education at Lincoln College.

The grant will be used for student research to quantify agricultural runoff along eroded farmland and study the impact of native planting, using Lincoln College's Creekside Center as the test site.

Data collected within Creekside will be open sourced and used by seniors in the conservation biology major as a part of their independent research projects.



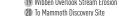
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# **MEET LC'S NEW**

Four new Trustees have been named to the Board of Lincoln College. These new Trustees will help lead the College as we continue to transition to full university status, including the recent addition of master's degree options to the expanding bachelor degree options.

"We rely heavily on the creative and dedicated leadership of our Trustees. There are many challenges facing higher education today, and the insights and experience of the Trustees are essential to assuring that Lincoln College can navigate those challenges while continuing to provide an excellent education to our students." President Gerlach said.

The Lincoln College Board of Trustees appoints the President and major administrative officers of the College. Board committees oversee finances, development, planning, academic affairs and student services, among other duties. The new

> Trustees began their service at the September Board meeting.

### Denny Frary '70

Denny Frary of Prophetstown, Ill., is a retired Chief Meteorologist for KCRG TV9 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Denny was a Lynx golfer before transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign where he continued his studies in broadcasting and communication, earning his bachelor's degree.

After college, Denny had a successful career in broadcast television, serving as a weatherman for more than thirty years. He has also hosted a daily talk show, a weekly public affairs program, telethons, parades, and a variety of other programs in his career.

Denny is a professional member of the American Meteorological Society, has earned the Society's "seal of approval" for his weathercasts, and is a life member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

Recently appointed Member Emeritus to the Salvation Army in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Denny continues to be involved with a number of community organizations.

### **Carol Gee**

Carol Gee is a native of Missouri, but got her start as the ad manager for a large home furnishings store in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she often said "she got her MBA at the hands of the consumer."

After a short stint as a copywriter at an advertising agency, she enjoyed a 25-year career at DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware, where she helped build the LYCRA and CORIAN brands (among others) into global icons. In her role as Global Brand Manager, DuPont brand,

she led the branding effort that positioned DuPont as a science company, and she was a two-time winner of the DuPont Marketing Excellence award.

In 2004, she became Chief Communications Officer at Owens-Illinois where she led the conversion of the company brand globally to O-I and established the communications and marketing communications function and process in four regions of the world. While at O-I, she honed her charitable giving skills by leading the O-I Charities Foundation.

Carol left corporate life for Toledo, where as a consultant for a law firm, she used all of her "herding cats" skills to reposition the firm. While in Toledo, she served on the Board of United Way's Women's Initiative (five years as marketing chair), the Executive Committee and board of Black Swamp Conservancy, was a member of the Audience Development committee for the Toledo Symphony, and enjoyed three year tenures on both the board of the Toledo Hospital Foundation and the Way Library

Carol retired in Kansas, where she renovated a 1980's ranch home in Overland Park into a modern day Golden Girls home for her sister, a dear friend, and their standard poodle Ace. She volunteers at a clothes mission and continues to support the arts, theatre, music, and land conservation.

Carol is a daughter of Ruth Ellen (Lee) Gee '39 of Hartsburg, Ill. Ruth taught in the Hartsburg, Ill., one-room country school for several years between graduating from LC and marrying Solon Gee; they moved to southeast Missouri. Carol and her siblings have established a named scholarship at Lincoln College in Ruth's memory. Carol is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia, Missouri, and is currently serving as Programming co-chair for the Griffiths Leadership Society mentoring organization for the University.

### Christine A. Short

Christine Short of Lincoln, Ill., is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments, where she manages and advises portfolios for individuals and small and medium size businesses.

Christine has an extensive background in education. Prior to joining Edward Jones, she was a teacher and math building chair at Chiddix Junior High School in Normal for 11 years. She has also taught math and coached track and cross country in Decatur and Springfield.

Christine holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree in education and educational administration from Illinois State University. She has also received business certifications from Edward Jones and Stockton University and is a Certified Financial Planner.

Christine currently serves as President of the Lincoln Rotary Club and Vice-President of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, and is a member of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board and Lincoln Elks Lodge #914. She has served for several years, including as cochair, on the Lincoln Heritage Museum Grand Soirée Committee.

### Clyde Reynolds

Clyde Reynolds is the founder and owner of Keystone Risk Management, Inc., in Lincoln. Reynolds, originally from New York, settled in Lincoln in 1977 after graduating from the University of Iowa, where he met his wife Shari.

began his career in insurance as an adjuster. After vears of taking statements and writing estimates, he traded in his Crash manuals to become a personal lines underwriter. He later transitioned into commercial underwriting. In 1986, he decided to strike off on his own and founded Keystone Risk Management.

"When I started Keystone, I had a pregnant wife, a mortgage and single objective: provide for my family. I'm happy to tell you our kids are grown and the mortgage is paid, but over the years my single objective morphed into something more profound, more complex and more rewarding – solving problems and helping others," Clyde said.

Over the years, he has compiled an extensive resume of community service, including serving on the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation Board, President of St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care, President of Castle Manor, Inc., Clerk of the Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry, Treasurer of Land of Lincoln CEO, Treasurer of the Lincoln-Logan Food Pantry, on the board of the Logan County Cancer Society, the boards of the Lincoln Area Music Society and Illinois Shakespeare Festival and as President, Treasurer and board member of the Lincoln Community Theatre.

His professional certifications include: Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, Certified Insurance Counselor, Certified Risk Manager and Associate in Risk Management.

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**Hutchinsons** visit in September

and Jean Ann Hutchinson visited campus and were welcomed by President Gerlach, who presented them with a few special mementos, including one of the original University Hall bricks, salvaged from last year's restoration work, and a desktop bronze of Andrew Jumonville's walking Abraham Lincoln statue which stands outside the Lincoln Heritage Museum. Hutchinson served as president of Lincoln College from 2005 to 2010, overseeing the successful completion of the Campaign for Lincoln Center, and the installation of the statue and dedication of the Lincoln Center building

at Alumni Reunion Weekend in April 2010.



tee David Clapp, Dr. John and Jean Ann Hutchinson, Pr

### ISO In Search of LC Artifacts for the Archive

Are you downsizing and wondering what to do with your Lincoln College yearbooks, photos, class pin, team jersey, or other memorabilia? Consider donating items to the LC Archive!

Help LC preserve 155 years of history by contributing to the archive!

Send items to the LC Alumni Office, 300 Keokuk St., Lincoln, IL 62656, or drop them off in person at the Alumni Office in the Harts Science building if you're on campus!



### **Class Notes**

**Ken '65 and Barb (Mac Donald) '66 Dressel** were in the bleachers when Lynx Men's Soccer beat Oakland City 2-0 at home on Sept. 21, so of course Ken had to have a photo with the team. Ken played on the very first Lynx Soccer team coached by Andy Lindstrom in 1963/64.



Keith '67 and Janet (Young) '67 Harms celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2019. They are the very proud parents of Russ (Kelly) Harms, Brian (Carrie) Harms, and Peggy (Denny) Durland. They also have seven wonderful grandchildren, Michelle Harms, Kendall Harms, Sammie Harms, Becca Harms, Joey Harms, Susie Durland, and Will Durland. Congratulations!

Cheryl (Arra) Gatto '72 is the Director of Sales (Midwest) for Hurtigruten Cruises. She and husband Dr. Nicholas Gatto live in Naperville, Ill., and celebrated their 31st anniversary on July 8. Congratulations!

**Jan Bowers '81**, LC Math professor, won her fourth Illinois Senior Women's Golf Championship in five years, posting 230 in the three-day tournament at Bolingbrook Country Club in September.

John Hoblit '02 was joined by President
Gerlach and other members of the
community to celebrate the opening of his
downtown Lincoln law office in September.
John graduated from UICU in 2005 and SIU
School of Law in 2011. He also has an office
in Clinton, Ill., and has served as the City
Attorney for Lincoln since November 2018.

Cody N. Follis '11 graduated from NIU College of Law in May, passed the July 2019 Illinois Bar Examination, and is working as an Assistant State's Attorney for Sangamon County in Springfield, III.

Jason Leader '11 will graduate (FINALLY!, emphasis his) from Arizona State University in December and will begin his Masters in Special Education in January 2020. Post-LC, he attended Everest College for his CMA certification, and worked in the medical field, with mentally disabled adults, and as a middle

school and high school special ed. teaching assistant, where he found his passion working with individuals on the autism spectrum.

### In Memory

Our deepest sympathy to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations, we are only able to publish each person's name, age, class year, and date of death.

#### 1930s

Elizabeth J. (Larison) Phillips, 101, 1937, June 2, 2019.

#### 940s

Emily M. (Denney) Hickey, 98, 1941, April 24, 2019; Robert E. Sharp, 96, 1942, February 5, 2018; Robert E. Werschey, 94, 1948, September 6, 2019.

#### 1950s

William G. Klein, 88, 1950, June 17, 2018; William E. Johnson, 87, 1952, April 24, 2019.

#### 1960s

John H. Swart, 82, 1960, May 1, 2019; Gary W. Hanson, 76, 1961, August 5, 2018; Marsha K. (Cullinan) Schloemer, 76, 1963, September 29, 2019; George R. Richardson, 72, 1967, February 3, 2019; Ellen B. (Borsody) Velazquez, 69, 1969, July 24, 2018.

#### 1980s

Jane (Curtin) Jones, 60, 1982, August 24, 2017; Ellen L. Shawgo, 62, 1980, July 8, 2019; Angela M. DiLillo, 57, 1981, May 17, 2019; Brent W. Tidaback, 55, 1985, April 19, 2019.

#### 19909

Oscar R. Falcon, 62, 1990, April 14, 2019.

#### Normal Campus

Eric I. Schwantz, 52, 1988, May 21, 2019. Johnathon N. Walker, 41, 2004, July 19, 2019.

And we extend our sympathies to the family of Patrick R. Burke, Sr., former Business faculty member, 78, July 17, 2019.

### The calendar will roll over soon... What about your IRA Charitable Rollover gift?

Have you arranged to make your IRA Charitable Rollover gift to Lincoln College before December 31?

If you are 70  $\frac{1}{2}$  or older, you can realize tax benefits AND have an immediate impact to help further our mission when you make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift!

- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income
- Avoid taxes on transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Lincoln College

 Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts

Let us know how we can assist you!

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# #Lynxonthemove Empowering Our Future Tour



It's been great catching up with everyone at this year's #Lynxonthemove Tour events! We love hearing what's new in the lives of our alumni and friends and sharing the exciting things happening back on campus. If you'd be interested in hosting or attending a gathering of Lynx—or just catching up over coffee when we're in your area—call or email the Alumni Office at (877) 522-5867 or alumni@lincolncollege.edu.

### KICKAPOO CREEK WINERY In June, the Advancement

office hosted a Peoria-area Alumni & Friends reception and winery tour at Kickapoo Creek Winery in Edwards, Ill. The tour was led by KCW founder and past parent David Conner. Rory Conner '02 helps run the family business.



On the road, VP Debbie Ackerman '83 traveled to LAS VEGAS to see...



And KANSAS CITY, where...



Kevin Davenport '09, President David and Lisa Gerlach

Stella Wilson '12, a nurse and high school swim coach, is moving to Oklahoma City and plans to

Fred Lamb '54 is retired from teaching comm college, but can still recite the names of eve US president in order—a talent he demonstration when he was on campus for his 65th class reunion in November.

atter a long career with America Airlines.

**CHICAGOLAND** Host committee Kevin Davenport '09, Danielle Stanley '09, and Mariana Cury '13 assisted with a lovely event at Per.so.na. Chicago Ultra Lounge downtown on Oct. 29.

On Oct. 30, President Gerlach shared news from campus with alumni a friends at Westwood Tavem in Schaumburg, Thanks to host committee members and Trustees Laura Beltchenko, Reed Eberle, John Edwards, Dee Pierce '66, Dr. Jeffrey Swallow '82, and Dr. Jeffrey Walker.





Dee Pierce '66 gifted his Lynx letterma

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Attention Parents! If the address lists someone who no longer lives with you, please send your student's correct address to: Lincoln College - Office of Alumni Relations, 300 Keokuk Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 or e-mail alumni@lincolncollege.edu

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### **Upcoming Activities & Events**

New Exhibit: Think Anew and Act **Anew: VISION of the Presidents** 

Lincoln Heritage Museum January 21-December 13, 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. /Joyce Kinzie **MLK Minority Student Scholarship** Breakfast

January 21 Mever-Evans Student Center Dinina Hall New Exhibit: Defy the Odds

Lincoln Heritage Museum February 12-December 13, 2020

LC Giving Day

February 6, 2020 gee below!

LC Honors Convocation and Commencement

May 9, 2019 Lincoln Center Lynx Golf Classic

July 31, 2020 Lincoln Elks Golf Course

Alumni Reunion Weekend

July 31 – August 1, 2020

**Grand Soirée** 

September 26, 2020 Lincoln Heritage Museum







### MAKE OPPORTUNITIES POSSIBLE!

February 6, 1865 Lincoln University was chartered to offer education and new opportunities to all students—men and women. A daring endeavor 155 years ago! Today, Lincoln College is still educating students from all over the world, providing wonderful opportunities and empowering them to reach their full potential.

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