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New Safety Measures

for Fall 2020 In-Person Instruction

From the Office of the President



Dear Lincoln College Family,

It has been a strange eight months with all of the COVID-19 changes.

However, personally there have been two amazing events in the Gerlach family. Our daughter Kayla married the love of her life, Dan, and our son, daughter-in-law, and grandson Harrison welcomed Ruby June into the world. We are very blessed!



It is no exaggeration to say that we have begun the new school year under the most challenging and uncertain conditions I have seen in my 40 years in higher education.

During the summer we made the difficult, but necessary, decision that if allowed, we would begin the school year with in-person classes. We needed to do what was best for our students and that could only be done if we offered students the chance to learn in a traditional classroom setting.

At the same time, we needed to take every reasonable measure to protect the health and safety of our students, the campus community, and the residents of Lincoln and Central Illinois, even though this would come with substantial unbudgeted costs.

I honestly don't know if we will still be offering in-person classes by the time this reaches you. We are closely monitoring the trends in Central Illinois and watching with trepidation as the case numbers climb in surrounding cities. As case numbers climb, there is a growing risk that the Governor may once again halt in-person learning.

During the summer, the Fall Planning Steering Committee, comprised of more than 20 Lincoln College faculty, staff, and administration, developed innovative plans to ensure a safe return to regular operations and on-campus activities, following guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities, as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). Our building and grounds crew made dozens of modifications to buildings, including no-touch door openers, face shields in classrooms and labs, motion-sensitive light switches, hand sanitizing stations, and directional signage.

We have made significant purchases of face coverings for students and staff and instituted a strict mandatory face covering policy everywhere on campus. Major investments have been made to upgrade wireless internet access and assure that all students have access to laptop computers.

These and dozens of other measures have come with a massive wave of unexpected costs that no one could have foreseen a year ago.

The Coronavirus pandemic and Chicago Public School strike have also taken a toll on our recruitment efforts. Our admissions counselors have been unable to attend college fairs, visit schools, or meet with guidance counselors and prospective students in-person.

Our international programs have been impacted as well. Lincoln College had 46% of enrolled international students, including prospective student-athletes, defer to spring 2021 because of travel restrictions and closed US Embassies due to COVID-19.

Last year, Lincoln College achieved record-breaking traditional student enrollment numbers at the Lincoln campus, a 12% increase from 2018. With our highest

enrollment ever, continued guidance from our Board of Trustees, and the support of our alumni, we have been on the path to financial sustainability. We have made significant strides to returning to our historical roots, adding new majors and graduate degrees. We have done all we can to serve our students and ensure long-term viability. Unfortunately, no one could have predicted a global pandemic and the ramifications it would have on higher education, including Lincoln College.

I know that the financial impact of this crisis has touched everyone, including our alumni, so it is with great hesitation that I solicit any support.

However, for those who feel they are able, I can say in complete candor that if you seek to make an impact with your gift, and if you are contemplating what legacy you wish to hand down to future generations, there will never be a better time than now. The Lincoln Fund supports our small campus community by assuring our highest priorities and most urgent needs are met. The Lincoln Fund touches every aspect of the College by investing in the lives of students who will go on to become leaders in their communities, professions, and industries. Despite the challenges we are facing from Coronavirus, we must ensure we continue to provide a quality educational experience to Lincoln College students.

Every gift, big or small, can assist during these challenging times. We thank you for your continued support and generosity: <https://lincolncollege.givingfuel.com/lincoln-fund>

PRESIDENT, LINCOLN COLLEGE



Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Davenport

Lincoln College alum, Kevin Davenport '09, is a successful entrepreneur, author of *The Ideal Candidate*, and Program Manager for the Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the Chicago Urban League. A native Chicagoan, Davenport has spent the last decade committed to increasing opportunities for professional development among Black and Latino students through his highly developed training curriculum program.

His work began as part of his mother's legacy project working with performing arts students in the Roseland, Illinois community. Her time and investment with at-risk students paved the way for Davenport's future successes. "She was aware her performing arts students lacked important soft skills so she started an enrichment program to help them be more successful," said Davenport. He began learning the importance of building these skills in youth at age 15 from his mother's program.

In 2007, Davenport chose to attend Lincoln College and earn his Associate's Degree.

"I chose Lincoln College because I was born with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and dyslexia and needed high accessibility to faculty. I enjoyed the small class sizes and my experience as a student-athlete on the soccer team," said Davenport. "From athletics to education to peer-life, I loved my experience at LC," added Davenport.

After his time at Lincoln College, Davenport transferred to Lewis University. He continued his soccer career, placing 3rd in the nation his junior year.

After running two successful event and marketing firms after college, Davenport decided at age 25 to take on the challenge of carrying on his mother's legacy, and created the 501c3 non-



profit organization now known as *The Ideal Candidate*. "It was very difficult to create a new business from scratch in the Chicago market. It is very competitive," said Davenport.

The Ideal Candidate works to build essential life and professional skills through highly developed curriculum targeted to students ages 16-24. The youth advocacy program aims to help students with financial

literacy, communications strengthening, self-confidence, self-respect and respect for others, public speaking skills, leadership, poise, and self-control.

When the organization began in 2015, only high school students were eligible to participate in The Ideal Candidate, simply building soft skills. By the second year, college students and restorative justice students, individuals under 25 that had been incarcerated, could participate. By 2018, the curriculum expanded to include intentional partnerships with corporations to place the candidates into jobs.

To ensure a smooth placement, The Ideal Candidate will meet with corporate partners to learn more about company culture, talent needs, and developing custom content. This process allows The Ideal Candidate to match compatible youth with the company's culture.

“This process ensures that we are providing the best training experience possible; matching our award-winning curriculum focused on soft skills, self-sufficiency, and corporate integration with unique company content,” said Davenport.

All courses are designed to facilitate personal and professional development among teens, create confidence to succeed in any professional environment, support resilience and self-reliance, and provide professional certificates for student resume building. Students are given the opportunity to do site visits to nearby companies, and listen to guest speakers from local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies to stimulate future careers.

The Ideal Candidate is a Chicago Public School verified vendor, and also partners with local cities and park districts to drive more awareness and applications of the program.

Two years ago while trying to provide more information to the public on The Ideal Candidate, Davenport worked on creating a mobile app. The project proved to be challenging and expensive for his company, so the vision was transferred to writing a book.

The Ideal Candidate book is available as a quick guide to self-sufficiency and living with an attitude of gratitude. The book utilizes a combination of psychology, social emotional learning, and goal setting to effectively modify behavior and mindset. The text focuses on social and emotional learning, having an attitude of gratitude, financial literacy skills, and



building self-sufficiency. The 2nd half of the book contains advice from 14 leaders from around the nation. Each author is a leader in their respective industries. A 30-day gratitude journal with positive quotes and productivity checklists is also included. “The book is designed for individuals entering into the workforce for the first time,” said Davenport.

Today, more than 600 students have been educated through The Ideal Candidate program. The curriculum has been translated into new languages and will be available online in English and Spanish in 2021. Students are also being educated in new areas that affect future job success, such as social media etiquette. Davenport hopes to continue growing his organization in the coming years.

Learn More: TheIdealCandidate.org





Donor SPOTLIGHT

Lela Rust

Lela Rust went straight to work after graduating from high school at age 17. Yet, she has never doubted the value of an education, so when she decided to honor her late husband, Fred, and her nephew Don Webb, she knew what she wanted to do.

She is establishing an endowed scholarship fund, the Fred Rust and Don Webb Scholarship at Lincoln College. The fund will provide a permanent source of funding for annual scholarships to be awarded to sophomore students.

“I just feel education is important. Especially today,” Rust says. “You can’t get ahead today without an education.”

But she is quick to add, she considers supporting education more than just helping an individual student succeed.

“I feel this helps the community,” she adds, explaining that she considers Lincoln College to be a critical asset to Lincoln and central Illinois. Over the years she has attended concert and theater performances at Lincoln College and understands how the College has added to the community.

She also knows that just having Lincoln College in the community contributes to the economic development of the region (Lincoln College has a \$53.5 million local economic impact according to the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities).

She picked sophomore students as her first priority because she feels that once a student has completed their first year of schooling, they have a better idea of what they want to do and are more likely to finish their education.

Lela Rust was born in Kearney, Nebraska. When she was just 10 days old her mother passed away. With the country in the midst of the Great Depression and little support available for a single father trying to raise two children, Lela was taken in by her father’s sister and her older brother was taken in by another sister.

After graduating from high school, she decided that her job prospects would be better in a bigger city. She had another aunt and uncle in Winnebago, Illinois, near Rockford and asked if she could stay with them.

She soon found work at the American Insurance Company in Rockford as a policy writer. It was while working there one day that a young, new employee came through the office on a tour of his new workplace.

He seemed pleasant enough, but Lela didn't give him much thought.

However, for Fred Rust it was a different story.

As Lela would later learn, Fred went home that day and told his mother that he had met his future wife.

At a company picnic he offered her a ride home (his brother was driving) and on the ride home asked if she would go out with him. She still remembers the date at "The Shack" and the lobster tail she dined on.

But it is what happened at the end of the date that still makes her laugh -- He took her to his house to meet his mother. "It was our first date and he brought me home to meet his mother," she laughs. "I didn't know what to think."

At the time she had no idea that he had already told his mother that this was the woman he planned to marry.

After a year of dating, they did get married in 1953. Changes in the insurance industry took them around the Midwest, before finally settling in Lincoln where Fred worked for Economy Fire and Casualty until his death in 1990. Lela says she has always felt comfortable in Lincoln as it reminded her of her hometown of Kearney, which was about the same size when she was growing up.

As she approaches her 89th birthday in November, Lela still lives in the home she shared with Fred and, though her eyesight isn't what it used to be, she enjoys books on tape and keeps a ready supply of detective stories on hand.

The scholarship fund is also an opportunity to honor her late nephew Don Webb, who passed away about three years ago.

"I just wanted to do something for the students," she said. "Education is so important today and helping a student afford college is a great way for me to honor the memories of both Fred and Don."

19th Annual Lincoln College Golf Outing

Due to the current COVID-19 circumstances, the 19th Annual Lincoln College Golf Classic was rescheduled for Friday, October 2, 2020. The event included two flights, sponsorship opportunities, and lunch, however, the option to have a full dinner at the end of the day was not available this year. The event was hosted at the Lincoln Elks Country Club in Lincoln, Illinois.

Over the past 18 years, through your participation, Lincoln College has been able to raise over \$250,000 toward athletic scholarships. These funds have impacted every sport and student-athlete at the College. This year, proceeds will go toward continuing the growth of the Allen Pickering Athletic Scholarship Endowment and upgrading athletic facilities and equipment as we transition into our third year of NAIA membership and second year in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Mark your calendars for next year's event on July 30, 2021.



2019 Homecoming & Alumni Reunion

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have unfortunately had to cancel Homecoming 2020 planned for this November; however, we plan to honor our Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Alumni Achievement awardees at a great event on campus in 2021, so watch for future announcements! Until then, join us in celebrating our honorees from 2019!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



In its seventh year, the LC Athletic Hall of Fame inducted four new members at the 2019 banquet, held in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend November 8-9. The Hall of Fame Class of 2019 included retired wrestling coach and athletic director Dave Klemm, basketball and baseball player Dennis Pilcher '65, softball and volleyball player Dawn "Boom Boom" Crawford '89, and soccer player Stiven Salinas '11.



Stiven Salinas '11 with mid-2000s soccer letter jacket donated to the College by LC Trustee Dee Pierce '66, who played for Coach Andy Lindstrom

A special LC artifact was on display at the banquet: a Lynx letter jacket donated by Trustee Dee Pierce '66, who lettered in soccer playing for Coach Andy Lindstrom in 1965 (Lincoln's second competitive soccer season).

2019 Lynx Athletic

Hall of Fame Inductees

Male Athlete
Stiven Salinas '11



Hall of Fame Class of 2019 Dennis Pilcher '65, Dave Klemm, Dawn Kutz Crawford '89, Stiven Salinas '11.



Stiven Salinas was born in Medellin, Colombia, and came to the US in 2007. He was recruited to Lynx Men's Soccer from Miami (Florida) Killian Senior High School by Coach Ben Massena and quickly made his mark. As a freshman, he was the top scorer for the Lynx, with 16 goals and 7 assists in 13 games. He was named team MVP and Freshman of the Year, as well as the MWAC Freshman of the Year, Region 24 Forward of the Year and 2009 All-Region First Team.

His sophomore year, Stiven racked up more honors. He was named NJCAA Men's Soccer Player of the Week in September 2010, and finished the season second in the nation in scoring, with 23 goals and 22 assists in 17 games, and led the Lynx to their first ever National Tournament appearance, finishing 5th after being seeded 6th. The Lynx's season ended 18-2-4, with Stiven recognized as LC's Most Valuable Offensive Player, 2010 Region 24 Player of the Year, MWAC Player of the Year, and All-American Team.

Stiven signed to play for the University of South Florida, where he continued to find the net, helping the Bulls win the 2012 Big East Red Division Championship. The team made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament and won the AAC Championship in 2013. Stiven scored two game-winning goals in the conference tournament.

After college, Stiven wanted to keep playing and found his way to 5v5 pickup games, then national and international tournaments in the F5WC. His team La Oficina won two F5WC national championships, and competed in four F5WC World Cup Championship tournaments, winning in Beijing, China in 2017, where Stiven was voted Tournament MVP.

Stiven graduated from USF in 2013, and is an account manager for The Queen's Flowers in Miami, Florida. When he's not working or on the pitch, he enjoys mountain biking and the beach. His favorite LC



memories included babysitting Giana and Luca Massena, seeing snow and making snow angels for the first time, the faces of his teammates when Lincoln College made the national rankings, and being chosen MVP by his teammates and Coach Massena.

Female Athlete

Dawn Kutz Crawford '89

Originally from Elkhart, Dawn Kutz came to Lincoln College in 1987. She played softball for a season, but her real passion was volleyball. Playing for coach Chris Fletcher, she earned the nickname “Boom Boom” for her hard hitting that helped the Lynx to 75 wins over her two seasons.

As a sophomore, Dawn was team co-captain, recognized as the Lynx Best Offensive Player, named to the All-Region 24 First Team, and was LC Volleyball’s first ever Kodak All-American.

Dawn attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and returned to Illinois, where she coached volleyball at Springfield College and was nominated for Region 24 Coach of the Year. She coached at Lincoln Community High School from 2004 to 2015, and also coached at Elkhart, West Lincoln-Broadwell, Chester-East Lincoln, and was director for the Lincoln Extreme VBC.



Dawn lives in Lincoln with her husband David; she is a substitute teacher at CEL, an in-home daycare provider, and at home mom to Lauryn, Isaac, Karri, Jakob, Trinity, stepmom to Tammy, Marie and Susan, and grandma to Gavin, Erellynn, and Angela.

Male Athlete

Dennis Pilcher '65

Originally from Edgewood, Illinois, Dennis Pilcher came to Lincoln to play baseball and basketball for Lynx Hall of Fame coaches Chuck Lindstrom and Norm Kaye, and athlete/coach John Swart '60. As a freshman and sophomore athlete, Denny’s teams didn’t have record-breaking records; basketball split 16-16 in '63 and went 12-15 in '64—winning eight of their last ten games, and baseball finished 11-14 his freshman year with a better record (12-6) and a State Championship appearance his sophomore year.

Denny transferred to Murray State University, where an injury cut short his career as an athlete. But playing as the Lynx and taking classes with faculty like William Stigall and Onalee “Ma”



Lynx wrestler Al Dawson '81 shows off his team's yearbook photo to honoree Stiven Salinas '11.



Men's Soccer Coach Ben Massena and wife Olivia with Stiven Salinas '11.



Honoree Dawn Kutz Crawford '89 and her entourage.



2019 Homecoming & Alumni Reunion

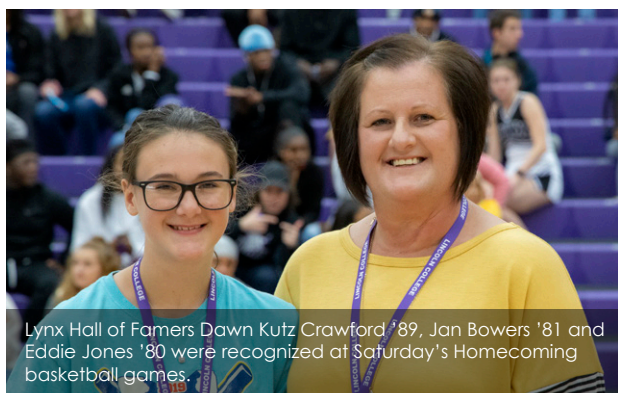
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CONTINUED



Hall of Famers in attendance include Tom Zurkammer '63 and Eddie Jones '80



Tom Zurkammer Dallas Hensley '69 Coach Chuck and Elaine Lindstrom



Lynx Hall of Famers Dawn Kutz Crawford '89, Jan Bowers '81 and Eddie Jones '80 were recognized at Saturday's Homecoming basketball games.



Hall of Famers Jan Bowers '81 and Eddie Jones '80 and Dawn Crawford '89 before Saturday's Homecoming game.

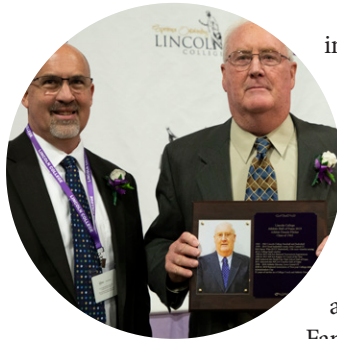


Lynx Hall of Fame Coach Chuck Lindstrom with past players and friends Mike Bottom '65, Richard Carlson '66, Donna and Denny Pilcher '65, Bob '66 and Cees '64 Jeckel, Roger Schmidt, and Elaine Lindstrom



Hall of Fame Friends Bill Gossett '43 with Sue and Jim Ryan.

Balof had inspired Denny to pursue a career in coaching and education. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1968 and earned his master's degree in 1970. He coached and taught at St. Jerome High School in Kentucky and Dyersburg State Community College in Tennessee before making his way to Iowa Central Community College and his own legendary coaching career in 1979.



In four decades as head coach for Triton men's basketball, Denny took teams to the NJCAA national tournament and was Region XI Coach of the Year twice (1990, 2012), and coached four first-team All-Americans. The Dennis Pilcher Court at ICC's Hodges Fieldhouse was dedicated in 2013. He retired in 2019 with 856 career wins, at the time the 6th most wins among active coaches and 12th most victories among all junior college head coaches.

In 1990, Denny added the duties of Athletic Director to his plate. When he stepped down as AD in 2010, ICC had more than doubled its programs, going from ten to 22, and won the NATYCAA Cup Trophy five times. Denny was inducted into the North Clay High School Hall of Fame in 2009 and the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association, along with Lynx Hall of Fame coach Allen Pickering, among others, in 2011. Denny also served six years as an officer with the NJCAA Coaches Association.



Denny lives in Ankeny, Iowa, with his wife Donna. When he isn't golfing, he enjoys spending time with their children Mitzi Petersen, Jon Pilcher, and Amanda Bell, and grandchildren Kirsten, Greyden, Maya, Brock, Brooklyn and Bronx.

Coach David Klemm

A graduate of Lincoln High School, Dave Klemm was a two-time state qualifier for National Wrestling Hall of Fame Coach Floyd Bee, placing 3rd as a senior. During his senior summer he won the AAU Jr. National tournament and the USA Jr. National Tournament. He continued wrestling at Eastern Illinois University, where he was a four time NCAA All-American, placing 3rd, 2nd, and 1st in NCAA Division II, and 2nd in NCAA Division I. In 1979 Dave was a member of the USA World Team and competed in the World Championships.

In 1980, due to the Olympic boycott, Dave turned his sights to coaching, first as an assistant at EIU, the University of Oklahoma, University of Illinois, and back to EIU from 1987-89, during which time he earned his master's degree in Sports Administration.

Dave spent two years at MacMurray College as Head Wrestling Coach and Physical Education instructor before coming to LC in 1991, where he succeeded Lynx Hall of Famer Rex Branum as Head Wrestling Coach and PE



instructor. While coaching at Lincoln, Dave produced 174 Junior College National Qualifiers, 58 All-Americans, and 9 National Champions. His teams finished in the Top 6 eight times.

Dave was voted NJCAA Region Coach of the Year three times, National Coach of the Year in 1997, and Man of the Year in 1999. Dave was inducted into the Eastern Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989, the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1996, the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2003, the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Illinois Chapter in 2013, and received the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

From 1991 to 2008, Dave was a tenured faculty member at Lincoln College in Physical Education. In addition to his duties, Dave was named Physical Education Division Chair in 1999. In 2008 Dave left the classroom for an administrative position, being named Director of Athletics, in addition to coaching wrestling.

In 2011, Dave stepped down as head wrestling coach allowing more time to concentrate on administrative duties. Under his administrative direction, LC's athletic teams produced 14 individual National Champions, 17 national placing teams, and 2 national champion teams. In 2014, after the departure of the wrestling coach, Dave stepped back into the head coach position for two years. In 2016, Dave stepped away from college wrestling and focused on LC's transition to a four-year athletic program. Prior to retiring from LC in December 2017, Dave chaired the committee that submitted the application for LC's acceptance to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Post-retirement, Dave keeps busy as a physical education instructor, assistant football coach, and head wrestling coach at Mt. Zion High School. In his first year, Dave's team turned in a 15-4 record, a conference title, 2 state qualifiers, and a state placer. Dave and his wife Linda live in Warrensburg, Ill., with their two children, Sara and Evan.



Coach Klemm with wife Linda, daughter Sara, and friend Elizabeth.



Coach Klemm with Lynx wrestlers Bob Turley '04, Rudy Ryan '96, Al Dawson '81, Matt Hughes '95, and Chad Eimer '97.

2019 Alumni Reunion Weekend

Reunion Weekend started Friday evening with the Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and a meet and greet at the downtown craft pub Spirited Republic. The class also gathered at long-time favorite dinner spots like Guzzardo's Italian Villa and Sorrento's Pizzeria.

Saturday morning, the MacKinnon School of Business students Shae Ramos '19, Emily Martinez '20, and Carla Motta '20 gave a Program Spotlight presentation in the Carroll Family Alumni Room, sharing about starting the Business Management Club, competing at the IACBE Student Case Conference in Las Vegas last spring, and internship opportunities. The students were followed by Career Services Director Rich Johnson who is overseeing the office providing services to students and alumni in the McKinstry Library building.

Of course there was the "All You Can Eat" buffet brunch in the Dining Hall, and basketball all afternoon in the Jack D. Nutt Arena. Lynx Athletic Hall of Fame members in attendance were recognized before the games. The Lady Lynx downed the Indiana University Red Wolves 85 to 72, but the Lynx Men fell to the Graceland University Yellowjackets 76 to 85.



DINNER

Saturday evening, we celebrated with members of the Silver Anniversary class of 1994 and Golden Anniversary class of 1969. In addition to his amethyst Swarovski crystal alumni pin, Dallas Hensley '69 received an extra gift in recognition of having travelled the furthest – from Westmead, New South Wales, Australia – to attend his 50th class reunion. Dallas was joined by classmates Emil Baukert, Donna O'Kain and Dede Ralson. Celebrating their 25th reunion were classmates Tom McLaughlin, Paul Secrest, and Debra Givan.

Rick and Jan Samuels
with VP Ackerman '83

The Advancement and Alumni Office also recognized retiring Development Officer Rick Samuels, who with wife Jan, has assisted with and attended countless events and visited with LC alumni and friends all over the country.

The Young Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Shanda (Ingram) Ryer '99, the Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Mel Finzer '65, and retired Buildings and Grounds Director Ronda Piatt was recognized as an Honorary Alumna.

Alumni Achievement Award – Melvern K. Finzer '65

After graduating from Naperville Community High School in 1963, Melvern Finzer made his way to LC where he was a diligent student, earning the William B. McKinley Prize, awarded to the freshman student who embodies the Ideals of Lincoln

College. The next year he received the Samuel B. Evans Prize, awarded to the sophomore who embodies the Ideals of

LC. He was a letterman on the first Lynx Soccer team, coached by Andy Lindstrom, and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Iota Chi Chapter honor society.

Mel continued his education at Oregon State and Illinois State Universities, and from 1968 to 1975, he served in the Army Air National Guard. He joined United Airlines and worked his way up from Flight Engineer to Captain. Over his 38-year career flying



2019 Alumni Honorees Ronda Piatt (Honorary Alumna), Mel Finzer '65 (Alumni Achievement), Shanda (Ingram) Ryer '99 (Young Alumni Achievement)



Golden Anniversary class of 1969 receiving their Swarovski crystal alumni pins.



Silver Anniversary class of 1994 attendees Tom McLaughlin, Paul Secrest, Deborah (Johnson) Givan



Golden Anniversary class of 1969 attendees Dallas Hensley, Donna (Cross) O'Kain, Dede Ralston, Emil Baukert.



Alumni Achievement Award recipient Mel Finzer '65 with VP Ackerman '83 and President Gerlach



Achievement Awards

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with United, Captain Finzer logged over 25,000 incident-free hours flying a variety of aircraft, including the DC-6, DC-8, DC-10, 727, 737 and 777. Now retired, Mel owns and still enjoys flying his Cessna 180 and J-3 Cub.

Since retiring, Mel has served as a uniformed docent for the 727 at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, and in 2011 he was inducted into the College Park Aviation Museum in College Park, Maryland, as a Distinguished Aviator. He was also recognized with the special Freedom Team Salute Commendation from the American Legion Department of Illinois.

Mel also continues to enjoy many other hobbies, including railroad history and photography; his photographs have appeared in numerous books, magazines and other publications. He is married to Carolyn, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 26, 2019. They are the proud parents of Nicole Finzer and Deidre Finzer-Read and grandparents of Bering Read.

Young Alumni Achievement Award – Shanda (Ingram) Ryer '99

Shanda (Ingram) Ryer grew up in Logan County, and decided to stay close to home when it was time for college. Attending LC as a commuter student, Shanda found her way into Dr. Dennis Campbell's science classes, including field labs studying freshwater mussels in Sugar Creek. Those classes confirmed for her that, although she wasn't exactly sure what direction she was heading, she needed to be outdoors, getting her hands dirty working with wildlife.

After finishing four semesters on the LC Honor Roll, Shanda graduated in 1999 and transferred to University of West Florida where she earned a bachelor of

science degree in 2002. Shortly thereafter she took a position with Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc., in Florida, and 17 years later she's still there, a Senior Ecologist working with organizations to improve and create new habitat for oysters in the Indian River Lagoon. Over the years, Shanda has worked on a variety of projects, including conducting wildlife assessments, endangered species relocations, and wetland mitigation, shoreline restoration, and water quality improvement projects.

Shanda is also a US Coast Guard licensed Master Captain and holds

her FAA private pilot license. Shanda lives in Merritt Island, Florida, with her husband J.D.

Honorary Alumna – Ronda Piatt

Ronda Piatt came to LC to oversee the Lincoln campus Building and Grounds department in August 2009 and was appointed Executive Director of Facilities Planning and Management for the Lincoln and Normal campuses in 2015. In December 2016, Ronda was the inaugural recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Award presented by President Gerlach, and prior to retiring in May 2019 she was "mugged" by President Gerlach—presented with a LC coffee mug and balloons—after being nominated by her staff for recognition of her excellent leadership and outstanding work for the College.

Honorary Alumni Ronda Piatt with VP Ackerman '83 and President Gerlach



In addition to improvements to the College physical plant and processes, Ronda served for several years on the Lincoln Heritage Museum's Grand Soirée Committee, deploying her expertise and creative talents for the success of the Museum's annual gala event. Prior to Lincoln College, Ronda held various facilities administration, supervisor and director positions with Illinois Power, Illinova Energy Partners, AmerGen, Millikin University Chestnut Health Systems, and Ameren.

Ronda is a graduate of Spoon River College and SIU- Carbondale. She lives in Bloomington, Illinois, with her husband Chip. They have a daughter and son, Mollie and Richard, grandchildren Alexis, Trey, Ben, Brady, twins Madison and Blake, and great-grandchild Arlo.



Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient Shanda Ryer '99 with President Gerlach, VP Ackerman '83, and Dr. Dennis Campbell



Class of 2004 members Erin Robertson, Mary Daum, and Beth (Harris) Hines with favorite faculty member and fellow alumna Jan Bowers '81.

LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award – Caroline Edwards Higgins '81

The LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award was presented to Caroline Edwards Higgins '81 by President Dave Gerlach and Vice President Debbie Ackerman in the President's office last November. Caroline had been unable to attend the Alumni Dinner due to her health, and sadly, passed away in June 2020.

Caroline Edwards Higgins, class of 1981, came to Lincoln College as a legacy, of sorts. Her grandparents were Maynard Small (class of 1914) and Elizabeth Eberle Small (class of 1917). Her parents Shirley Small and Robert Edwards did not attend LC — they met at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, but they returned to Lincoln to raise their family and continued the family relationship with the College. Robert served on the LC Board of Trustees from 1977 until his death in 1988. Shirley assumed his seat on the Board, serving from 1988 to 2014, and was recognized as an Honorary Alumna of Lincoln College in 2002.

While at LC, Caroline could often be found in the Johnston Center, rehearsing or performing in the show choir, chorale, or whichever play or musical was in production. She continued to use her theatrical talents and skills as a performer in the JC and as a Board Member of Lincoln Community Theatre, one of the many community organizations that benefitted from her passion for service and volunteerism.

Caroline had been an active alumna, attending events in Chicago and on campus, and joining Shirley at Board dinners, Scholarship Luncheons and other special events. Since 2014, she had been a volunteer and advocate for the Lincoln Heritage Museum, staffing the welcome desk, contributing to seating and signage improvements, and assisting with the annual Grand Soirée gala. She lent her expertise, energy, and resources in a multitude of ways in support of Lincoln College's students and mission.

In addition to her service to the Lincoln Heritage Museum, Caroline was also an active community member at Holy Family Church and their WATCH and Building Committees, P.E.O., Emblem Club, and Zonta.

Caroline lived in Lincoln with her husband Mike Higgins and black Labrador Pearl.



LaVeta Zurkammer Alumni Award recipient Caroline Edwards Higgins '81 with VP Ackerman and President Gerlach



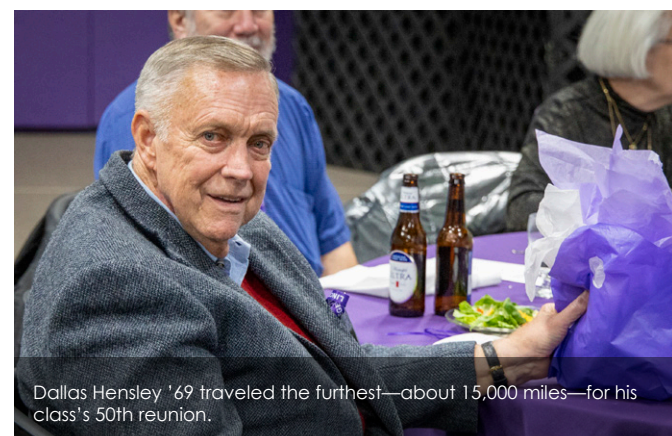
Carolyn and Mel Finzer '65 pose with soccer letter jacket donated by Mel's teammate, Dee Pierce '66.



Award recipient Shanda Ryer '99, husband JD and guests



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Dallas Hensley '69 traveled the furthest—about 15,000 miles—for his class's 50th reunion.

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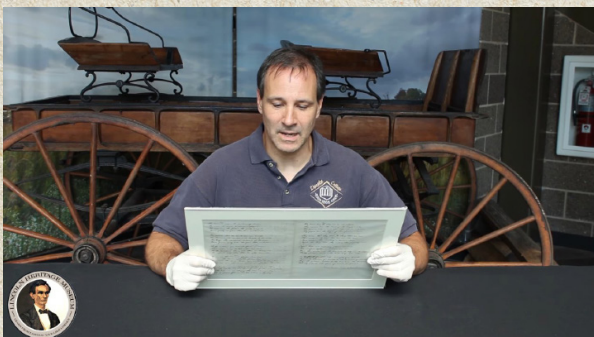
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Students Return to Campus with New Safety Measures in Place

Lincoln College resumed in-person instruction in August. The College prepared for the fall semester with a commitment to providing an exceptional education while safeguarding the health and safety of all Lynx during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.

“We were happy to welcome our students back to campus,” said Lincoln College President Dr. David Gerlach. “We are confident the precautionary measures taken for fall have created a safe environment for our students, our staff, and the community at large.”

The Fall Planning Steering Committee, comprised of Lincoln College faculty, staff, and administration, began developing innovative plans in the summer to ensure a safe return to regular operations and on-campus activities in August, following guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities, as well as the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

In accordance with these guidelines, the College is now requiring all faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors to wear a face mask on-site. The Lincoln College Health Services Office has been providing masks, but individuals may choose to wear their own personal face coverings as well. Likewise, members of campus are required to wear Lincoln College lanyards with their college-issued ID to easily identify members of the campus community who are wearing face coverings.

Classes and building schedules have been modified to reduce the amount of students and faculty within academic buildings. Though most classes will have a face to face component, actual in-class time is reduced to comply with safety guidelines; additionally, some classes are being delivered in an online format, including

all Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) courses. Faculty have worked tirelessly to include well-developed online components to compliment every student’s learning experience this fall. Traditional classes resumed on August 17.

Dining services is currently open to students without open seating and physical distancing in common areas. Lincoln College enhanced cleaning protocols in dining areas and removed self-service stations. Signage has been added to ensure a safe flow of persons entering and exiting during meal times.

Similarly, Lincoln College has been busy with additional cleaning in the residence halls and is carefully monitoring common areas. A section of the residence halls and Lynx on 5th is reserved for COVID-19 isolation, should it be needed.

Student clubs and organizations are meeting within appropriate physical distancing and group-size limits set by state and local health officials. The Meyer-Evans Student Center is not open for casual gatherings but is available through a reservation process in the campus app, Presence.

Lincoln College has adopted new cleaning and sanitation procedures for campus including additional hand sanitation stations, protective shields in classrooms and offices, availability of single-use cleaning products, and signage displaying new requirements and best practices.

Lincoln College is also continuing to follow guidance from Governor Pritzker and local and state health authorities regarding campus events, including athletic games. Athletic competition resumed in September. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has moved all fall conference tournaments to

spring 2021. Men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball are permitted to play non-conference games this fall.

All other campus events are following similar guidelines: limiting the number of events throughout the year, requiring a reservation and ticketing procedure to limit attendees, and adjusting seating at the venue. Another inventive approach is the creation of an outdoor practice and performance area performing arts students have been using.

Under transition to remote learning for two weeks in September in fourth paragraph- As of September 21, Lincoln College is only reporting 4 active cases while Logan County is at 431.

Many buildings have adjusted processes to ensure campus safety. The McKinstry Library is only available to college patrons, continuing to support remote teaching, learning, and research. The Fitness Center is also closed to the public this fall.

The Lincoln Heritage Museum reopened on August 4, with new safety measures in place. LHM is limiting persons viewing exhibits at one time and face coverings will be required for all guests, staff, and Museum volunteers.

Personal accountability is key to keeping the campus healthy this semester, therefore, student behavior expectations were modified in the Student Conduct Handbook. The students have been acknowledging and abiding by the new safety protocols very well. In conjunction with public health partners, Lincoln College will continue monitoring the prevalence of coronavirus within Logan County and continue to adjust operations accordingly to protect the campus community. Policies may continue to be adapted and amended as conditions change.

With the safety and welfare of Lincoln College and the Logan County community as a top priority, the institution is excited to be back to in-person instruction. The future success of Lincoln College is dependent upon the shared mission to serve its Lynx family-including alumni and supporters-in the months ahead. Lincoln College will continue to adapt to current challenges and rethink higher education to best serve the students, faculty, staff, and community.



Lincoln College Transitioned to Remote Learning for Two Weeks in September

Lincoln College announced efforts to slow the increase in COVID-19 cases with a series of new safety measures, including moving instruction online for two weeks in September.

The two-week shift to remote learning was held from September 7 through September 18. All public areas of campus were closed, events were temporarily suspended, and all athletic practices and contests were postponed.

The transition proved successful as the College achieved a 5-day decline in new cases after remote learning began. Isolation numbers for the campus have remained the lowest since the start of the semester.

As of October 17, Lincoln College has 0 active cases while Logan County reports 543.

Despite having high compliance among faculty, staff, and students in following safety protocols, the first four recorded cases on campus were from individuals attending off-campus gatherings without adhering to mandated guidelines such as mask wearing and social distancing.

“A few individuals not following appropriate safety guidelines can have a profound impact on the health of our entire campus,” said President David Gerlach. “The College will continue to adjust our operations to ensure we stay vigilant in preventing the spread of coronavirus.”

Classes resumed September 21. Classes and building schedules continue to be modified to reduce the number of students and faculty within academic buildings. Facilities on campus impacted were identified and rigorously cleaned and disinfected, which was in addition to the daily cleaning and disinfecting regimen. These steps are taken in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations.

All students are now required to report daily temperature and symptom checks within the student app, Presence. This process will proactively protect our campus moving forward.

Lincoln College remains diligent and focused on social responsibility.

Meet Lincoln College's New Trustees

Four new Trustees have been named to the Board of Lincoln College. The new Trustees will help lead the College as the College resumes on-campus instruction this semester, while also continuing to transition to full university status, including post-graduate degree options and expanding four-year bachelor's degrees.

The new Trustees were approved in February, May, and most recently at the September 26 meeting in Lincoln. They are: Sara Freitag of Lincoln, Bonnie Thompson of Lincoln and St. Simons Island, Georgia; Matthew Wissa of Chicago; and David Zwanzig of Morton.

"I am very pleased to announce these new members of our Board of Trustees. Each is a very accomplished individual and will continue our tradition of excellence in Board leadership," said Dr. David Gerlach, Lincoln College President. "They are forward thinking individuals who will bring their unique talents to the board as we continue to grow our programs while navigating the challenges of these uncertain times.

"As we resume on-campus instruction and continue to grow both undergraduate and graduate programs, we will rely heavily on our Trustees to provide us with expertise and leadership. These new Trustees will be important assets for the college," Gerlach concluded.

Frietag grew up in Lincoln and attended Lincoln College and Illinois State University. She is a successful Sales Leader for State Farm in Central Illinois. Thompson grew up in Lincoln and attended Lincoln College, as well as the University of Illinois and Illinois State University. She spent 25 years with Kraft Foods of Chicago, where she was the Corporate Travel Manager and Manager of Executive Services prior to her retirement.

Wissa is an Associate in the Chicago law firm of King and Spalding, where he is a member of the Special Matters and Government Investigation Practice.

Zwanzig retired in 2019 from CORE Construction in Morton, where he was Vice President of Pre-Construction Services. He has been involved in projects on the Lincoln College campus since the 1980s, including the construction of the Lincoln Center, which houses Lincoln College's athletic facilities, classrooms, fitness center and the award-winning Lincoln Heritage Museum. Lincoln College was the first institution named in honor of then-President Abraham Lincoln and the only institution named after Lincoln while he was alive.

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.

Additional details on each of the new trustees follow.



Bonnie Keys
THOMPSON ('66)

As Corporate Travel Manager and Manager of Executive Services at Kraft Foods in Chicago, Bonnie Thompson was charged with consolidating all Kraft U.S. business travel

into the Corporate Travel Department. Thompson also oversaw remote apartments and staff in Chicago, New York and London and was responsible for overseeing executive travel planning, chauffeurs, dining rooms and staff, car leasing, special events and receptionists.

Thompson received Kraft's Worldwide Superior Achievement Award for leading the transition to an on-site travel program which achieved significant savings above expectations through airline/hotel/car programs and agency revenue sharing. She also received the Kraft Merit Award for increasing Kraft's United Way involvement by 15%, making Kraft one of the highest Chicago corporate donors to the United Way. She also organized corporate on-site blood drives resulting in 25% participation and earning Kraft the award for the highest corporate participation in the north suburban Chicagoland area.

During her career at Kraft, Thompson also served as Compensation Supervisor for corporate human resources, Compensation Analyst for international executives and Administrative Assistant for Systems Services.

Following her retirement from Kraft in 1993, Thompson has organized many fundraisers for charitable organizations, has been an ad hoc board member of Hospice of the Golden Isles, and was on the board and president of the Friends of the Brunswick Library for several years.



Matthew T.
WISSA

Matthew Wissa holds his J.D. Degree from the University of Chicago and his Bachelor's Degree from Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California.

As a member of the Special Matters and Government Investigation Practice at King & Spaulding in Chicago, he focuses on white-collar criminal defense, internal corporate investigations, and complex civil litigation.

He has extensive experience representing corporate clients facing a range of criminal enforcement actions brought by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and state Attorneys General.

He is barred in Illinois and has been admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Wissa said, "I want to become a Lincoln College Trustee because it is an opportunity to help a truly diverse student body by bringing a unique perspective to the College's Board of Trustees. Lincoln College provides opportunity to an under-served population, and I am eager to join in the institution's mission of empowering students to reach their full potential and in doing so transforming students' lives."

He has authored a number of articles and papers, including on such topics as market-based financial crimes, virtual currencies, and comparisons of US and UK law and enforcement.



David
ZWANZIG

Zwanzig is a Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) Designated Design-Build Professional and a Construction Technology graduate of Illinois Central College.

Zwanzig has applied a vast knowledge of the construction industry across a broad spectrum of projects and delivery methods for nearly 43 years. His skills include budgeting, estimating, value engineering, and project planning. During his career, he earned a reputation for guiding integrated project delivery while not losing perspective on the need for strong communication with owners, architects, engineers and subcontractors to ensure the timely and successful completion of projects.

In addition to his work on Lincoln College's Lincoln Center, he has overseen a diverse range of projects in his career including: Camp Lincoln in Springfield, the Caterpillar Learning Center Addition, OSF Medical Office Building in Morton, the Shoppes at College Hills in Normal and the Shoppes at Grand Prairie in Peoria, East Peoria Downtown Development, Eureka College Sanders Hall and Ivy Hall, and the University of Illinois IBRL research lab.

Prior to his retirement, he was Vice President of Pre-Construction Services as CORE Construction from 2008 to 2019. Before that he was Director of Design-Build for nine years, and Chief Estimator

for four years. He began his career at CORE in 1976 as an Estimator/Project Manager.



Sara
FREITAG ('00)

Sara Freitag serves as the Sales Leader for the Springfield/Decatur Sales Territory.

Sara joined the State Farm family in 2000. She has worked in Corporate Accounting, Agency Recruiting and Auto Underwriting. In 2012, Sara opened a State Farm Agency in Springfield, IL. In just 4 short years later she joined the agency leadership team and was named in her current role in 2016.

Sara is a graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in Finance. She and her husband Aaron, a State Farm Agent in Peoria, IL, have two sons - Riley and Cooper.

Sara is an Ambassador Travel Qualifier, Chairmans Circle qualifier, and SVP Qualifier.

Sara also received her CLU designation in 2020.

New Vice President of Academic Affairs Announced

Dr. Donna Bradley

Former attorney Dr. Donna Bradley will become the next Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lincoln College beginning January 1, 2021.

Dr. Bradley is currently the Lead Faculty for the Criminal Justice program at Lincoln College. Previously, Bradley taught human resource management and criminal justice courses to graduate and undergraduate students at Lindenwood University, Webster University, Maryville University, St. Charles Community College, and Columbia College.

Bradley notes that, “Education has always been really important to my family, instilled in me since childhood.” As a third generation college student, Bradley achieved the highest levels of academia that began with a bachelor’s degree in political science from Brown University, a master’s degree in criminal justice from Columbia College, a juris doctorate from Howard University School of Law, and a doctorate degree in public safety and criminal justice from Capella University. Bradley expects to complete the coursework for her second doctorate degree in education from Lindenwood University in the fall.

“Though my mother taught elementary education for 40 years and encouraged me to pursue other degree paths, after three careers, I discovered my passion is education as well,” said Bradley.

Bradley is an attorney with more than 20 years of experience with a private firm, the Department of Defense, and the National Labor Relations Board. She also has more than 19 years of teaching and training experience in various venues.

For 16 years, Bradley served in a St. Louis inner-city ministry, practicing Christian Community Development, where she was responsible for ensuring compliance with human resource and employment law matters and advocating for a disenfranchised population, including ex-offenders, homeless persons, addicts,



and other system-involved persons. During this time, Bradley moved to inner-city St. Louis, recalling hearing gunshots every night and having her home burglarized. “My job was to represent hope in the midst of hopelessness. My vision then was to transform lives, which is parallel to the vision Lincoln College has for its students. Our students overcome so many obstacles and barriers to success and make it,” said Bradley.

Licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bradley also served victims of sexual assault as a victim advocate, volunteer coordinator, and executive director of the Sexual Assault Center in San Joaquin County, California.

Bradley also spent time working as outreach coordinator at St. Louis Metropolitan Equal Housing and Opportunity Counsel, where she educated realtors, landlords, tenants, homebuyers, and the community about housing discrimination and their rights under the Fair Housing Act.

Though a long and impressive career history, Dr. Bradley encountered many obstacles leading up to her successes. Bradley was the first African American student to attend St. Mary’s Episcopal School in Memphis, Tennessee. As a young girl in a class of just 42 students, she began her schooling in August 1968, 4 months after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. “For many of the wealthy students, the maids, butlers, and gardeners were the only African American people they knew. Many of the girls didn’t want to include me or their parents wouldn’t allow them to invite me over,” recalled Bradley.

Though a difficult situation to endure, Bradley reconnected

with her classmates from St. Mary's years later during an alumni event. In October 2009, Bradley's son, who had cerebral palsy and several psychological disorders, passed away at the young age of 27. Her high school classmates generously paid for his funeral expenses. "After losing my son David, I fell into depression. My sons, Myron and Dominic, encouraged me to go back to school after 35 years and I haven't stopped since," laughed Bradley. "I went back to school in January of 2010."

Additionally, St. Mary's Episcopal School now honors a student who demonstrates leadership, courage, conviction, resilience, perseverance, and contributes to the discourse on diversity, equity, and inclusion on campus with the inaugural Donna Osborne Bradley '74 Award. The award recipient must be a "student who embodied the spirit of diversity, equity, and inclusion and worked to demonstrate these beliefs within the St. Mary's Episcopal School community."

"Dr. Bradley will be an excellent addition to our leadership. We are very fortunate to have an administrator with her experience and academic accomplishments," Lincoln College President David Gerlach said. Gerlach further stated, "Donna is the most academically qualified and credentialed person that I have had the pleasure to hire over the past thirty-five years."

"We already know Dr. Bradley has an amazing rapport with our students and community members and received overwhelming support from the campus community from the search process. I'm excited to have her continue to lead the College forward, expanding our degree options, while maintaining academic excellence," Dr. Gerlach added.

Dr. Bradley noted her excitement and eagerness to take on the VPAA role. "I am grateful, humbled, excited, and hopeful."

Lincoln College Launches New Website

Last year, Lincoln College decided to invest in a new website that would provide excellent functionality for our users and better reflect the future of our institution. Our website is crucial to communicating with prospective students, alumni, and college constituents all over the globe. Lincoln College required a new, reliable website to share important news and information, and provide services such as payment portals, online enrollment applications, and event registration for visitors.

The transition to a new website allowed for a better structure and more reliable hosting environment. The environment that the new site is housed on is AWS, the largest, and most reliable hosting framework available today.

The sitemap has been reorganized to be more user-friendly, with a brand new design that is forward-thinking and conversion-focused. This also contributes to a better online experience overall.

The new site was launched in September. Check out the transformation at lincolncollege.edu.





Lincoln Heritage Museum Hosts Week of Celebration

New Museum Event Hopes to Gain Support

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lincoln Heritage Museum made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Grand Soirée. In lieu of the 2020 Grand Soirée, Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College hosted the Week of Celebration, a virtual fundraiser celebrating the life and stories of Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Heritage Museum September 21-25.

“The Week of Celebration was different than anything Lincoln Heritage Museum had done before,” said Olivia Partlow, Interim Director of Lincoln Heritage Museum. “Working with the local community to create virtual content was so rewarding and it was wonderful to highlight all the good that LHM does for the Logan County community.”

Viewers saw exciting content about Abraham Lincoln, participated in raffle and prize drawings, and heard from community members, students, and volunteers about Lincoln Heritage Museum’s impact on the community during the Week of Celebration.

The community had the chance to enter to win the Puzzle Piece Raffle which featured a \$250 cash prize during the Week of Celebration. Viewers also participated in the Celebration Wine Pull where \$20 bought a randomly selected bottle of wine. Wine ranged in value from \$5-\$150 and there were several bottles valued over \$50.

Individuals are encouraged to consider making a donation to support Lincoln Heritage Museum. Due to the 2020 Grand Soiree cancellation, the Museum stands to lose \$80,000+ in important funding. Lincoln Heritage Museum funding supports the acquisition or preservation of important artifacts, creation of new exhibits, educational outreach and the development of free community programming.

Ways to support Lincoln Heritage Museum:

- Email “I’m with Abe!” to museum@lincolncollege.edu to join the LHM email list
- “Like” and “Share” Lincoln Heritage Museum on Facebook (@LincolnHeritage)
- Make a monetary donation to Lincoln Heritage Museum

To make a tax-deductible donation,
X LC - Log Edits - RUSH - ROund 2 visit <https://lincolncollege.givingfuel.com/lincoln-heritage-museum>.
The Week of Celebration content can be found on Facebook at @LincolnHeritage.



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Rare American Bee Species Discovered at Lincoln College Creekside Center

Bombus pensylvanicus Identified in Prairie Plot

Lincoln College's Dr. G. Dennis Campbell Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education, located north of Lincoln, recently discovered an American bumblebee (*Bombus pensylvanicus*) for the first time in the restored prairie plot. The species, once abundant, is now listed as vulnerable, especially across the northeastern portion of North America.

The bee was seen by local amateur naturalist Pam Moriearty and documented by her photographs. "Bumblees are very single-minded when they're visiting flowers and don't mind getting their picture taken," Moriearty said. Moriearty was able to get five clear images of the bee.

The photo was submitted to beespotter.org, a University of Illinois website that provides information and species identification for bumblebees. The site confirmed the species, which Moriearty identified using a key of the 11 bumblebee species in Illinois. Over 400 Midwest bee sightings have been reported to beespotter.org in 2020, but only 12 have been identified as the American bumblebee.

"Having this uncommon bumblebee at Creekside is very encouraging," said Creekside Director Dr. Dennis Campbell. "Almost everyone is aware of the alarming decline in the honeybee population and of the negative consequences of that loss but most people don't realize that Illinois also has over 400 species of native bees which pollinate our crops and native plants. Many of these bees are in trouble, so Creekside's restored tall-grass prairie, native woodland garden, and pollinator plot can play an important role in providing a safe haven for them," Campbell added.



PHOTO: An American bumblebee visits a wildflower at Lincoln College's Creekside Outdoor Center for Environmental Education north of Lincoln. The species is in decline and is currently in vulnerable status in Illinois. Photo by Pam Moriearty.

A look at Lincoln College's

Class Notes



Everett Errol Murdock

(class of 1961) recently published a new novel, "The Storyteller of Cottage H," a story that begins in a 1960s mental hospital but soon leads to double mysteries related to Nazi war crimes. It can be purchased at any bookstore or at amazon.com. Dr. Murdock is an Emeritus

Professor at California State University, Long Beach and is the recipient of that university's top

award, the teacher of the year award. He has published many textbooks and nine novels. His latest textbook is "How to Write Fiction: Tools and Techniques." More than a million copies of his books are in print.

Robert M. Kern (class of 1970)

is enjoying his retirement from both teaching and business. As of 2013, he retired after 23 years from being a special education teacher. Prior to that, he was retired from business. Since 2013, he has taken up something of a new hobby, but also a part-time vocation: writing. In fact, in 2018, he wrote and published a two-part novella, which is loosely based on his crazy college days—at Lincoln College! The title of the book is, "College-Bound for Misadventure".



Of particular interest to current and former Lincoln College students, Part I of this novella is titled, "'Going Postal' in Lincoln, Illinois OR How Kent State Saved My Posterior". This fictional story occurred in 1969 - 1970 in Lincoln Illinois. It does tie-in, however indirectly, with the infamous Kent State Massacre, which occurred concurrently at Kent State in Ohio in May 1970.

For those who are interested, and would like to read it, please go to Amazon.com. Meanwhile, Robert continues to live it up, doing all of the things that healthy retired people do—travel, read, enjoy the cultural arts, and spend time with friends and family—You know, all that which they can't do when they are still working! And, as of six years ago (shortly after his retirement), he moved from Yonkers, New York to neighboring Bronxville, New York, where he currently resides.

Larry Coveny (class of 1973) retired in June 2002 after 45 years in the Life Safety industry and has moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and is still performing with The Cryan' Shames and other bands he's played with over the years. Larry writes, "Totally enjoying Louisville and retirement!"

Les Linz (class of 1979) is writing a new weekly column "Humor: More of Les," published on Fridays in the Seymour/Jackson County, Ind., Tribune. Check it out at www.tribtown.com by selecting Local >Local Opinion >Columns.



Larry Perez (class of 1988) is in Miami serving as the assistant dean of students at Florida Memorial University.

Kent Nestler (class of 1991) went on to Western Illinois University for a degree in agriculture science and is now in Iowa working for Lyondellbasell.

Logan Wilson (class of 2011) is back at LC serving her fellow Lynx as the Assistant Director of Marketing and Communications and plans to start her Master's degree program soon. She says, "I want to thank Lincoln College for giving me amazing opportunities, even today."



In Memory

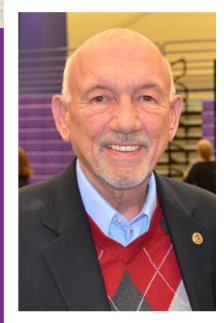
Our deepest sympathy to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations, we are only able to publish each person's name, age, class year, and date of death.

President Emeritus

Ron Schilling

1941 – 2020

Ronald Lee Schilling, president emeritus of Lincoln College, passed away April 24, 2020 at his home in Lincoln, Ill. He was 79. Originally from Iowa, Schilling came to Lincoln in 1984 as Dean of Financial Services and served as LC's 18th president from 2002 to 2005. During his administrative tenure, the College expanded to include the Normal campus; added several buildings to the Lincoln campus, including the Meyer-Evans Student Center, the Behrends Admissions Building, Dooley Hall, Gehlbach Hall, the Heritage Residence Halls; and made improvements to the Johnston Center for Performing Arts and the athletics facilities. An active community member, he served on the local Economic Development Board, the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board, and the Lincoln/Logan County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and was a member of Lincoln Rotary and the Elks Lodge #914. He was named the 2005 Lincoln Courier Citizen of the Year. He is survived by his wife Joyce, three children, five grandchildren, sister Nancy Johannsen and brother Kevin Schilling.



1930s

Doris F. (Zimmerman) Eckert, 102, 1937, June 22, 2020.

1940s

Harry T. Maltby, 96, 1940, June 29, 2017; Janice L. (Hefner) Elder, 96, 1941, July 8, 2018; Margaret A. "Peggy" (Tatro) Weigand, 95, 1941, January 25, 2017; Emanita "Nita" (Stumpf) Hargrave, 96, 1942, August 1, 2019; David H. Shroyer, 95, 1942, June 2, 2017; F. Tyler House, 96, 1943, December 31, 2019; Marilyn D. (Atteberry) Knecht, 95, 1944, February 20, 2020; Norman O. Bauske, 92, 1949, September 16, 2017; Marvin H. Boss, 91, 1949, July 6, 2020.

1950s

Carroll E. BesGrove, 88, 1950, July 29, 2017; Dewitt H. Hudson, 84, 1954, April 7, 2019; Anna L. (Reeves) Stanfield, 86, 1954, March 18, 2020; Richard H. Weise, 83, 1954, January 27, 2019; Robert S. Debelak, 84, 1955, April 26, 2019; William "Bill" Leiser, 83, 1955, November 22, 2018; Ned O. Tingley, 83, 1955, May 27, 2018; Joyce E. (Clugston) Hendrickson, 82, 1956, June 1, 2017; Sharon L. (Dehner) Marcy, 82, 1956, May 23, 2019; Paul L. "Larry" Ruble, 82, 1957, January 22, 2019; George Bertolini, 80, 1958, August 19, 2018; James W. DeMik, 81, 1958, December 30, 2019; Dennis C. Hoffman, 81, 1958, February 14, 2020; Charles L. "Chuck" Riggins, 81, 1958, December 22, 2019; Robert L. "Bob" Sachtleben, 80, 1958, July 15, 2018; Wells A. Woodley, 81, 1958, May 3, 2019; John A. Barber, 79, 1959, October 18, 2017; Roger L. Boss, 81, 1959, February 25, 2020; Duane L. Langenderfer, 80, 1959, May 18, 2018; William E. Steinman, 77, 1959, January 25, 2017.

1960s

Richard K. Coleman, 80, 1960, February 7, 2017; Terry N. Simpson, 79, 1960, April 22, 2019; Earl M. Carter, 81, 1961, February 15, 2020; Dwight D. Davis, 77, 1961, March 21, 2019; Jon A. "Tony" Medearis, 76, 1961, March 12, 2018; Allan C. Mueller, 78, 1961, December 22, 2019; Richard C. "Dick" Nafash, 79, 1961, September 6, 2019; Willard L. Price, 77, 1961, May 24, 2019; Paul W. Rosland, 76, 1961, October 5, 2017; Robert W. "Bob" Duggan, 75, 1963, January 1, 2019; Robert R. "Bob" Leigh, 75, 1963, September 25, 2018; Thomas R. Ploke, 73, 1965, December 26, 2018; Margaret (Jackson) Sprague, 94, 1965, March 24, 2019; Thomas W. Bjork, 73, 1967, January 9, 2020; Jacquelyn J. "Jackie" (Boughan) Deffenbaugh, 71, 1968, June 1, 2020; Sharon L. "S.L." Thompson, 72, 1968, July 3, 2020; Daniel E. Waterbury, 71, 1968, July 7, 2019; Michael G. Williamson, 70, 1968, May 30, 2018; Michael G. Winter, 69, 1968, January 11, 2018; Thomas L. Jermakowicz, 70, 1969, June 18, 2020; Jeffrey W. Skelskie, 70, 1969, February 17, 2019.

1970s

Sandra K. Gass, 70, 1970, April 23, 2020; Richard D. Pignato, 69, 1970, March 9, 2019; William P. Baron, 66, 1971, August 24, 2017; Laurie A. Millis, 68, 1972, September 27, 2019; Michael A. Walraven, 61, 1977, May 2, 2019.

1980s

Caroline (Edwards) Higgins, 60, 1981, June 3, 2020; Kevin J. Roschnafsky, 57, 1983, February 17, 2020; Gerald P. Depatis, 52, 1985, April 9, 2018; James R. Sbarboro, 51, 1986, August 11, 2017; Donna (Morris) McGee, 78, 1989, July 8, 2020; Dennis L. Moore, 68, 1989, July 1, 2020.

1990s

Daron L. Whittaker, 50, 1990, August 11, 2020; Derrick E. Brown, 44, 1996, November 28, 2019; Dena J. Manley, 43, 1996, August 11, 2020; Rita A. (Jensen) Kalaskie, 69, 1997, March 2020; Ryan T. McCrae, 38, 1999, April 19, 2018.

2000s

Travis L. Lane, 33, 2010, February 13, 2020; Taveres M. Hale, 23, 2016, February 20, 2020

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following non-alumni members of the Lynx family: past director of buildings and grounds Ron Craig, 75, April 27, 2020; past bookstore manager Betty Brelsford Meyer, 93, June 10, 2019; past adjunct faculty and theatre director Steve Schreiber, 77, April 12, 2020.

Ella Pascale

1927 - 2020

Retired faculty member Ella Massey Pascale passed away at her home in Virginia on June 28, 2020; she was 92. She taught psychology and sociology at the Lincoln campus from 1963 to 1985. A lifelong advocate for causes like equality, ending racism, and voting rights, she served as advisor to the Black Student/Uhuru club, took students on Intersession trips to Chicago, and was credited with establishing Black History Week as a major annual campus event in the late 1970s. She is survived by her husband Elmo (retired LC religion faculty), her daughter Marti (Rich) Weston, a granddaughter and two great grandchildren; she was predeceased by her son Jeffrey.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES + EVENTS

2020 **7**
DEC Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony (Lincoln Heritage Museum)

2021 **18**
JAN MLK Breakfast

2021 **12**
FEB New Exhibit opens & Unveiling of the newly restored Middletown Flag (Museum)

2021 **8**
MAY May 8, 2021- Honors Convocation and Commencement

2021 **JUNE+ JULY** Wednesdays in June & July, 2021 - Wow Wednesdays (Museum)

2021 **JUNE+ JULY** Saturdays in June & July, 2021 - Super Saturdays (Museum)

2021 **30**
JULY Lynx Golf Classic

2021 **30**
JULY Alumni Reunion Weekend

2021 **AUG- OCT** 9/11 20th Anniversary Exhibit (Museum)

2021 **25**
SEPT Grand Soirée

2021 **1-2**
OCT Homecoming & Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend

2021 **30**
OCT Trick or Treat with Abe (Museum)

The Fine Arts Dept. hopes to return to live performances in the spring semester. Please check the website for updates.