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From the Office of the President



President and Mrs. Gerlach enjoying their grandchildren Harrison and Ruby at Christmas.

As Lincoln College nears the end of the spring 2021 semester, I have renewed hope and anticipation for what lies ahead.

Students were welcomed back in-person this spring. We restored athletic competitions, small group events, and hands-on learning opportunities. We were determined to make sure our students can once again benefit from the true Lincoln College experience. Of course, many of these activities are still greatly modified, with mask-wearing and social distancing remaining a critical necessity.

The traditional new spring enrollment is the highest in eight years. We ended with 46 new confirmed students which exceeded our target goal by 53%. Lincoln College enrolled 11 new international students from Cape Verde, United Kingdom, Italy, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Tanzania, South Korea, and Venezuela.

We had four new part-time students enroll in the new Lincoln College and Lincoln Christian University articulation agreement put in place in March of this year; a partnership that grants students the ability to complete their bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Exercise Science, Conservation Biology, Contemporary Jazz Studies, or Theatre at Lincoln College.

Lincoln College's Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) Program also signed an articulation agreement with Heartland Community College, creating a pathway for employees of State Farm Insurance Companies to carry prior learning assessment (PLA) transfer credits awarded by Heartland into the baccalaureate degree programs at Lincoln College.

I am thrilled our partnerships with area institutions of higher learning continue to grow to better serve our students.

We are working hard to be able to hold an in-person Commencement Ceremony in May. While it's likely our celebrations will be different from previous years, we are determined to honor student achievements in a more traditional manner this spring.

The year 2020 was one of the most arduous the institution has faced. Every aspect of our campus community has been affected by the novel coronavirus - new safety measures, recruitment and fundraising restrictions, and adapting to remote learning. However, I've never been prouder of our Lynx family. Faculty, staff, and students have demonstrated immeasurable optimism, perseverance, and concern for one another over the last year.

Our students have shown remarkable maturity, complying with campus-wide mask and social distancing requirements and forgoing in-person events that have always been a critical component of the social fabric of higher education.

As the institution has done throughout history, together we persevered. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, not a single case of the virus was transmitted in our classrooms and we had only one case in the first six weeks since resuming in-person learning in January. This gives us great hope that we are carefully moving toward recapturing some sense of normalcy on campus.

Even though many of our students are high-risk or first-generation, they remain motivated to succeed despite obstacles that no other recent generation of students have faced.

It is in this spirit of grit and determination that we have selected the theme, Together We Persevere, for our new three-year fundraising campaign for the LINCOLN Fund, which you will read more about in this issue. The LINCOLN Fund continues to empower students personally and professionally. That is why we ensure every classroom encourages students to do more- to serve their communities, engage with the arts, and participate in creating new things. This campaign will harness the energy of our students and institution, pushing forward so the next generation of graduates are ready to begin their careers. Please consider making a difference in the lives of our students, and ensure the bright future of Lincoln College by giving to the Together We Persevere campaign.

Working together, we will keep the exceptional Lynx experience alive.

PRESIDENT, LINCOLN COLLEGE



Like many, President and Mrs. Gerlach had to have a virtual visit with their daughter Kayla, who lives in New York.

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Due to COVID-19, athletic schedules have been adjusted. The spring 2021 semester is very busy with both fall and spring athletic seasons underway at press time. Please check lincolnllynxsports.com and Lynx Athletics social media pages for updates and schedules.



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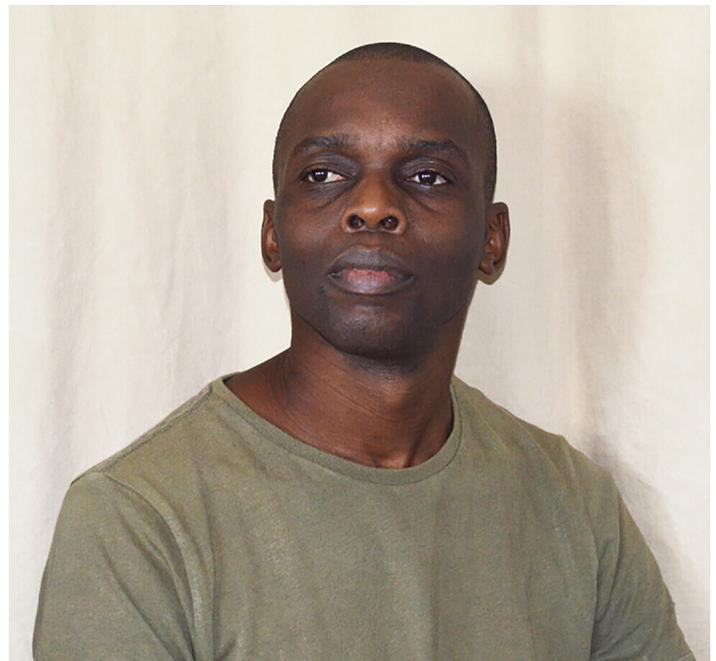
Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Leandro “Kunga” Jorge ’00

Lincoln College alumnus ’00, Leandro “Kunga” Jorge, is a successful entrepreneur, giving hundreds of children access to free education and healthy meals in Mozambique, on the southeast coast of Africa. He has spent the last several years committed to increasing opportunities for disadvantaged children in rural communities in his homeland.

Kunga was first brought to Lincoln through a scholar service. The service connected Kunga with institutions that were compatible with his needs as a student-athlete. After sending his profile to hundreds of schools, Kunga chose Lincoln College as his new home. In 1998, former LC Swimming and Diving Coach, Dan Hemenway, recruited Kunga for the Lynx swim team.

“I wanted to enroll into a smaller school-less than 1,000 students. A school which would allow me to have an easy transition from high school into college. I recall that when I arrived at O’Hare Airport, I was very scared because I was looking for Coach Hemenway and he wasn’t at the arrival gate. I called Bridgette Thomas and she informed me that Coach Hemenway was in Chicago to pick up a swimmer from Africa. Finally, I met with Coach Hemenway who was with Assistant Coach, Hank Aguilar, and was a little relieved. As we drove from Chicago to Lincoln, all I saw was cornfield after cornfield. I was scared and anxious to find out where I was being taken, but when I got to Lincoln College it was the most beautiful reception. It felt like home,” said Kunga.



Kunga insists that choosing Lincoln College was one of the best decisions of his life. He felt the personalized attention in the classroom, community support, and athletic experience contributed immensely to his happiness and future successes.

“Lincoln embraced me as one of their own and made everything easier for me. The professors and classmates treated me with respect and love. I came from a different continent and knew no one so that made a big impact,” said Kunga.

Bob ’66 and Celia “Cees” ’64 Jeckel were named as having a tremendous influence on Kunga’s experience at Lincoln.

“They were mom and dad to me over the last 20 years. They made it easier for me to study. It is hard for an international student to come to a new country and have a family. They made it possible for me to have a family here, someone to spend the holidays with,” said Kunga.

After earning an associate degree from Lincoln College, Kunga transferred to Western Illinois University to obtain a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Following his bachelor’s degree, Kunga earned a Master’s in Development Practice in 2014 from Columbia University in New York City.

The real work began after returning to Mozambique from NYC in 2014. Kunga recognized there were large disparities in his local community compared to the United States. In Mozambique, over 42% of children age 0-5 in the country are chronically malnourished, according to data from the United Nations. Furthermore, only 4% of children have access to preschool and other early learning education opportunities.

Preschools that exist in rural areas are run by the government and local community, requiring parents to pay an enrollment fee for their child to attend. Unfortunately, many parents are unable to afford the fee because the majority of individuals live below the poverty line. Kunga noted even a dollar a day is a great burden to local families, forcing them to make the difficult choice to feed their family or receive an education.

“I decided I needed to get my hands dirty. I wanted to help with the issues I saw in the country. That is when I decided to provide nutritious meals to disadvantaged kids who are attending the community preschool in rural areas, as a way to increase access,” said Kunga.

In 2019, Kunga founded LV-Farms, named after his grandmother. The organization began in a small room in his grandparents’ house with no electricity but with one goal in mind—to provide free meals and educational opportunities to local children. At first, Kunga was hand-blending the food in the early morning hours to have it prepared for children by the lunch hour.

As the business grew, however, Kunga and his team began investing in technology that made the process more efficient. Today, Kunga owns and operates a small agri-processing plant. The expansion has allowed LV-Farms to have greater reach and impact in the communities it serves.

“I have the same mindset now as I did when I applied to Lincoln. While in Lincoln, my goal was to graduate and I had to be disciplined in getting up early, going to practice, and studying to reach that goal (graduation). Now, I go to the field to do the procurement to get the food ready, I have to make sure that everything is in place before providing the meals to the children. It’s discipline and planning, the same mindset that I applied before,” said Kunga.



All meals are made from local farmer’s produce, ensuring the meals prepared are providing key nutrients to the children. “It is a crucial element of development and we want them to be eating healthy foods,” Kunga added. The agreement with local farmers is part of an agricultural development program. LV-Farms provides local farmers with seeds and are guaranteed to be the consumers of the crop, while the farmers are tasked with the maintenance and growing.

Realizing the children also needed access to preschool education, Kunga added another layer to LV-Farms. “We did an inquiry and found out parents couldn’t afford the enrollment fee for school so instead of just providing meals, we introduced the preschool scholarships as a way to maintain and increase preschool enrollment,” said Kunga.

The current global pandemic is creating new complexities for serving students. In order to safeguard students from COVID-19, students were introduced to new interventions including face masks and learning correct hand washing and hygiene techniques over the last year.

Despite running a successful program, Kunga recognized there was a need to create a more profitable component for sustainability. LV-Farms is in the early development stages of producing jams and jellies. This venture allows for additional proceeds to benefit the program. “I have benefactors that include companies, international development aid agencies, and family members and friends, that contribute funds to the program as well,” said Kunga.

Lincoln College alumnus, Adam Celuch ’00, through his Inland Design company that’s located in Edwardsville, Illinois, is helping with imaging for the organization including website and branding.

Today, more than 300 students have been educated and fed through the program. Kunga hopes to grow the program in the next 10 years so more children are prepared for primary school.

To learn more, visit LV-Farms.com.

Stephen Lake '65

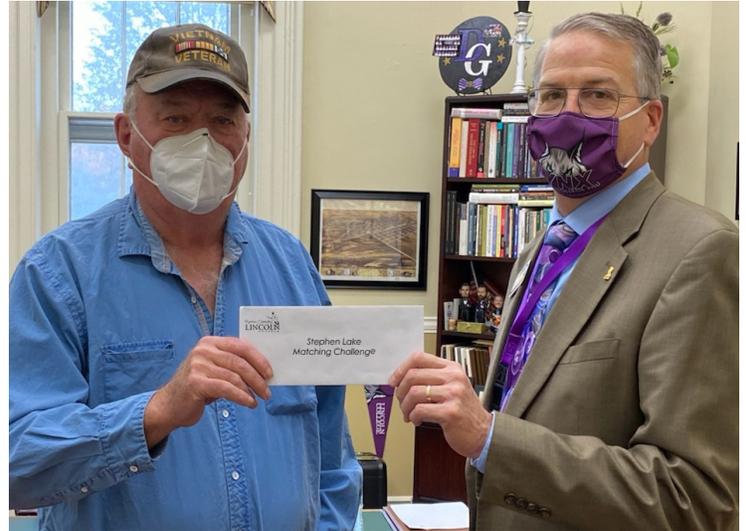


A very special thank you to Lincoln College Alumnus, Stephen Lake '65, for establishing the LINCOLN Fund Matching Gift Challenge.

“I was fortunate to grow up in a small community and be an American farmer. I wanted to give back to the place that started me on my journey through life,” Lake explained when asked about his gift to Lincoln College. He added, “I believe that what you give back, it is returned ten-fold.”

The challenge, which ended December 31, exceeded the \$50,000 goal by \$11,000, furthering the educational mission of Lincoln College. The LINCOLN Fund addresses the highest priorities and most urgent needs of Lincoln College, thereby giving students the best experience and chance to succeed.

Lake credits Lincoln College with starting him on his path to success. He recalls a “lecture of life” with Dean Loos where he was told, “the secret of college is to have a good time but study when it is time to study; don’t mix the two.” Lake recalls that meeting being a turning point in his life, pushing him to achieve academic honors in the following semesters. “You don’t get that guidance at big universities,” said Lake.



Lake handing his donated gift for the LINCOLN Fund Matching Gift Challenge to President Gerlach

During his time at Lincoln College, Lake served as a Resident Hall Assistant in Carroll Hall.

He shared fond memories of his education at Lincoln College.



“I thought all the instructors were very good. I only dreaded Art Appreciation—we once went downtown and took a ballet class,” joked Lake.

History with Onalee “Ma” Baloof also left a lasting memory for Lake. “She was the hardest instructor I’ve ever had but she made history come to life. I always love a challenge!”

Lake graduated from Lincoln College in 1965 with an Associate of Arts degree. He attended Southern Illinois University from 1965-1967, before being drafted in the United States Army.

Stephen Lake currently resides in Earlville, Illinois located in Dekalb County.

He remains active in his local community, serving in a number of capacities for his church, local organizations, and community boards. Lake enjoys helping the less fortunate and tackling volunteer projects within his community whenever he can.

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THE FUN STARTS FRIDAY!

- Play in the 2021 Lynx Golf Classic
- Take a guided tour around campus
- Pick up some alumni swag at the Bookstore
- See the new Solar Farm on campus
- Get your kicks on Route 66 Bus Tour
- Meet and Greet at the Lincoln Heritage Museum
- Attend the Lynx Golf Classic Dinner or meet up with fellow alumni at a local eatery
- Enjoy local after-dinner options

AND CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY

- Have Pastries with the President
- Tour and chat with Lynx Athletic Director, Mark Perdue
- Take a guided tour around campus
- See the famed Middletown Flag at the Lincoln Heritage Museum
- Reminisce on the Historic Lincoln Bus Tour
- Lunch and Learn about IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions and Donor Advised Funds
- Challenge classmates to a game of bags or hoops
- Celebrate at the Alumni Dinner & Awards Program

*CDC, IDPH and LCDPH guidelines at the time of these events will be followed

2020/21 ALUMNI AWARDS

The following individuals will be recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday evening, July 31, 2021.

Steve Isenstein ('70) – Alumni Achievement Award

Robert W. Rang ('71) – Alumni Achievement Award

Ann (Beaver) Wolpert ('84) – Alumni Achievement Award

Kevin Davenport ('09) – Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Celia "Cees" (Harmon) Jeckel ('64) – LaVeta Zurkammer Alumna Award

Linda Armstrong – Honorary Alumna Award



Photos from the 2019 Lincoln College Alumni Reunion

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Grunder Wins Amazing Teacher Awards

Lincoln College faculty member, Eric Grunder, was the winner of the 2020 Amazing Teacher Awards sponsored by Graue, Inc. The local business requested nominations from community members for teachers who have had a positive impact on the lives of students in Logan County.

Eight teachers were selected from hundreds of submissions that were received and reviewed. The final eight teachers were praised at the year-end ceremony in December in Lincoln.

Grunder's nomination read, "Mr. Grunder is the kind of teacher that answers every question that you have, biology or not. He teaches in a way that makes biology easy to understand. He is not only a great teacher, but a great person. He is a very honest and lighthearted."

Each teacher received monthly recognition in the media and a \$100 Visa gift card. However, only Grunder selected the lucky key fob that unlocked a 2016 Chevy Cruise, donated by Graue.



"I was surprised by the nomination. I do what I do because I love it, not for awards. I was very humbled and happy that I made a difference for someone," said Grunder.

"When it came time for the drawing of the car, I looked around the room at all the amazing teachers I was surrounded by and again felt so humbled by being there. When my fob unlocked that car my first reaction was my knees buckling and being shocked I really won," Grunder added.

Grunder has served as Assistant Professor of Science at Lincoln College for 28 years.

"Lincoln College is fortunate to have an exemplary faculty member demonstrate excellence in classroom teaching as well as curricular leadership within our campus community. He was a very deserving recipient of the Amazing Teacher Awards," said President David Gerlach.



NEWS continued

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Joyce Kinzie Virtual Breakfast

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns surrounding large group gatherings, the 13th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Joyce Kinzie Breakfast at Lincoln College moved from an in-person breakfast to a virtual event on Monday, January 18, 2021.

“This difficult decision was made with a heavy heart and with the safety of our local community in mind,” stated Lincoln College President David Gerlach. “One of our greatest joys is to welcome our local community to the Lincoln College campus and gather in fellowship to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy of peace and unity and Mrs. Kinzie’s legacy of community service.”

The annual event raises funds exclusively for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Minority Student Scholarship. It was co-founded in 2009 by Rev. Glenn Shelton and Lincoln businesswoman Joyce Kinzie, who passed away in 2010. The scholarship assists Logan County minority students while attending Lincoln College. Since Kinzie’s passing, the annual breakfast has continued at Lincoln College, honoring her accomplishments and wishes to provide academic assistance to students.

Price Match Program

Lincoln College is continuing its third year of offering the Price Match Program to qualifying students.

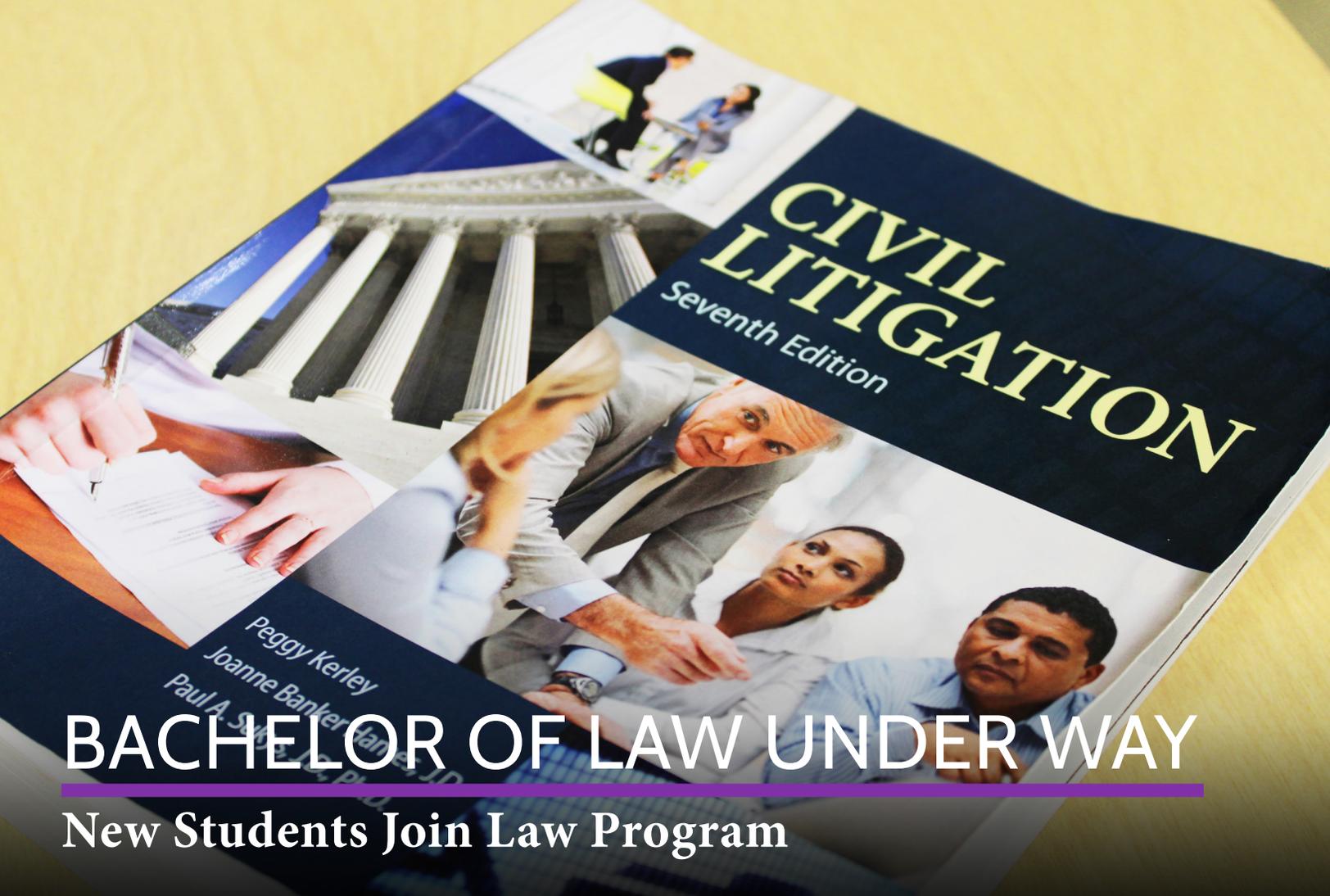
The Price Match Program states that if a student receives a better financial aid package from another qualifying college or university, the student can provide Lincoln College with a copy of the competing financial aid award letter. If the student meets all eligibility requirements, Lincoln College attempts to not only match the net price of the competing offer, but may include an additional \$2,000 award (\$1,000 per semester) as part of the Lincoln College financial aid package. The Price Match allows students to qualify to attend at less than the price offered by competing institutions. Any full-time student, including freshman and transfer students, can apply for the program if they meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

“We strongly encourage anyone considering college to contact our admissions office, so we can identify the options that will work best for their individual needs,” President David Gerlach said.



This event included remarks by this year’s scholarship recipients, keynote speaker Pastor Greg Stoner of the Second Baptist Church in Lincoln, President David Gerlach of Lincoln College, and performances by the Second Baptist Praise Ministry and Quentin Breckenridge.





BACHELOR OF LAW UNDER WAY

New Students Join Law Program

Lincoln College's newest bachelor's degree option is growing. The Bachelor of Arts in Law degree is drawing new students to Lincoln College because of the uniqueness of the program.

While there are a handful of schools across the country that offer undergraduate degree programs in law, the Lincoln College program has unique characteristics that make it stand out from other colleges and universities. For example, the Lincoln College program offers courses that are similar to those offered during the first two years of law school.

The curriculum includes a full semester-long LSAT (Law School Admission Test) preparation course. Courses were designed with guidance from practicing attorneys and are taught using the same methods and approach followed by law schools. The program culminates with a Moot Court Trial competition where students will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned.

The Lincoln College B.A. in Law Advisory Council convened via teleconference for its inaugural autumn meeting on September 25, 2020. The council consists of judges, attorneys, and legal professionals from the region, state, and beyond. Members are committed to recruiting and retaining students for the program, developing internships and practical learning experiences, and identifying and securing sources of program funding.

Despite challenges related to COVID-19, the new degree successfully held in-person classes through November. Law 101 Introduction to Legal Studies, Law 105 Introduction to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Law 202 Legal Research and Writing, and Law 205 Real Property Law were among the courses offered to Lincoln College students for the fall semester. Law 210 Law of Contracts and Law 300 Tort Law will be added for Spring 2021.

Lincoln College sophomore and Lincoln resident Alex Bergin said, "I have been interested in the purpose and operation of the law for a long time so when I learned that Lincoln College was offering legal studies, I jumped at the opportunity. I hope to be able to use my studies here to benefit the people of Illinois as an attorney, legislator, or circuit court judge."

The program offers the flexibility to pursue tracks other than law school preparation. Students who choose not to attend law school but would like to work in the legal profession are still encouraged to enroll.

“I was interested in the legal field because of my mother. She works as a paralegal and it excites me when she is working and I get to go into the office and help her. A week before classes started an administrator told me I could sign up for the new law program and I immediately did,” said sophomore Kiya Johnson.



The Bachelor of Arts in Law program prepares graduates to advance to law school or pursue other career opportunities requiring a solid foundation in law such as paralegals, legal administrative assistants, and legal interns.

Prospective students may contact the Lead Faculty for Law, Associate Professor Tom Cullen, with any questions at tcullen@lincolncollege.edu.



Visit lincolncollege.edu for more information.

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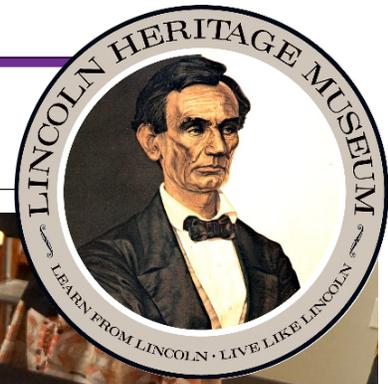
Dr. Thomas M. Cullen Associate Professor for the Law program

Associate Professor Tom Cullen serves as Lead Faculty for the B.A. in Law degree program. In addition to courses in law, he has taught courses in criminal justice studies, philosophy, religion, and critical thinking during the past six years for the traditional and ABE programs of Lincoln College, on its campuses at Lincoln, Normal, Peoria (ICC), and Oglesby (IVCC). Previously, he taught courses in religious studies for Heartland Community College, where he served as president of its adjunct faculty association.

A native of Normal, Illinois, Tom graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in philosophy from Illinois State University, earned his J.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Law, and received his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he served as the Hartmann Scholar for historic First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey during his field education.

Prior to accepting this lead faculty position, Tom served in leadership with several organizations: as an elder in a PC(USA) congregation; as president of the Central Illinois Chapter of the ACLU; as a member of the board for ONE People's Campaign; and as a community leader with Illinois People's Action, where he served as a delegate to Fair Economy Illinois. He resides in Bloomington, where he enjoys cooking for his family and writing songs.

MUSEUM CORNER



Lincoln Heritage Museum debuted two new exhibits in February

Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College unveiled the newly restored Middletown Flag and its new exhibit, *Our Cause is Just: The Hawes Family during the Civil War* on February 12.

The new exhibit features the Hawes Collection, an impressive collection of correspondence written by the Hawes Family during the Civil War and preserved for generations before it was donated to the Lincoln Heritage Museum in 2012 by James and Joanne Hawes of Atlanta, Illinois.

The 112 letters contained in the Hawes Collection provide first-hand accounts from numerous battles, including Fort Donelson and the Siege of Vicksburg, as well as family gossip from back home, and the family's thoughts on Abraham Lincoln, General Grant and several other significant figures. The letters are filled with emotion; they relay the joy of Lincoln's re-election in 1864, and the shock of his assassination. The exhibit also contains artifacts from the Civil War, including a Union jacket, and a sword-cane originally belonging to a Confederate soldier and later presented to one of the Hawes soldiers.

The restored Middletown Flag also made its debut on Lincoln's birthday. The Middletown Flag was hand sewn by women from Middletown, adorned the Atlanta, Illinois Wide Awakes parade float during the August 8, 1860 Wide Awakes rally for presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln in Springfield. Upon commencement of the parade, the flag was stored in a horse stable at the Illinois State Fairgrounds where a group of men came across it while preparing a buggy for candidate Lincoln. The Middletown Flag was then draped across Lincoln's seat and over his shoulders as he made his way across the fairgrounds to speak to the crowd.

The Lincoln Heritage Museum acquired the Middletown Flag in 1993. In 2020, the Flag was restored by Textile Conservation Services in Indianapolis, IN. In order to display the large flag, local artist and furniture maker, Jason Hoffman, built a massive display case for Lincoln Heritage Museum. Hoffman and his crew from Hoffman Design Studios custom built the case based on the Museum's specifications. The fabric backing of the flag, added by Textile Conservation Services, was then secured to the display case by the Logan County quilting guild, Quilters at Heart.

"The Middletown Flag was prepared for display in the same way that it was created in 1860, by a group of Logan County women sitting in a circle, discussing current events and gossip while working together to complete the sewing project," Interim Lincoln Heritage Museum Director Olivia Partlow states. "Having local, Logan County women take part in the preservation of the Middletown Flag was truly the perfect ending to this restoration project."

Lincoln Heritage Museum is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information please visit Lincoln Heritage Museum's website at <https://museum.lincolncollege.edu/>.

WOW Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday in June and July at 12:00 p.m., Lincoln Heritage Museum will host a virtual WOW Wednesday. The LHM Director will share wonders from our collections and discuss topics ranging from letters written by Abraham Lincoln, Mary Lincoln's clothes and jewelry, rifles used during the Civil War, political cartoons, a lock of Lincoln's hair, and more!

The cost of WOW Wednesdays is Museum admission (\$7 adults, \$4 children five and up). WOW Wednesday Passes are available to purchase at the LHM for \$27. A WOW Wednesday pass will get you access to all nine events (\$63 value).

SUPER Saturdays:

Every Saturday from 1-2:00 p.m. in June and July the LHM will host a fun, free, and educational children's activity. Super Saturdays are always free but admission to the rest of the Museum will remain \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Lincoln College 2nd Annual Juneteenth Conversation:

On June 19, Lincoln Heritage Museum will host Lincoln College's 2nd Annual Virtual Juneteenth Conversation featuring several keynote speakers. Topics include black Civil War soldiers, slave revolts, the Reconstruction Era, the history of Juneteenth, and more.



20th Anniversary Exhibit Remembering September 11, 2001:

From August 3, 2021 to October 30, 2021, Lincoln Heritage Museum will feature a special exhibit in honor of the 20th anniversary of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks. The exhibit will include an American Airlines flight attendant uniform worn on September 11, 2001, a steel beam from Tower 1 of the World Trade Center, a United States Flag that was flown at the White House following the attacks, and other items.



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William “Bill” Gossett Honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters

William “Bill” Gossett was honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters at Lincoln College on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

Gossett is a 1943 graduate of Lincoln College, U.S. Army veteran, community leader and volunteer, outstanding Lincoln College supporter, and a successful retired businessman.

Gossett served in the Army Air Corps in the U.S. and Europe from 1943 to 1946, during the height of World War II. After returning home, Gossett took over the family business, Gossett’s Cleaners, which served the Lincoln Community for 75 years. He later started Gossett’s Decorator Studio and ran both businesses until retiring in 2001.

While Gossett has been a successful businessman for decades, he is best known for his selfless service to Lincoln and Logan County. He has been an active member of numerous civic organizations including the Abraham Lincoln Hospital Association, American Legion, Knight’s Templar, Lincoln Rotary, Lincoln Toastmasters Club, Lincoln-Logan County Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Oasis Senior Center, Salvation Army, and the Union Cemetery Association. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and hosts the radio show “View Point” on WLCN in Atlanta, Illinois.

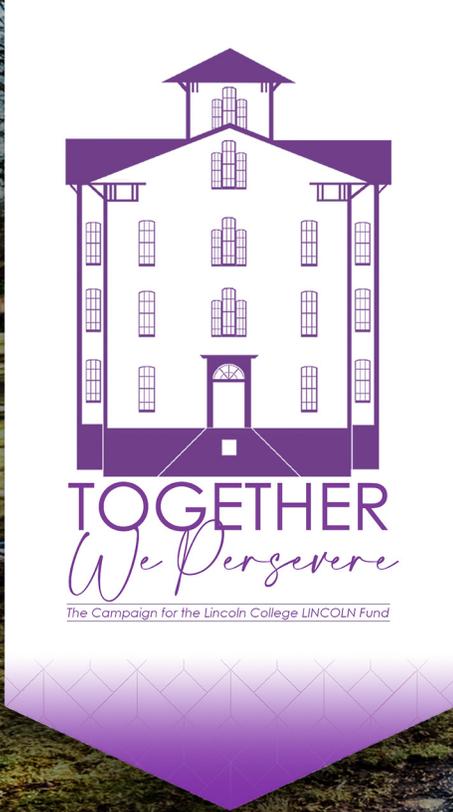
Always putting education as a priority, Gossett has served on the Lincoln District 27 and West Lincoln-Broadwell School Boards, Lincoln Community High School Steering Committee, and as a mentor to students at Washington-Monroe School. Gossett is also the Chairman of the Lincoln Elk’s Crippled Children’s Commission. He has shared his love of education at the Logan Correctional Prison and is a positive role model for all aspects of education.

At his side for 70 years is Gossett’s wife, Rhoda “Jean” Gossett. Bill and Jean Gossett have been active and enthusiastic supporters of Lincoln College, its mission, and its programs for decades. He joined the Lincoln College Board of Trustees in 1998 and served as a member of the Board for 15 years. Upon his retirement from the Board, Gossett was elected as Trustee Emeritus in 2013.

Gossett was inducted into the Lincoln College Athletic Hall of Fame as a Friend of Athletics in 2017. Gossett was also the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award.







The Campaign for the Lincoln College LINCOLN Fund

Lincoln College has unveiled the public phase of its three-year \$3.75 million “Together We Persevere” fundraising campaign. Helping to kick off the campaign was a \$50,000 matching gift challenge by Stephen Lake '65.

“We look forward to the next steps, which will allow us to share future good news with the public as we push towards our goal over the next several years,” said President David Gerlach.

The campaign theme, “Together We Persevere,” was born out of the idea that Lincoln College demonstrates an uncanny resilience and perseverance as an institution. Over its 156 years, the College has endured world wars, the “Great Depression,” a disastrous fire in 1912 that nearly destroyed University Hall, the Illinois budget crisis of 2015 that left many students without expected and relied-upon support, and, most recently, the novel coronavirus pandemic.

In spite of these challenges, Lincoln College successfully returned to its roots as a four-year degree granting institution in 2016, added twelve new bachelor’s degree options and two new graduate programs to the curriculum, opened new housing accommodations for students, and joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in 2018 and the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) in 2020.

Fall 2019 saw record-breaking traditional student enrollment numbers, and on-campus residence halls reached capacity. Finally, after a challenging fall semester due to COVID-19, Lincoln College had its highest ever new student enrollment for the spring 2021 semester.

Today’s Lincoln College students have the same determination and perseverance of Lincoln College’s namesake - President Abraham Lincoln. From its very inception, Lincoln College has sought to provide the highest level of education to every student. Small classes, dedicated faculty, and personalized attention continue to be a hallmark of the Lincoln College experience.

The “Together We Persevere” LINCOLN Fund Campaign will harness this energy, raising essential funds so the next generation of bright minds reach graduation and are career ready.

The LINCOLN Fund exists to further the educational mission of Lincoln College: to uniquely empower students to realize their full potential. Every aspect of Lincoln College is impacted by the LINCOLN Fund. At its core, the goal of the LINCOLN Fund is simple – to address the most urgent needs and highest priorities of Lincoln College, thereby giving students the best chance to succeed.

Unrestricted LINCOLN Fund gifts address both anticipated and unforeseen needs of the College as they arise.



Together We Persevere

Lincoln College is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, therefore, all donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law. Persons interested in contributing to the “Together We Persevere” LINCOLN Fund campaign can:

- Mail gifts to the Lincoln College Advancement Office, 300 Keokuk St., Lincoln, Il, 62656;
- Use the College’s secure online giving form that can be found at <https://lincolncollege.givingfuel.com/lincoln-fund>
- Call Lincoln College at 217-735-7217 or 877-522-5867

Areas impacted by LINCOLN Fund gifts include:

- Updating and maintaining classrooms, housing, dining areas, laboratory equipment, rehearsal and performance spaces, and sports training facilities to accommodate and attract new students.
- Providing access, including scholarship support, so that no qualified student is turned away due to cost and every student is able to pursue his or her educational goals.
- Campus-wide technology and equipment upgrades to provide students reliable, up-to-date services.
- Pioneering new opportunities for students to study what they love by adding new disciplines.
- Responding to unexpected crises such as COVID-19 campus safety modifications, inflation of goods and services, and repairing and replacing broken, outdated, and obsolete items in our facilities.
- Enhancing our library resources for student learning and research.
- Creating new student life programs to foster involvement, community service, and personal growth.
- Fine Arts performance opportunities and supplies to allow for creative expression.
- Bringing the brightest minds to Lincoln College to teach and mentor students and continue the tradition of academic excellence.
- Improving the student-athlete experience by replacing team uniforms, purchasing new equipment, and hiring outstanding coaching staff.
- Providing academic enrichment programs and academic support services, such as tutoring, to ensure student success at no additional cost.
- Providing Career Services to students and alumni so they possess the appropriate skills and resources to navigate the career exploration and job search process.





GRADUATE PROGRAM UPDATE:

Lincoln College provides flexible and accelerated options for career advancement and life-long learning.

Lincoln College offers a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and a Master of Business Administration in conjunction with the many bachelor degree options available. Degrees in both fields provide a wide range of career opportunities, preparing Lincoln College students for success post-graduation.

Lincoln College's 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. The program will be practitioner and problem-based culminating in a final strategic management capstone portfolio project focusing on a real-world organizational problem. 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.

Lincoln College's Master of Science in Organizational Leadership is designed to evaluate and analyze the complex understandings of both "leadership" and "organization," strategic decision making, leading change in an organization, motivating employees, and advancing culture within an organization. Students develop the skills associated with these themes and cultivate interpersonal skills central to effective leadership across a range of organizations and disciplines. The curriculum culminates in an action research thesis with implementable recommendations in a realistic organizational setting.

Both degree programs require approximately 36 credit hours of graduate courses in an accelerated format that is similar to our very popular Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program. Classes will be in an 8-week accelerated hybrid format with one night a week face-to-face and online components that is convenient for working adults.



A look at Lincoln College's Class Notes



Brian Snitker '75 was named 2020 MLB Manager of the Year by Baseball America. Snitker has served as Manager for the Atlanta Braves since 2017, and previously won the 2018 National League Manager of the Year, amongst other honors.



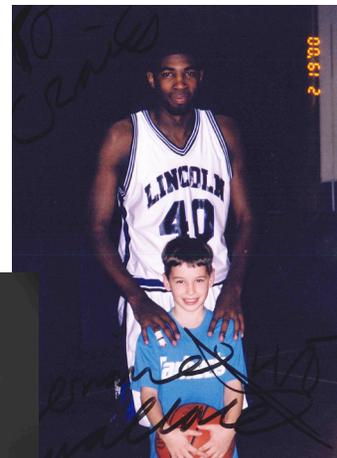
Mike De Ment '72 recently had his third Hole-in-One on December 8, 2020, hitting a 9 iron on the 118-yard 17th hole at FarmLinks Golf Club in Sylacauga, Ala., while golfing with his son Danny and another friend.

Lesli "Sas" Spencer '81 will be inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021.

Mark Beavan '83 earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Lincoln Christian University in 2019 and completed requirements for his Master of Arts in Industrial Organizational Psychology from Southern New Hampshire University in February 2021.

Andrea (Myerson) Berman '83 sends her regards from sunny Arizona where she and husband Richard have spent the pandemic enjoying time together and watching movies. Andrea is working in Phoenix and has recently taken up loom knitting.

Jermaine Wallace '00 and **Craig Ackerman '11** reunite for a new photo after 21 years. Wallace serves as Director of Campus Security at Lincoln College and Ackerman is the Manager for Fastenal in Lincoln.



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.

Trustee Emeritus S. Quentin Sparks

1947 – 2020

Trustee Emeritus Samuel Quentin Sparks passed away in Lincoln on November 15, 2020; he was 73. Born in Lincoln, Quentin was a farmer and active in the community as a member of the Elks, American Legion, and Trinity Episcopal Church, and serving on the boards of the Mt. Pulaski Farmer's Elevator, Old Union Cemetery, and Lincoln College, where he served as a Trustee from 2003 to 2020. A sportsman and conservationist, Quentin generously supported LC scholarships for students going into the agricultural or environmental science fields and other campus initiatives. He is survived by his wife Mary Beth, son Samuel (Alicia) Sparks and one grandson.



James "Jim" Ryan

1932 – 2020

Athletic Hall of Fame Friend

James W. "Jim" Ryan remembered with McKinstry Library gift James W. "Jim" Ryan, Lynx Athletic Hall of Fame member and a familiar face on campus as a member of the Buildings and Grounds team, passed away at home in Lincoln on December 27, 2020; he was 88. He is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Bridgett (Tony '88) Thomas '01/'07, son Joe (Michelle) Ryan, brother Jerry Ryan, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jim's love of sports and Lincoln College was honored by McKinstry Library assistant Rebecca Bailey, who donated three new titles to the College's collection in his memory: "The Complete Golf Manual" (Steve Newell), "The making of Modern Baseball" (Frank P. Jozsa, Jr.), and "The Baseball Drill Book" (American Baseball Coaches Association, edited by Bob Bennett).



Honorary Degree Recipients

Edwin "Ed" Bearss, chief historian emeritus for the National Park Service and author of 15 books about the Civil War and the American West, received the Honorary Doctor of History degree at Charter Day 2005 and passed away September 15, 2020 at the age of 97.

Richard Gilder, co-founder of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Commencement 2006 and passed away May 12, 2020 at the age of 87.

Roland Ginzler '41, pioneering artist and educator, received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Charter Day 2000 and passed away February 25, 2021 at the age of 99.

Hal Holbrook, Emmy award-winning actor, received the Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree at Commencement 2016 and passed away January 23, 2021.

James "Big Jim" Thompson, US Attorney for Northern Illinois and later Governor, received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Commencement 1975 and passed away August 14, 2020 at the age of 84.

1930s

Dorothy "Dort" (Harrison) Gaffney, 101, 1938, December 21, 2020; Irene M. (Greer) Hall, 102, 1938, November 27, 2020.

1940s

Mary A. (McCarthy) Migielicz, 99, 1940, November 11, 2020; Roland F. Ginzler, 99, 1941, February 25, 2021; Elizabeth L. "Beth" (Hamblen) McShane, 91, 1948, April 15, 2020.

1950s

Wanda Lou (Reinhart) Billiter, 87, 1953, November 30, 2020; Beverley E. (Bagdasarian) Dennis, 86, 1953, June 23, 2020; Joseph E. Pfau, 87, 1954, December 23, 2020; Dolores A. "Dee" (Marzano) Travis, 83, 1954, May 21, 2017; Betty L. (Howerton) Smith, 85, 1955, April 11, 2017; Derald C. Doehring, 85, 1956, September 20, 2020; Eloise M. (Hutchcraft) Slayton, 82, 1957, November 15, 2020; Louis M. Unger, 82, 1957, November 14, 2018; Donald A. Zacher, 83, 1957, November 26, 2020.

1960s

John P. "Jay" Hunter, 77, 1962, October 7, 2020; Sanford "Sandy" Glickauf, 77, 1963, August 3, 2020; Gary W. McKinney, 73, 1966, August 7, 2018; James M. Pasternock, 77, 1967, March 11, 2020; Eric D. Peterson, 71, 1968, August 7, 2020; Danny W. Brooks, 71, 1969, September 28, 2020; Jeffery C. Lash, 71, 1969, May 25, 2020

1970s

Kathleen R. "Kathy" (Goldberger) Bishop, 70, 1970, June 6, 2020; Paul E. Quick, 66, 1970, February 9, 2017; James W. "Jim" Simister, 71, 1970, December 17, 2020; Deborah L. (David) Stieren, 71, 1970, November 26, 2020; Jennifer L. (Kaplan) Bianchetti, 67, 1971, November 18, 2019; Steven M. Coogan, 72, 1971, February 26, 2021; Mikol M. Dise, 67, 1971, April 16, 2020; Guy L. Graham, 67, 1971, December 17, 2018; Katheryn E. "Kay" (Logan) Krueger, 81, 1971, October 3, 2019; Michael J. "Mike" Fox, 69, 1972, January 2, 2021; Donald L. Gleason, 81, 1976, February 16, 2021; Darrell J. Sisk, 72, 1977, September 16, 2020.

1980s

Erich A. Hinz, 59, 1982, December, 15, 2020; Sandra (Charron) Allen, 67, 1988, February 5, 2021; Rita A. (Barr) Horton, 75, 1988, November 12, 2020; Peter M. Teich, 80, 1958, January 21, 2018; Charles E. Jones II, 59, 1982, January 2020; Denise A. (Krecker) Napoli, 51, 1989, December 12, 2020.

1990s

Steven M. Sime, 48, 1991, September 2019; Brenda A. (Nowlin) Lauterberg, 44, 1992, January 6, 2017.

2000s

Andrew J. "AJ" Smith, 28, 2014, December 2, 2020.

Normal Campus/ABE

Garry L. Fulk, 64, 2013, October 24, 2020.

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the following non-alumni members of the Lynx family: retired campus safety and security officer John E. "Jack" Bishop, Sr., 71, January 25, 2021; retired library assistant Gaila R. (Ewers) Sherwood, 95, October 11, 2020; retired bookstore manager Bette J. (Davis) Steffens, 76, January 4, 2021.

Dorothy Jones "Dodie" Vance, wife of late LC Trustee Herbert Vance, Sr., mother of former LC Trustee William "Bill" Vance '68, and generous College benefactor for many years passed away at home in Lake Forest, Ill., on June 21, 2020; she was 103.

Lincoln College appreciates the many ways alumni and friends support our mission of empowering students to reach their full potential through gifts in honor or memory of their classmates, teammates, professors and other campus members. **Thank you!**

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*Events are subject to change due to COVID-19 circumstances

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES + EVENTS

2021
8
MAY

May 8, 2021- Honors Convocation and Commencement

2021
1-2
OCT

Homecoming & Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend

2021
JUNE+
JULY

Wednesdays in June & July, 2021 - Wow Wednesdays (Museum)

2021
30
OCT

Trick or Treat with Abe (Lincoln Heritage Museum)

2021
JUNE+
JULY

Saturdays in June & July, 2021 - Super Saturdays (Museum)

2021
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JULY

Lynx Golf Classic & Alumni Reunion Weekend

2021
AUG -
OCT

9/11 20th Anniversary Exhibit (Lincoln Heritage Museum)

2021
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SEPT

Grand Soiree

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