

# the LINCOLN LOG

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SPRING 2020

A construction worker wearing a blue hard hat, safety glasses, and a high-visibility vest is working on a large array of solar panels. The worker is using a tool to adjust or secure a panel. The background shows a vast field of solar panels stretching towards a line of trees under a clear sky.

## Solar Energy

*Finishing touches are currently being completed on the 11-acre,  
2.09 megawatt solar energy project at Lincoln College.*



# From the Office of the President

Lincoln College recently celebrated an important milestone: 155 years as a thriving college committed to returning to our historical roots, investing in our students, and contributing to the Logan County community.

I often reflect on our accomplishments, highlighting our growing enrollment and new academic offerings, but as we celebrate the 155th anniversary this year, I want to take time to acknowledge our history.

From our founding, there has been a determination for Lincoln College to cut a distinct path in the field of higher education.

Dedicated local church and business leaders saw the merit for the founding of a place of higher education and fought hard to have the institution here in Lincoln, verses other locations. Our hard work did not conclude in 1865.

Lincoln College continues that history of hard work, dedication, vision, and ingenuity. Our mission to “uniquely empower students to realize their full potential” has guided every new generation of board members, administrators, faculty, staff, and students as we’ve pursued the next horizon for the college.

On this 155th anniversary, we recognize how far we’ve come, take stock, and make plans for the future. It is a new year and a new decade of opportunity.

In line with Lincoln’s legacy, Lincoln College will serve all students in a welcoming campus community.

With eyes on the future, we also take pride in modernizing our campus with the new solar power project at Lincoln College. Serving as both an educational piece for our science and technology classes, as well as supplying 40% of the institution’s power needs, the project is a win-win. We anticipate an annual energy savings of approximately \$100,000.

Thank you for your unwavering support and interest in Lincoln College. I look forward to 2020 and beyond.

Sincerely,

PRESIDENT, LINCOLN COLLEGE



# Charter Day Convocation



Illinois State Historian Dr. Samuel Wheeler was the keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient on Friday, February 7, at the 155th Charter Day Convocation.

Dr. Wheeler shared insights into Abraham Lincoln and drew lessons from Lincoln's life to inspire people today.

Special guests at the program included State

Senator Bill Brady, State Representative Tim Butler and Lincoln Mayor Seth Goodman.

Lincoln College Board Chair Susan Hoblit gave opening remarks and served as sponsor for Dr. Wheeler, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lincoln College.

The event also featured the Lincoln College Gospel Choir.



Chair of the Board Susan Hoblit '83



Senator Bill Brady



Representative Tim Butler



Mayor Seth Goodman



Dr. Samuel Wheeler







# COVID-19 Update from Lincoln College

The Lynx men's basketball team fought hard to get to the NAIA national tournament in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A heart stopping one-point win against the Bobcats of the College of the Ozarks in the final seconds of the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) championship game on March 1 sent the Lynx to the national tournament. It was a historic first as Lincoln College participated in the first year of eligibility for post-season play in the NAIA.

Although they were rated as the underdogs in their bracket, the Lynx men were ready to prove themselves in their first challenge of the national tournament against Olivet Nazarene from Bourbonnais, Illinois.

As they warmed up on the court shortly before the noon game time on Thursday, March 12, the announcement came – the NAIA tournament was being shut down due to the Coronavirus pandemic and all other scheduled spring sports, cancelled.

Suddenly, the world had changed.

Lincoln College – like the rest of the nation – is in the midst of trying to navigate this rapidly changing environment. Illinois and Lincoln College now face serious challenges from COVID-19. During this unprecedented time, we continue to have faith in our Lynx community and our supporters.

Naturally, our first concern has been the health and welfare of Lincoln College students, faculty, staff, and community of Lincoln. When the virus hit Illinois, Lincoln College was on spring break. Although there were no cases in Lincoln or Logan County, an immediate decision was made to extend the break for one week and begin preparing for more extensive measures.

Beginning on March 23, Lincoln College began to deliver all traditional classes online. Though the College has had to adapt to an alternative teaching model, our educational mission remains intact. Faculty and staff continue to collaborate and work diligently





to ensure the success of our students and our institution, despite mostly working remotely per Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's "Stay at Home" order.

With a number of campus closures across the nation, Lincoln College has not been immune to the financial stress this global pandemic has caused; however, protecting the safety of our campus community is the College's highest priority.

Unfortunately, we know that this crisis will have a lasting impact on everyone, Lincoln College, and especially, our students. Our mission to serve students of low and modest income presents challenges in the best of times. Online and other distance learning solutions present additional challenges for students of limited means. We are working hard to minimize the impact and give our students the greatest opportunities possible for success, but we are realistic about the difficulties we face.

We know that despite our best efforts, some of our students will not be able to maintain their studies during the coming weeks and possibly months. We know that our student-athletes will have a difficult time accessing appropriate training facilities and services.

Recruitment efforts for the fall semester have been seriously handicapped. Admissions counselors have been unable to meet with students and their families. Our student financial and academic advisors are not able to provide the kind of personalized, in-depth services that so many of our students and their families need to navigate state and federal assistance programs.

It is particularly disheartening that just when Lincoln College was experiencing a significant increase in student enrollment and program growth, we have been hit by this challenge.

Nonetheless, we remain confident that Lincoln College will overcome these challenges, just as we have overcome past challenges, knowing we have support from our alumni and other friends.

Though our operations have been dramatically modified, our campus community is dedicated to serving our students.

Lincoln College continues to wish our alumni, donors, faculty, staff, students, and other college constituents well during these uncertain times. Americans have always persevered together through the challenges that plague our nation and we are confident the American people will do so today.





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## Student SPOTLIGHT

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# Tyler Zimmerman

BUSINESS MAJOR

Lincoln College Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) student, Tyler Zimmerman, has tied for eighth place in the world in the Business Simulation Game. Out of 2,652 teams from 166 colleges and universities across the globe, Zimmerman excelled against the competition.



Zimmerman spent two weeks tied for first place in the world in the Business Simulation Game before earning the eighth spot in the final week.

The Business Simulation Game is part of Lincoln College's BUS 413 Strategic Management capstone course, taken in the final semester of the Business Management degree program. Students are required to create and operate a worldwide business venture. Each week, teams are assessed on four measures to determine the best-performing companies worldwide: Overall Score (current year), Earnings Per Share, Return On Average Equity, and Stock Price.

Zimmerman and his Lincoln College ABE classmates also scored in the top 1% in the nation as a group on the Business Major Field Test, which is taken by all graduating seniors in business. Johanna Sneed of Goodfield scored in the top 5% in the nation and Brody Mikel of Normal scored in the top 7%.

Tyler Zimmerman is a full-time firefighter for the Bloomington area, deciding to finish his degree through the Lincoln College Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program. Zimmerman is anticipated to graduate in May 2020.



## Alex Beck

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

“During my time with Lincoln College, I have learned a great deal both inside and outside of the classroom. The perseverance and responsibility that have brought me this far will serve me for the rest of my life.”

PHOTO: (L to R) President David Gerlach, Recipient Alex Beck, and Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, Frank Clark.



The Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program offers students the opportunity to earn college credit in a concentrated format. Each session meets one night per week, supplemented by online learning for five weeks. Courses are offered in Oglesby, Normal, Peoria, and Lincoln. With over 800 graduates, ABE offers students the flexibility to balance work and family demands.

Lincoln College Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) student, Alex Beck of Bloomington, IL was a 2019 recipient of the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award thereby becoming a Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

Each fall, an outstanding senior from each of the state's four-year degree-granting colleges and universities and one from the community colleges in Illinois is selected. The Lincoln Academy of Illinois states, “In the spirit of Lincoln, Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.”

This year, Lincoln College senior Alex Beck was selected and honored by The Lincoln Academy of Illinois during the annual Student Laureate Convocation on November 16, at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield. Beck was presented with a certificate of merit signed by the governor, a Lincoln medallion, and a \$1,000 check.

Beck said of the honor, “During my time with Lincoln College, I have learned a great deal both inside and outside of the classroom. The perseverance and responsibility that have brought me this far will serve me for the rest of my life. The continual development that the staff and faculty have facilitated have helped me to grow beyond what I could have asked for.”

Beck is a business administration major with a concentration in accounting. He has been a committee member of Boy Scout Troop 920 in Bloomington, Illinois since 2014. While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, Beck was also involved in three honor societies: Sigma Beta Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, and Alpha Sigma Lambda.



# NEWS

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

Donna Bradley, PhD., J.D., new criminal justice professor at Lincoln College was the featured speaker for the 12th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr./Joyce Kinzie Breakfast on Monday, January 20.

The annual event raises funds exclusively for the 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 a Logan County minority student while attending Lincoln College. Since Ms. Kinzie's death, the annual breakfast honors her accomplishments and provides academic assistance to students.



The event featured a buffet breakfast and remarks by this year's MLK Scholarship recipients, Kristyle Rufus and Nicholas Cunningham, as well as keynote speaker Donna Bradley.



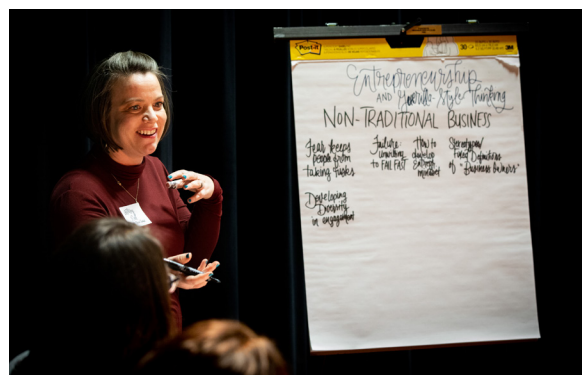




## Big Table Economic Development Event

Lincoln College, in conjunction with the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and Lincoln Economic Advancement & Development, Inc. (LEAD), hosted a Big Table event on January 30 on campus. The event titled, “Rural Matters” focused on the opportunities and challenges facing rural areas and small towns in the Greater Peoria region.

Logan County community members, business owners, service and resource agencies, and school and government representatives attended to discuss issues such as town revitalization, small business development, industry, jobs, housing, natural resources, and broadband. Participants proposed projects and programs that could support community and economic development in Logan County.



## Price Match Program

Lincoln College is continuing its second 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.

For more information visit <https://lincolncollege.edu/price-match-program/> or call 1.800.569.0556.







## ATHLETICS

# LINCOLN COLLEGE TO JOIN CCAC IN 2020-2021

Lincoln College was accepted into the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) as the 16th member of the league. Lincoln College will begin league play in a majority of conference-sponsored athletics beginning with the 2020-21 academic year.

Previously, LC was accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) at its 2018 Convention and started competing as an NAIA independent last fall.

“The Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference is excited to add our 16th school in Lincoln College,” said CCAC Commissioner Jeff Schimmelpfennig. “Lincoln brings the excitement of a new NAIA athletic program along with the deep history of a successful intercollegiate athletics department.”

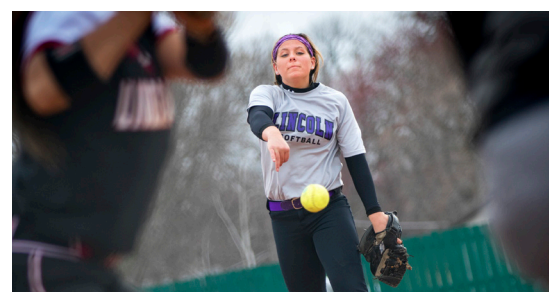
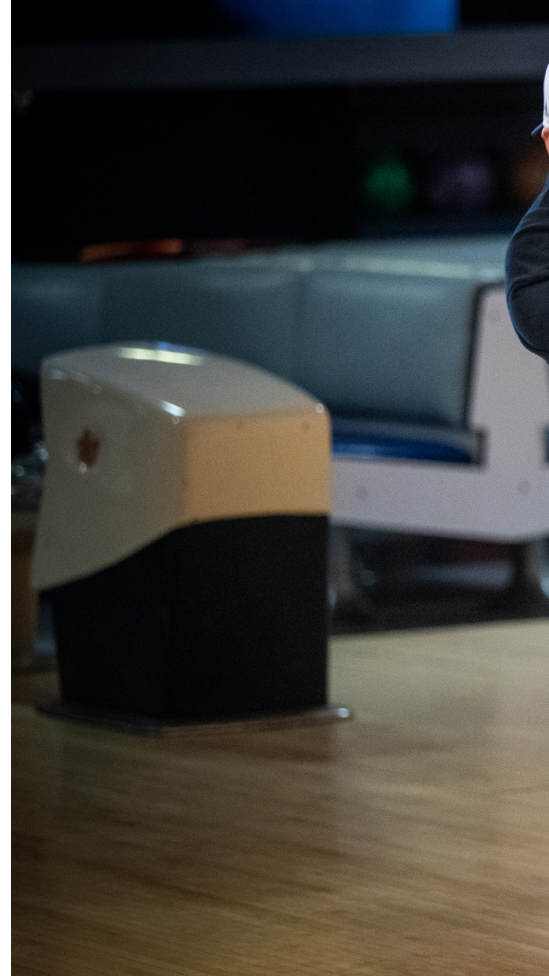
Lincoln’s addition will allow the league to maintain its status as one of the largest conferences in the NAIA.

“Lincoln College is proud to join the CCAC as the conference for NAIA athletics,” stated Lincoln College President Dr. David Gerlach. “Founded 155 years ago, Lincoln College athletics have played a critical role in our esteemed history whether it was as a founding member of the Illinois Little 19 when we last participated in four-year athletics, or during our storied tenure in the

NJCAA. This transition is a natural part of our evolution back to our founding roots as Lincoln University.”

The majority of the conference resides in the Chicagoland area with institutions in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Iowa also part of the league.

“We are excited to become a part of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference as we continue new athletic traditions in the NAIA,” said the Director of Athletics, Mark Perdue. “By joining the CCAC, it allows our student-athletes to experience top-notch competition without having to travel great distances with most of the schools in the conference being within a three-hour drive. As a new member of the NAIA, the CCAC was a natural fit for Lincoln College in terms of travel and building competitive rivalries.”







## NEW TO ATHLETICS

### Ty Unger

Director of Sports Information and Media

Ty was raised in Lincoln, graduating from Lincoln Community High School in 2011. After high school, Ty pursued a Bachelors in Business Administration from Lincoln Christian University where he was a 4-year starter for the baseball team. Ty is in the final semester of his master's program.

Professionally, Ty was involved in sports information for the volleyball and basketball programs as a student intern at LCU. In 2016, Ty was named Head Baseball Coach at Lincoln Christian University. While coaching, Ty became the Director of Sports Information for Lincoln Christian University where he remained for two years.

"I am excited to join the community at Lincoln College and what they have to offer. Being a part of this journey that athletics is taking as they have jumped to four years and joining the CCAC has motivated me to be a Lynx," said Ty.



# ALUMNI AWARDS

On November 9, three were recognized at the Alumni Dinner. Congratulations!



**Melvern "Mel" Finzer '65**

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD

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 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.



**Shanda Ingram Ryer '99**

YOUNG ALUMNI  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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 the 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 18 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.



**Ronda Piatt**

HONORARY ALUMNA AWARD

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.

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, 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.



# Welcome home, Lynx!

## LINCOLN COLLEGE GOLF CLASSIC & ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND! JULY 31 - AUGUST 1, 2020

JOIN YOUR LYNX FAMILY AS WE CELEBRATE LINCOLN COLLEGE AND OUR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS!

# Register Today!

<https://lincolncollege.givingfuel.com/2020-alumni-reunion>

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

### THE FUN STARTS FRIDAY!

- Attend the 2020 Lynx Golf Classic
- Take a guided tour around campus
- Pick up some new Alumni swag at the Bookstore
- Visit the Lincoln Heritage Museum
- Meet & Greet at the Spirited Republic
- Enjoy the Lynx Golf Classic dinner

### AND CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY—

- Take a guided tour around campus
- Attend a Program Spotlight
- Enjoy the Historic Lincoln Bus Tour
- See the new exhibits at the Lincoln Heritage Museum
- Challenge President Gerlach to a game of bags!
- Celebrate at the Alumni Dinner & Awards Program

October 2020

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## SAVE THE DATE

### HOMECOMING AND HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

## OCTOBER 2-3, 2020

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# MUSEUM CORNER



## Lincoln Heritage Museum debuted two new exhibits in February.

“Think Anew and Act Anew: U.S. Presidents and Vision” includes quotes from sixteen presidents from George Washington through Donald Trump, complete with an original letter or document from each of those executives. The exhibit consists of images of sixteen presidents, all courtesy of the Library of Congress. The images are placed next to the respective vision quote of that president.

“Defy the Odds” celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution taking effect, granting women the right to vote. The exhibit showcases Illinois in 1919 becoming the first state east of the Mississippi River to grant women the right to vote for president, according to the Illinois State Archives. Items displayed in this exhibit include a tea set owned by Mary Lincoln, a Civil War medical kit, attire women wore during the 1860s, a diary written by Olivia Conkling discussing the work of the Illinois Temperance Movement, 1920s presidential ticket and a 1938 advertisement from Springfield Marine Bank showcasing “women’s trusts benefits.”

“Both exhibits showcase the vision of the country through the lives of Americans who actively helped to mold the country to what it is today and help us determine what our vision is for the future.” said Anne Moseley, Director of the Lincoln Heritage Museum.





## WOW WEDNESDAYS: Women's History

Every Wednesday in June from 12-1 p.m., the LHM will feature special items from the vault that showcase a piece of Women's History, in honor of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, that are not usually on display and available to the public. Some of these items have never been on display.

## WOW WEDNESDAYS: Presidential Vision

Every Wednesday in July from 12-1 p.m., the LHM will feature presidential letters covering each US President from Washington to Trump. Many of these letters are not usually on display or available to the public. Some of these items have never been on display.

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 WOW Wednesdays (\$63 value).

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## SUPER SATURDAYS

Every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. in June and July the LHM will host a fun, free and educational children's activity. Activities will take place outside on the patio or inside in the atrium if it is too hot. Super Saturdays are always free but admission to the rest of the Museum will remain \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.



# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2020

June 6, 2020

June 9, 2020

June 13, 2020

June 20, 2020

June 27, 2020

July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2020

July 11, 2020

July 14, 2020

July 18, 2020

July 25, 2020

August 8, 2020

August 11, 2020

September 8, 2020

WOW Wednesdays

Super Saturday: Campaign with Abe

Homeschool Day

Super Saturday: Flag Day Crafts

Super Saturday: Make a Log Cabin

Super Saturday: Learn Metal Stippling

Wow Wednesdays: Presidential Vision

Super Saturday: Living History

Homeschool Day

Super Saturday: Make your own 19th century games

Super Saturday: Write a letter to Mr. Lincoln


160th Anniversary of the Wide Awake Parade

Homeschool Day

Homeschool Day







# Solar Energy

Finishing touches are completed on the 11-acre, 2.09 megawatt solar energy project at Lincoln College.

The installation of solar panel is located near the Lincoln College baseball and soccer fields, as part of a renewable energy service agreement between Lincoln College, Clean Energy Design Group, Inc., (CEDG) from Springfield, and its financing partner, DynaSolar, a national energy partner out of California.

“This project will not only produce significant energy savings for Lincoln College, it offers educational opportunities for our students to study and monitor solar energy technology right here on campus.” Lincoln College President David Gerlach said.

Students and faculty will be able to monitor energy production in real-time from a computer display to be located on campus, in addition to having direct access to data in science labs and technology classes.

The energy cost savings PPA (Power Purchase Agreement), results in immediate savings for the College, with energy savings that accumulate over the 20-year term of the agreement. Annual energy savings of \$100,000 is anticipated.

With an installation capacity equaling 2- Megawatt/DC or 1.5 Megawatt/AC in nameplate size, the system is considered by the (IPA) as a “behind the meter” solar project in their process of renewable energy credits (RECs) awards.

This means the power generated onsite will be used directly by Lincoln College, rather than being transported and sold over the electric power grid to other users. This allows for a number of advantages including: saving

transmission costs and equipment upgrades, immediate use of electric energy produced onsite in real time and requiring minimal maintenance and operation costs, making it a good fit for the College.

Lincoln College students in the conservation biology and theatre program have been designing a platform and selecting pollinator-friendly plants that would not interfere with the operation of the new solar panels.

The system is expected to begin generating electricity for Lincoln College in February or March, after testing is completed. Annual energy savings of \$100,000 is anticipated at no cost to Lincoln College.









## Dr. Donna Osborne Bradley

### Lead Faculty for the Criminal Justice program

Bradley was born and raised in Memphis, Tenn., but is a 25-year resident of the St. Louis region. She previously taught human resource management and criminal justice courses to graduate and undergraduate students at Lindenwood University-Bellville, Webster University, Maryville University, St. Charles Community College, and Columbia College.

Bradley received a bachelor's degree from Brown University in political science, a master's degree from Columbia College in criminal justice, a Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law, and a doctorate in public safety and criminal justice from Capella University.

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. She previously served 16 years in an inner-city ministry, 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. Bradley, an attorney licensed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, also served victims of sexual assault as a victim advocate, volunteer coordinator, and executive director of the Sexual Assault Center in San Joaquin County, Calif. She also worked as the education and outreach coordinator at St. Louis Metropolitan Equal Housing and Opportunity Council, where she educated realtors, landlords, tenants, homebuyers, and the community about housing discrimination and their rights under the Fair Housing Act.



## Dr. Saint Rice Jr.

### Criminal Justice faculty

A graduate of the Riverview Gardens School District, Dr. Saint Rice Jr. holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Public Relations emphasis) and Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration both from Lindenwood University. He completed a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership at Maryville University wherein his research focused on the experiences, struggles, and strengths of the African American male students entering higher education from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Before coming to higher education full-time, Dr. Rice enjoyed a 19-year career with the Missouri Department of Corrections working with individuals with a myriad of barriers. He has held such roles as Corrections Officer, Case Manager, Probation Officer, Supervisor, Staff Training Officer, Unit Manager and Administrator. Prior to working with the adult corrections system, Dr. Rice worked three years in the Division of Youth Services (DYS).

Dr. Rice has collaborated, trained, or partnered with many local and national agencies within the criminal justice field which gives him an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice systems.

He is a 28-year member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and the Prince Hall Masonic Order.





# CRIMINAL JUSTICE Program Changes

The Criminal Justice program is one of the most popular degree options at Lincoln College. In 2019, new Lead Faculty, Dr. Donna Osborne Bradley, and faculty member Dr. Saint Rice Jr. came on board to further grow the program. With a focus on community connections, hands-on experience, and involvement opportunities off-campus, Lincoln College students have a plethora of options to learn outside of the classroom.

A newly established Criminal Justice Advisory Board was formed in 2019 and includes LC alumni, local law enforcement officers, the Logan County Sheriff, a state's attorney, retired correctional officers and administrators, among others. Additional members will be added in the future. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to serve as mentors, provide internship opportunities, participate in speaking opportunities on campus, and evaluate the curriculum to ensure LC criminal justice students are prepared for successful careers.

Additionally, this year brought the addition of an on-campus honor society, Alpha Phi Sigma, and the Criminal Justice Club. There are currently 43 traditional and ABE criminal justice majors eligible to join the honor society this spring based on their GPA. The honor society and Criminal

Justice Club both advocate for community service and involvement.

The Criminal Justice program also offers field experience for Lincoln College students. Opportunities to ride along with local law enforcement, tour juvenile detention centers, or attend a court hearing are just a few of the experiences available for LC Criminal Justice students. "We are not just teaching criminal justice. We want our program to transform lives, academically, socially, personally, and professionally," said Dr. Bradley.

Lincoln College students will have the opportunity in the future to present senior capstone projects at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, an international conference. The conference often provides students with on-the-spot employment or internship opportunities.

"We are reaching back to move forward," added Dr. Rice.





# Mirza Foundation Grant Update

Contemporary Jazz Studies students at Lincoln College have been utilizing state-of-the-art recording and sound editing equipment, thanks to a grant from the Jerome Mirza Foundation.

The \$20,000 grant provided the college with funds to install a complete recording and sound editing suite at the Johnston Center for the Arts. The room hosts appropriate hardware and software, speakers, microphones and other equipment to constitute a functioning audio recording studio.

Students participated in the construction and operation of the studio and use it in the production of their own, and others' musical creations. Most recently, students have been scoring and recording in the Mirza Lab electronic and live instrumental music for their original Music Revue shows, Jump Jive Juke Box and Jump Jive Juke Box II.

The project has enabled students to explore, and prepare for, ancillary professional opportunities in the music field such as music

producer, recording engineer, audio editor, sound technician and acoustic consultant. The recording and sound editing equipment provided LC students with more options to pursue music in today's competitive environment.

The Jerome Mirza Foundation was established to honor the memory of Bloomington attorney Jerome Mirza (1937-2007). He was a nationally-known attorney who served as president of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. He was the author of numerous books, including "Illinois Tort Law and Practice" and "Winning Litigation the Mirza Way." He founded the Jerome Mirza College of Advocacy at Illinois Wesleyan University and the University of Illinois.

Mirza was an undergraduate theater major and never forgot those roots, supporting a variety of contemporary artists during his career.





# Abe Lincoln ARTWORK DONATION

VP Debbie Ackerman and Abbie Alexander with the 2007 painting, “Lincoln Profile” by artist Ken Tiessen. Alexander has graciously donated the artwork to Lincoln College.



## In Memory

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

### 1930s

Lydia M. “Lee” (Osborn) Lemme, 100, 1939, February 7, 2020.

### 1940s

Dorothy (Jacobs) Streid, 99, 1941, December 12, 2019;  
Helen L. (Twomey) Taylor, 95, 1944, March 3, 2019;  
Jack J. Neuswanger, 91, 1948, December 3, 2019;  
Nancy Ann McCullough, 90, 1949, May 8, 2019.

### 1950s

Richard T. Purviance, 88, 1954, October 12, 2018;  
Howard E. Kasch, 81, 1958, May 27, 2019;  
Rosalie “Kay” (Bunnell) Polone, 80, 1959, October 13, 2018.

### 1960s

Dennis L. Danhelka, 79, 1960, March 23, 2019;  
Jacqueline “Jackie” (Brannan) Petty, 81, 1960, December 7, 2019;  
Russell “Fred” Becker, 78, 1961, April 6, 2017;  
Joyce E. Orr, 79, 1961, July 14, 2019;  
Lynne F. (Richardson) Bauby, 77, 1962, February 10, 2019;  
George M. Fisher, 76, 1963, October 17, 2018;  
Leland W. “Lee” Estill, 75, 1964, May 28, 2019;

Ronald A. Shapiro, 76, 1964, August 19, 2019;  
Alvin G. Webb, 74, 1964, October 5, 2017;  
John I. Marshall, 75, 1965, April 14, 2019;  
Michael E. “Mike” Oettinger, 72, 1966, March 18, 2017;  
John C.D. “Woody” Woodruff, 73, 1966, November 16, 2019;  
Marvin G. “Chip” Hierman, 71, 1968, January 9, 2020;  
Richard “Budd” Wormley, 71, 1968, April 28, 2019.

### 1970s

William T. “Bill” Hazlehurst, 71, 1970, November 14, 2019;  
Edward L. Sachs, 70, 1970, July 9, 2019;  
Frederic M. “Fritz” Bock, 68, 1971, October 28, 2019;  
John “Joe” Crawford, 66, 1974, January 16, 2020.

### 1990s

Sandra R. Buffington, 82, 1994, December 17, 2019.

### 2000s

Austin H. Hellman, 24, 2015, December 22, 2019

## Normal Campus

Johanna R. Snelling, 75, 2001, September 11, 2019

And we extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of former Theatre Lead Faculty Douglas N. “Doug” Rosson, who passed away in Peoria, Ill., on January 18, 2020; he was 60



# #Lynxonthemove



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



Art '60 and Marlene Greenberg at V's Taproom in Peoria, AZ.



1919 Lincoln College football team

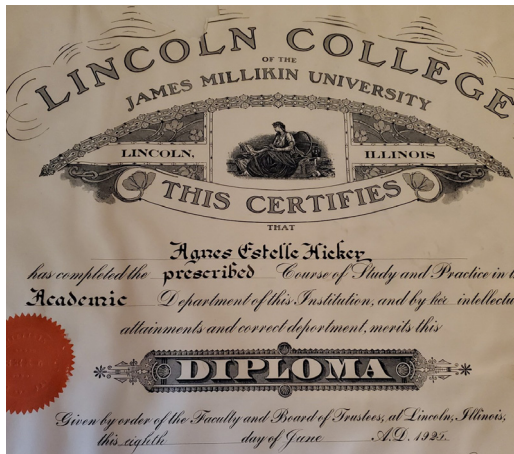


VP Debbie Ackerman, along with President Gerlach and Lisa, with Dave Koehler '62 and Cindi Englefield at Rhythm & Wine in Scottsdale, AZ.



VP Debbie Ackerman, along with President Gerlach and wife Lisa Gerlach, made a special delivery of "Gossett" champagne to Bill Gossett's brother Jack and wife Jan Gossett in Surprise, AZ. Jack shared photos (above) of his father who played football at Lincoln College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1919.





Harry Huffman '54 presents VP Debbie Ackerman '83 with his mother Agnes Estelle Hickey's diploma in Mesa, AZ. She graduated from Lincoln College in June 1925.



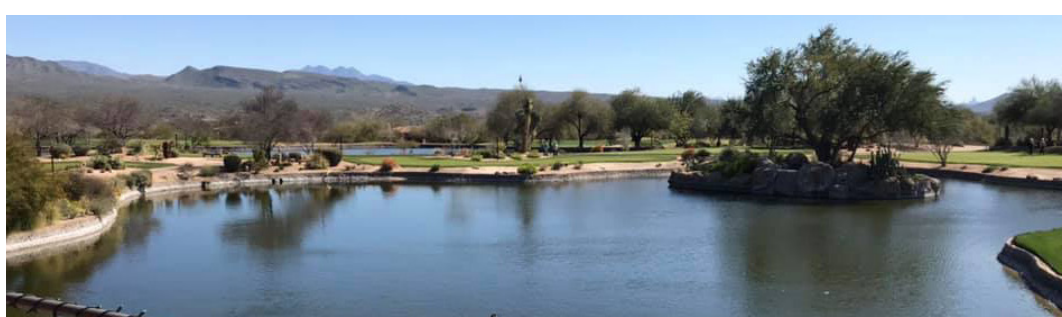
VP Ackerman joins Gary Metz '72 for a hike at Sabino Canyon, Tucson, AZ.



VP Debbie Ackerman and Cole Matter '11 in Tempe, AZ.



Saf and Betty Peacock visit with President Gerlach and his wife Lisa, and VP Ackerman in Rio Verde, AZ.



Rio Verde Country Club, Rio Verde, Arizona.



Karen Riebe, daughter of Marvin "Swede" Johnson, joins VP Ackerman in Tucson, AZ.



Lisa Gerlach and Lincoln College alumnus Kent Wilken, who came to LC in the fall of 58, in Newport Beach, CA.



Simon '75 and Ray Saeheng at Tam O'Shanter Inn in Los Angeles, CA. Simon shared his experiences as an international student from Hong Kong at Lincoln College in 1975.



Steve Ufford '97, PhD, played basketball at Lincoln College and fondly remembers Eric Grunder as a favorite professor. Dr. Ufford is a Clark County School District Police Officer, and a Las Vegas Metro Police Department Gang Unit/Major Case Team Task Force Officer. Steve will serve on the newly established Criminal Justice Advisory Board at Lincoln College.



Lynn '54 and Ester Bridgman in Los Angeles, CA



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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES + EVENTS

- 2020 **21**  
JAN New Exhibit: Think Anew and Act Anew: VISION of the Presidents  
January 21-December 13, 2020  
Lincoln Heritage Museum
- 2020 **12**  
FEB New Exhibit: Defy the Odds  
February 12-December 13, 2020  
Lincoln Heritage Museum
- 2020 **9**  
MAY Lincoln College Honors Convocation and Commencement (*tentative*)  
May 9, 2020  
Lincoln Center

- 2020 **31**  
JULY Lynx Golf Classic  
July 31, 2020  
Lincoln Elks Golf Course
- 2020 **31**  
JULY Alumni Reunion Weekend  
July 31-August 1, 2020
- 2020 **26**  
SEPT Grand Soirée  
September 26, 2020  
Lincoln Heritage Museum
- 2020 **2**  
OCT Homecoming & Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend  
October 2-October 3, 2020

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