

Lincoln College Inducts Inaugural Hall of Fame Class

A highlight of the Homecoming 2013 events will be Friday, November 8, when Lincoln College will induct its inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class at a banquet in the Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium. The Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates the long and exemplary history of athletics at Lincoln College. Well-known radio personality Sam Madonia will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the banquet.

The Lincoln College Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes student athletes, teams, coaches, managers, administrators, faculty, staff, and friends who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics at Lincoln College, either by their performance on an athletic team or by meritorious efforts in supporting the athletic program at the College. In naming the large inaugural class, the Hall of Fame committee made a special effort to select individuals whose accomplishments and involvement represent as much of Lincoln College's athletic history as possible.

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By the time you receive this edition of *The Lincoln Log* the fall semester will be in full swing, students will be studying for their upcoming mid term exams, and all will be business as usual at Lincoln College. NOT TRUE! Many faculty, staff, students and friends will also be preparing a Homecoming

Celebration designed just for you. Yes, we're bringing back Homecoming. Student Homecoming activities will begin Monday, November 4th. Each day that week will feature new activities leading up to an eventful weekend planned for students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

I want to extend a personal invitation to everyone who receives *The Lincoln Log* to help us make Homecoming memorable and re-establishing it as an annual celebration which no one will want to miss. For alumni who haven't been back to campus for a while this is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends while seeing all that is new and exciting on campus. You will be very impressed with the new Lincoln Center where the men's Basketball LYNX will play that Saturday afternoon. While there you will want to see the Joslin Fitness

Center and the new Lincoln Heritage Museum location. Those interested in environmental studies will love the Creekside Environmental Center. For those who enjoy the fine arts there will be performances that weekend as well.

Homecoming 2013 will feature a new and special event for those who love the LYNX and have followed them over the years. On Friday night the inaugural LYNX Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will induct its first class. A special thanks to Tom Zurkammer for spearheading this long needed event to honor our outstanding men and women athletes, coaches and friends.

Lincoln College's long history and rich culture reaches well beyond athletics. Many of us have already started thinking about our sesquicentennial celebration surrounding the College's 150th Anniversary in 2015. We will be meeting with various groups of stakeholders over the next few months to gather ideas on how to properly recognize this historic milestone. If you would like to participate in the planning of the sesquicentennial celebration or want to share an idea with the planning group, please contact the Alumni Office. Your College needs your participation to make this truly memorable and meaningful.

So please mark the weekend of Nov. 8-10 on your calendar, make a reservation at a local hotel, and come on home to Lincoln College for HOMECOMING 2013. Afterall, *There's No Place Like LC!* We'd love to see you!!

John D. Blackburn

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**Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame
Induction Banquet
Friday, November 8, 2013
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dinner and Awards Program**

Seating is limited. Early reservations are recommended.
Deadline for reservations - November 1.
Cost - \$25 for adults and \$15 for children age 18 and younger.

To make reservations, or for information about being a table sponsor for the event, contact Mary Jo Werth in the Advancement Office at (217) 732-3155 ext. 217 or toll free 877-522-5867, or e-mail mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu.

**LC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INAUGURAL INDUCTEES:**

**Jan Bowers '81
Joni Comstock
Matt Hughes '95
*Tom Flynn '62**

**Chuck Lindstrom
*Jack Nutt
*Doc Guzzardo
John Guzzardo**

*POSTHUMOUS AWARD

HOMECOMING 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 4-10, 2013

Homecoming Pep Rally

Lincoln Center Jack D. Nutt Arena
Monday, Nov. 4 - 7:00 PM

Student Bowling Night

Logan Lanes - Lincoln
Monday, Nov. 4 - 9:00 PM

Students vs. Faculty/Staff Dodgeball

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium
Tuesday, Nov. 5 - 7:00 PM

Magician Daniel Martin

Meyer-Evans Student Center
Wednesday, Nov. 6 - 7:00 PM

Trivia Contest - A little new, a little old & a little retro!

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium
Thursday, Nov. 7 - 7:00 PM
\$10 pp (table of 8) - Registration required

Fall Play: Neil Simon's "Rumors"

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage
Thursday, Nov. 7 - 7:30 PM
\$8 General Admission, \$6 Seniors & Students,
\$1 LC students with ID

Inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium
Friday, Nov. 8 - 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
\$25 / \$15 (under 18) - Advance RSVPs required

Fall Play: Neil Simon's "Rumors"

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage
Friday, Nov. 8 - 7:30 PM
\$8 General Admission, \$6 Seniors & Students,
\$1 LC students with ID

Homecoming Bonfire

for students, faculty, staff, alumni & families
LC Grounds near soccer fields
Friday, Nov. 8 - 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Annual Scholarship Reception

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
**By Invitation only*

Creekside Outdoor Environmental Center Tour

Meet bus Lincoln Center parking lot
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 10:00 AM

Women's Alumni Basketball Game

Lincoln Center Jack D. Nutt Arena
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
**Contact Coach Carol Wilson if interested in playing (cwilson@lincolncollege.edu)*

Homecoming Brunch

Meyer-Evans Student Center - Dining Hall
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
complimentary

Homecoming Basketball Game

LYNX Men vs. Kirkwood
Extended half-time with special entertainment & competitions
Lincoln Center Jack D. Nutt Arena
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Homecoming BBQ

Meyer-Evans Student Center Dining Hall
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 4:45 PM - 6:30 PM
\$7 (pay at door)

Fall Play: Neil Simon's "Rumors"

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 7:30 PM
\$8 General Admission, \$6 Seniors & Students,
\$1 LC students with ID

Homecoming Dance

Davidson-Sheffer Gymnasium
Saturday, Nov. 9 - 9:30 PM - 12:00 AM

Homecoming Church Service

Organized by the Life Changing Studies Student Club
Meyer-Evans Student Center
Sunday, Nov. 10 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Homecoming Brunch

Meyer-Evans Student Center - Dining hall
Sunday, Nov. 10 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$6 (pay at door)

Fall Play: Neil Simon's "Rumors"

Johnston Center for Performing Arts Main Stage
Sunday, Nov. 10 - 2:00 PM
\$8 General Admission, \$6 Seniors & Students,
\$1 LC students with ID

Other various student focused activities to be included during the week...

- Spirit Week for everyone - students & faculty/staff
- Competitions: ultimate frisbee, bags, washers, ladder golf, flag football, 3- on- 3 shoot outs, HORSE, tug-a-war, etc.
- Residence Hall competitions
- Mr. & Miss Homecoming competitions
- Student Service Project - Residence Hall competition



**Students,
family, alumni
and friends
are all invited!**

**Return to campus for the
first Homecoming in over
a decade.**

**For questions or to RSVP
for the Trivia Night or
Hall of Fame Banquet,
contact the alumni office
at**

alumni@lincolncollege.edu

**or call toll-free
877-522-5867.**

**Visit the website at [http://
www.lincolncollege.edu/
alumni/events/lincoln-
college-homecoming/](http://www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni/events/lincoln-college-homecoming/)
for the most up to date
details, hotel room
blocks and Hall of Fame
Induction details.**

HOMECOMING 2013

LC Gives Special Thanks to Two Long-Time Board of Trustees

Recently, two of LC's oldest and longest-serving members of the Board of Trustees retired from the Board. Bernard E. "Bernie" Behrends and William E. "Bill" Gossett, both alumni of Lincoln College, served as Trustees for a combined total of 36 years. Upon their retirement, the Board officially recognized them as Trustee Emeriti. Lincoln College is extremely proud of these two men for their many accomplishments in life, and very appreciative of their service on the Board of Trustees, as well as for the many other things they have done to make Lincoln College a great place for future generations of students.



Bernie Behrends '48

Bernie was what today is referred to as a 'non-traditional' student at LC. He was 25 when he entered LC in 1946, attending on the G.I. Bill after having served in the Navy in World War II.

Bernie was one of a large cohort of veterans who came to LC that fall, all wise in the ways of the world but new to the world of higher education. With the help of LC instructors C.A. Balof, William Sims, and others, they learned to work together, "to cooperate, share views and expand our knowledge by talking about other subjects and helping one another," says Bernie.

Bernie was not an athlete, but was recruited as scorekeeper for the basketball and baseball teams. It was an experience that taught him about team play, sportsmanship, and getting along with people from other places and schools. The key lessons of teamwork and discipline, Bernie found, are learned "not from books, but living life full."

Bernie continued his education at Bradley University in Peoria, graduating in 1950 with a degree in general engineering. He went on to a 32-year career as a civil engineer for the State of Illinois, and also worked in real estate and investing. He has been active with many organizations and boards in Logan County, including Immanuel Lutheran Church, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, the Logan County Election Board, Hartsburg State Bank, The American Legion, Forty and Eight, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks #914, Lincoln Masonic Lodge, Springfield Consistory, Ansar Shrine, Logan County Shrine and the Legion of Honor.

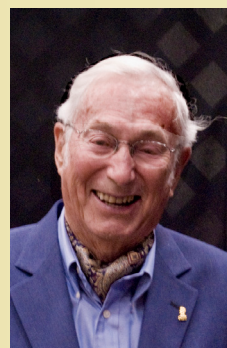
Bernie was elected to the Lincoln College Board of Trustees in 1992. In 1998, with his sister Anna, he

established the Anna K. and Bernard Behrends Endowed Scholarship Fund to help students from Logan County and its surrounding counties attend Lincoln College and enjoy the same life-changing experience he had. So far, over 70 students have benefited from the Behrends Scholarship.

Bernie received the Lincoln College Alumni Achievement Award in 2000. In May 2001, the Anna K. and Bernard E. Behrends Admissions Building was dedicated, honoring Bernie and Anna's generosity.

"Lincoln College had given me and the others the basic training needed to go out in the world and earn a good living. It instilled in us the urge to better ourselves in the world around us, teaching us to learn, cooperate with others, and make do with what we had. Many problems in life were solved or smoothed over by recalling the basic teachings we learned at Lincoln College," says Bernie.

"At the age of 91-plus I look back on my life and give credit where credit is due. I had a hard working mother [Bernie's father died when he was six], a good religious upbringing, a mother that instilled in me the work ethic, and the GI Bill all helping me to see life as it is, not as I would have it. Today I look back and wonder what kind of life I would have if Lincoln College had not provided a stepping stone in my life and career. My sister Anna K. and I both found a foundation at this school to give us the funds and the ability to help others by providing scholarships to deserving and worthy youth of the Lincoln, Logan County community. Sharing God's blessings with others adds peace and comfort to one's life."



Bill Gossett '43

Bill graduated from Lincoln High School and enrolled at Lincoln College as a freshman in the fall of 1941. He completed the spring semester, then put his education on hold to join thousands of other young men and women in military service as the country went to war. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps, was trained to operate and maintain aircraft radios, and ultimately served in the United Kingdom and France before being discharged in 1946.

Bill had every intention of returning to college, but life intervened. Upon his return to Lincoln, he found his father critically ill. Bill immediately went to work in the family dry cleaning business, eventually taking over the business and becoming a pillar of Lincoln's business and civic community.

Bill expanded into the home decorating business in the 1950s, and built a new building to house both the dry cleaners and decorating studio in the early 1960s. He ran both businesses under the same roof until he retired in 2001. As a fabric care professional, Bill served many years on the board of the Illinois State Fabric Care Association, including serving as a district director, a participant on

Members Who Retired in 2013

advisory committees, and as a speaker at the state and national conventions for the National Institute of Dry Cleaning and Fabric Care Services.

Bill is an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and has been a member, officer or served on the board of numerous civic organizations, including Abraham Lincoln Hospital Association, American Legion, Knight's Templar, Lincoln Rotary, Lincoln Toastmasters Club, Lincoln-Logan Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Oasis Senior Center, Salvation Army, and the Union Cemetery Association. He hosts the weekly radio show "View Point" on WLCN in Atlanta, Ill.

An active advocate for children and education, Bill has served on the school boards for Lincoln Community High

School, West Lincoln-Broadwell, and Lincoln District 27, and has been a mentor for students at Washington-Monroe Elementary. A 1937 graduate of Lincoln Junior High School, Bill received a Most Distinguished Graduate Award from Lincoln District 27 in 2012 for being one of Lincoln's best ambassadors.

Bill was elected to the Lincoln College Board of Trustees in 1998. In 2000, he and his wife Jean established the R.J. Gossett Theatre Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance for students interested in theatre studies. Over the years Bill has been a strong supporter of Lincoln College athletics, fine arts, the Lincoln Heritage Museum, and Creekside, Lincoln College's Outdoor Center for Environmental Education. Bill received a Lincoln College Alumni Achievement Award in 2013.

An Early Birthday Gift that kept on Giving...



With his 90th birthday on the horizon, Bill Gossett '43 received a unique and memorable early birthday present from his good friend, LC Trustee and fellow alumnus Richard Martin '58. Richard is a member of the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA), which owns and operates a B-17G bomber, one of only 12 which are still airworthy. As an EAA member, Richard knew the plane would be in Springfield, Ill., at the end of August, and he arranged for Bill to be on one of the flights. On Friday, August 30, Richard and Bill boarded the "Aluminum Overcast" for a quick trip over Sangamon County.

In an article in *The Logan County Herald* about Bill and Richard's adventure, Bill said, "As I sat there, while the pilot was revving up and checking those powerful Pratt & Whitney's, I thought about our country in that era. Airplanes, tanks, munitions of every possible kind rolling off assembly lines ... young farmers, lawyers, accountants, clerks, college kids from campuses all over the country, learning to fly. I thought of those 'kids' sitting in those planes waiting to take off, without a clue as to whether they would return. Many who labor to keep this part of history alive were born well after that time. Some people collect beer cans or cigar bands; some do something that is really worthwhile and makes a contribution. Bottom line on my flight: Richard gave me a wonderful early gift for my approaching 90th. Per custom, we plan to play golf on my 90th! Webster cannot define appreciation adequately."

As it turned out, Richard's gift kept on giving. The EAA called Bill later and asked if he would like to join three other WWII veterans

on the Labor Day flight from Springfield to Romeoville's Lewis University Airport, southwest of Chicago. Bill dropped everything, and went back to Springfield to join his fellow servicemen for the flight to Chicagoland. Bill reported that he was the youngest one in the group, and marveled at how the smart phone in his pocket has more communication capacity than the dozen banks of radios on the B17. Bill spent his Army career operating and training others to operate radio equipment.

The EAA had arranged for a van to pick the passengers up in Romeoville to drive them back to Springfield, but it was dinnertime so one of the vets asked a passerby in the airport for a restaurant recommendation. They took his suggestion, and found themselves at a very nice restaurant with wonderful food. When it came time to pay the bill, the waiter informed them that an anonymous benefactor—the person who had recommended the restaurant—had called and arranged to pay for their dinners.

It was late when he finally got home, but Bill said Labor Day 2013 is a day he'll never forget. It started as a gift from a friend and ended being the experience of a lifetime!





Lincoln College Athletic

Master of Ceremonies Sam Madonia

Originally from Springfield, Ill., Sam Madonia has a long history in Lincoln. He taught at Lincoln Community High School from 1965 to 1995, and coached baseball and girls track for the Railsplitters. He has been the radio voice of Lincoln's Railsplitter basketball and Springfield's Sacred Heart Griffin football, the public address voice of the Illinois State Fair, and he hosts the AM Springfield radio show on WFMB-AM.



Female Athlete: Jan Bowers '81

Jan Bowers came to Lincoln College in the fall of 1979 as a highly-decorated and recognized athlete at Lincoln Community High

School (LCHS) where she played volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, and track.

During her two years at LC, Bowers played volleyball, basketball and softball. She graduated in 1981 with a long list of athletic and academic awards, including class Valedictorian. She went on to Illinois State University where she was a 2-year women's basketball varsity letter winner. Bowers graduated from ISU with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education in 1984 and a master's degree in mathematics in 1990.

Bowers has coached women's basketball for high school, college and semi-professional teams, and in 2009 was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Bowers has been a member of the Lincoln College faculty since 1984; she currently holds the position of Associate Professor of Mathematics and is the Chair of the Sciences, Mathematics and Business Division at LC. During her tenure

at LC, Bowers has also served as an assistant basketball coach and girls' varsity golf coach, as well as coaching basketball and golf at LCHS. She has been recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, received a NISOD Excellence Award in Teaching, and received LC's Jack D. Nutt Educator of the Year Award in 2010. Bowers received a Lincoln College Alumni



Achievement Award in 2002.

Male Athlete: Matt Hughes '95

Matt Hughes arrived at Lincoln College with an impressive

record of wrestling at Hillsboro High School and Belleville Area College. As a sophomore at LC, Hughes was an All-American, placing 3rd at the national tournament. After graduation, Hughes continued to wrestle at Eastern Illinois University, where he was an All-American as a junior and senior.

Hughes was introduced to competitive fighting in 1996, began fighting in mixed martial arts bouts in 1998, and made his Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) debut in 1999. Hughes retired from UFC competition in 2013, having been the UFC Welterweight Champion twice and successfully defending the title seven times. Hughes holds the record for most wins in the UFC (18).

In January 2013, Hughes was named

UFC Vice President of Athlete Development and Government Relations. He has been a coach on the Spike TV reality series "The Ultimate Fighter," and hosts the Outdoor Channel's "Trophy Hunters TV" program.

Hughes has received many honors and awards, including being inducted into EIU Hall of Fame in 2008, the UFC Hall of Fame in 2010, the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2012, and the George Tragos/Lou Thesz Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2013. Hughes received Lincoln College's first Young Alumni

Achievement Award in 2009.

Male Athlete: Tom Flynn '62

Originally from Winchester, Ill., Tom Flynn came to Lincoln College



in the fall of 1960. He quickly made a name for himself on the basketball court. As a freshman, he led the team in scoring and set team records by scoring 52 points in a single game and 618 points for the season. During his sophomore year, he set more records, and led the team to the Illinois State Basketball Championship and a berth at the National Junior College Tournament. Flynn was named to the All-Conference and All-National Tournament teams, and the 2nd Team All-America. The 1962 team finished

the Hall of Fame Inaugural Class

with a 30-7 record, and was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004.

After Lincoln College, Flynn attended Northeastern Missouri State University, and started Lucky Lady Laundry, a coin-operated laundry business. Flynn died in November 2004; he was 62.

Known as the “Winchester rifle”, Flynn still holds Lynx basketball records for best individual game average, most individual points scored in one season, most individual points scored in two seasons, most points scored in a national tournament, most rebounds (sophomore), most rebounds (career), and most rebounds in a single game. He is a member of the Super Lynx 1,000 Point Club.



Female Coach: Joni B. Comstock

Joni Comstock joined the Lincoln College coaching staff after graduating from Eastern Illinois

University in 1979. She coached softball, volleyball, women’s basketball and men’s tennis, and served as assistant director of athletics while she worked on a master’s degree at Illinois State University, graduating in 1981. She earned her doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Illinois in 1987.

Comstock continued to pursue a career in collegiate athletics administration, serving as assistant athletic director at the University of Illinois (1983-1989), senior associate athletic director at Purdue (1989-2000), and athletic director of UNC-Asheville

(2000-2003) and American University (2003-2006). In 2006, she joined the staff of the NCAA as senior vice president for championships.

Comstock’s list of awards includes being named a Lincoln College Honorary Alumna in 2002; a Distinguished Alumnus of Eastern Illinois University in 2007; an EIU Top 10 Honoree in 40 years of Title IX, WACDA Regional Director of Athletics of the Year, and Ohio Valley Conference Title IX Honoree in 2012.



Male Coach: Charles “Chuck” Lindstrom

Chuck Lindstrom came to Lincoln College in 1961 after a brief career in

major league baseball. He taught geography and coached baseball for two years, when he took on the additional role of athletic director. He retired from Lincoln College in 1983, and went on to start two successful businesses, Diamond Dry and Universal Sports Lighting.

During Lindstrom’s tenure, competitive athletics at Lincoln College grew from just men’s basketball, swimming, tennis and baseball to include soccer, golf, wrestling, women’s basketball, softball, and volleyball. As baseball coach, he personally built a new baseball field, including dugouts and lighting for night games. In May, Chuck’s former players sponsored the naming of the Baseball Office in his honor.

Lindstrom’s belief in honesty, integrity, and providing opportunities

for student athletes and coaches to develop to their full potential laid a foundation for the athletics program at Lincoln College that continues today. Under his guidance, LC athletics received both state and national recognition, and LC athletes have been successful in both collegiate and professional athletics and in their post-athletic careers.

Lindstrom was named the American Legion Baseball Player of the Year in 1953, and was made an Honorary Alumnus of Lincoln College in 2009.



Administrator: Dr. Jack D. Nutt

Jack Nutt came to Lincoln in 1982, after serving seven years as president of Highland

Community College in Highland, Kansas. He was a visionary leader and administrator, and has been widely credited with reviving and preserving Lincoln College as one the country’s few private junior colleges. He retired from Lincoln College due to health problems in 2002, and passed away in October 2004.

During his two decades as president, Nutt oversaw the development of the Normal campus, including the expansion of the certificate and degree programs offered at Lincoln College-Normal, and the establishment of Midwest College of Cosmetology. In addition to new buildings at the Normal campus, several new buildings were added to the Lincoln campus, including the Meyers-Evans Student Center, Dooley Hall, Gehlbach Hall, the Behrends Admissions Building, and

Athletic Hall of Fame continued...

the Heritage Residence Halls and Student Services offices.

Nutt recognized the need for a larger athletic facility and larger space for the Lincoln Museum on the Lincoln campus. In 2001 he started the Campaign for The Lincoln Center, which had generated over \$4 million at the time of his death. The Lincoln Center, with its Jack D. Nutt Arena, opened in 2010.

Nutt was inducted into the Highland Community College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001, and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lincoln College in 2004.



Friends Dominic “Doc” and John Guzzardo

Doc Guzzardo opened Guzzardo’s Italian Villa in Lincoln in 1957, the same year

Norm Kaye started coaching at Lincoln College. Doc was an avid sports fan, and quickly became a good friend to Kaye and to Lincoln College, attending ball games and keeping his restaurant open to feed players when teams returned late from away games. Doc frequently traveled to watch the Lynx play, and was in Hutchinson, Kansas, in 1962 to see the Lynx basketball team compete in LC’s very first national tournament. When the team returned to Lincoln, Doc organized a parade through town in their honor. Doc retired from running Guzzardo’s Italian Villa in 1977, and was recognized by LC as an “Honorary Letterman” in 1981. He passed away in 1992.

Doc’s son John has carried on the family tradition, in running the restaurant and supporting Lincoln College athletics, including providing catering for the Lynx basketball Hall of Fame Club for their first two seasons in the Lincoln Center. John was made an Honorary Alumnus of Lincoln College in 2006.



LINCOLN COLLEGE

Chicagoland

Alumni & Friends Networking Reception



*Meet & Greet with President John Blackburn & catch up with LC legends...
Paul Beaver '56, Allen Pickering, Steve Foster and Tom Zurkammer '63!*

\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door - includes heavy appetizer buffet and one drink ticket. Discounted rate of \$15 for young alumni still completing their degree.

Space is limited to 60!

RSVP - E-mail: alumni@lincolncollege.edu or
Toll-Free: 877-522-5867

Forms of payment can be credit card via phone or checks made out to “Lincoln College”.

**Friday, October 25, 2013
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Weber Grill, Lakeview Room
2331 Fountain Square Drive
Lombard, IL 60148

Ben Lawler, class of 2000,

was born on a farm in Marion, Ill. One of six brothers, he attended Marion High School before coming to Lincoln College for two years. Ben found his time at LC to be invaluable. He was involved in theater, soccer, and wrestling. He shared, “my experience at Lincoln College was absolutely awesome! I wouldn’t trade those two years for anything. Thanks LC, for a well-rounded experience!”



After LC, Ben transferred to Saint Louis University (SLU) because it had a great business program with a campus in Madrid, Spain. This was important because from a very young age Ben was drawn to International Business, and his family had hosted an exchange student from Madrid. While at SLU, Ben studied International Business and Spanish, and he spent six months living in Madrid where he was blessed with the opportunity to study other cultures.

Ben says the highlights of his time in Spain were “running with the bulls in Pamplona; spring break in Greece; visiting our exchange student and his family; Real Madrid soccer games; El Prado Museum; weekend excursions to Segovia and Toledo; deep sea fishing off the coast of Portugal; and living with a host family who didn’t speak English.”

After graduating from SLU in 2003, Ben began working for Tom James of St. Louis. Founded in 1966 in Nashville, Tenn., Tom James is now the largest custom clothing manufacturer in the world. With 104 offices around the globe, the company gave Ben a great way to see the world and use his International Business degree. Two of Ben’s brothers also work for the company, in Memphis and Atlanta.

Tom James has grown its business by word of mouth and referrals. Ben and his team of salespeople call on clients in their home or office and take all the time and hassle out of going to the store while providing clients with top-notch custom clothing. Today Ben runs the Tom James office in St. Louis with a team of five salespeople, three tailors and one full-time office manager. Ben has worked with Tom James for 10 years and plans on retiring with the company.

A few years ago, Chris Dixon, one of Ben’s clients, talked about starting an organization that would help underprivileged men and women. Ben and Chris talked more about the idea when Ben mentioned collecting gently used suits and shirts from his clients, and how people are judged based on their first impression. Ben thought, “why don’t we donate clothing to men and women who want to be productive members of society?” And that was the inception of the St. Louis Suit Project.

Founded by Christopher Dixon, Benjamin Lawler, and Stephen Brooks, the mission of the St. Louis Suit Project is to help build a positive self-image for underprivileged men and women by demonstrating the importance of a first impression, specifically

in a competitive work force. These young adults will be properly outfitted and attired through the generous donations of the St. Louis Suit Project supporters.

The St. Louis Suit Project seeks to place suits and other business attire in

the hands of deserving individuals who demonstrate selfless character traits despite a lack of resources. Upon an applicant being selected to receive a donation, the suit is custom fitted to the individual, his or her name is embroidered on the inside pocket, and if possible, matching shirts, ties, belts and shoes are also provided. The application requires that an applicant undertake one random act of kindness for another individual. The organization’s website explains “kindness is not contingent upon money, and simple acts of kindness are worth their weight in gold ... confirmation of this act will serve to qualify an individual for donation. It is our hope that our donations will spark further selfless giving.” Last year over 600 suits were donated and over \$75,000 was raised to help young men and women.

The St. Louis Suit Project is separate from Tom James, but it goes hand-in-hand with what Ben does. When he calls on a client in their home or office to provide them with custom tailored clothing, part of the conversation is whether the person has items in their closet they are not wearing. If they do, Ben lets them know about the St. Louis Suit Project and how they can clean out their closet, help an underprivileged young man or woman, and get a tax deduction, all at the same time. According to Ben, “That’s a win-win!”

Today, Ben resides in Ballwin, Mo., with his wife Becky and daughter Jillian. They are expecting a son in December. Ben says Becky is his one true love, after all, they met in grade school. Ben enjoys running, and has completed five marathons. He is also involved with the Lymphoma Leukemia Society, USTA St. Louis, Juvenile Research Diabetes Foundation and the SLU Alumni Association. The St. Louis Suit Project has provided an effective avenue for Ben to do what he loves best: helping people dress for success while giving back to his community.

If you would like to know more about The St. Louis Suit Project, please visit <http://www.thestlouissuitproject.org>. For more information on Tom James, visit <http://www.tomjames.com/?m=US>.



classnotes



1960s

Everett "Doc" Murdock, class of 1961, now a California State University Emeritus Professor, dropped by the Lincoln College campus recently on his way to run in the USA Track and Field Masters Championships in Chicago (where he won the gold medal in the steeplechase). Congratulations, Doc, on your gold medal and thanks again for stopping by campus to say hello!

Les Linz, class of 1979, has founded Servant's Heart Healing Ministries doing outreach and prayer for physical healing for the uninsured and underinsured, for individuals in military service, for those who are incarcerated, and for pets. His ministry also helps establish healing rooms in communities that don't have them. He is married to Kathi, a children's author, former Christian school teacher, and library information assistant. Les's first wife died of breast cancer in 1997; he has a 25 year old daughter who is a CPA.

1980s

Mark Beavan, class of 1983, met Dawn LaForge, class of 1982, here at LC. They dated and then married only a few weeks after graduation in May 1983. Mark enlisted in the Air Force in 1985, and became an aircraft mechanic. A long—or short—25 years later he retired and they moved back to Dawn's hometown, New Holland, Ill. Mark is currently working at a John Deere dealership as a parts manager, and Dawn is a teller at the First National Bank in Tremont.

1970s

Dennis "Denny" Frary, class of 1970, visited campus in early August and was able to visit with Lincoln native Julie Larson, creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip "The Dinette Set," and President Emeritus Ron Schilling. Denny is a *huge* fan of Larson's comic strip and has read it in the newspaper every day for years. Mr. Schilling was Denny's high school typing teacher in his hometown of Prophetstown, Ill., so they have known each other for many years. Mr. Schilling is friends with Julie so he was able to arrange the meeting. Denny, a strong supporter of the Lincoln Heritage Museum, was excited to get a sneak peek at the progress of the new museum space in the Lincoln Center.



Dennis Frary '70 with Julie Larson and Ron Schilling

Rosalyn (Berick) Rosenfeld, class of 1973, turned 60 in June, and is recovering very successfully from hip surgery in mid-July. She and her husband Mark have been married for 26 years and have a 23 year old daughter teaching in Florida and a 21 year old who is a senior at Indiana University. After Lincoln, Rosalyn went on to receive her BS degree from Northern Illinois University in 1976 in Fashion Merchandising. She is a Sales/Selling Specialist at Neiman Marcus. Mark graduated from DePaul and works at Coverdell in finances.



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1990s

Tom McLaughlin, class of 1994, has been named the new Development Officer at Lincoln College.

Tom comes back to Lincoln College from Astellas Pharma US, Inc., where he served as a Senior Representative and Certified Field Trainer for central Illinois and the St. Louis area. After graduating from Lincoln College, Tom finished his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at Eastern Illinois University and his Master's in Business Administration Degree at the University of Illinois-Springfield.



While a student at LC, Tom enjoyed performing with the Lincoln College Express Show Choir for two years and doing several theatrical performances at the Johnston Center. By the time he graduated, Tom had won several awards at LC, including Best Actor, the William B. McKinley Prize for Outstanding Freshman and the Samuel B.

Evans Award for Outstanding Sophomore. Tom was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was chosen as the Student Laureate to the Lincoln Academy, where he was also named a Scholar of Distinction.

Although Tom has been away from Lincoln College for several years working for various Fortune 500 companies, he is very excited to be coming "home".

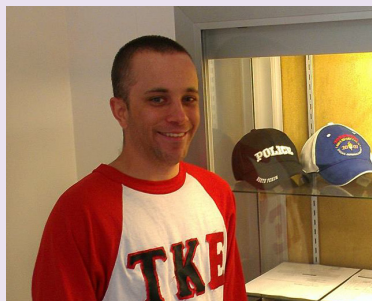
"Lincoln College has always held a special place in my heart. While I enjoyed my work in the pharmaceutical industry, I never had a true passion for what I did. After coming back to Lincoln College, I have rediscovered that passion and look forward to spending my career helping the students, faculty, and administration reach their goals."

The Development Office, housed within the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations, helps Lincoln College raise funds for specific campaigns, student scholarships, and the Annual Fund, which provides resources for the most critical and urgent needs of Lincoln College.

A Lincoln native, Tom has been married for nine years to Brittney (nee Dobson), LC class of 2000, and has three rescued shelter dogs, Agador, Sparticus, and Ollie.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to know more about how to donate to Lincoln College, please feel free to give Tom a call at (217) 732-3155 ext. 254 or toll-free at (877) 522-5867. You can also email him at tmclaughlin@lincolncollege.edu.

2000s **Brandon McSheffery**, class of 2011, from Woodridge, Ill., majored in Criminal Justice and Sociology at Eureka College where he recently graduated with his BA degree. Brandon has many reasons to be happy these days. He recently landed a full-time position in the area of security services where he is able to apply his knowledge and training.



Brandon started his college work at Lincoln College where he was very active and successful. Brandon was involved in the WLN radio station, was the recipient of the Margarite and Paul Berger Memorial Scholarship and the

LC Faculty/Staff scholarship, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He has praised LC associate professor Jan Bowers as being "the best teacher ever!" Brandon said that math was probably his worst subject and Ms. Bowers really did all she could to make it understandable and passable for those who struggled. After Lincoln, Brandon transferred to Eureka College to complete his degree requirements.

Brandon will be working as a Private Investigator for HUB Enterprises (a branch of Blackwater Security Services). HUB Enterprises is a nationwide investigation firm that conducts investigations involving insurance fraud, background checks, civil and criminal records, and skip tracing to name a few. He will be one of a limited number of surveillance specialists working in the Chicago area.

Trustee Emeritus Bill Gossett '43 ran into a few fellow Lincoln College alumni at the annual Art & Balloon Festival in Lincoln in August 2013 and captured this photo. From left to right: Melvin Johnson '12, Debbie Ackerman '83, and Edmond Walker '11. Debbie is the Vice President for Advancement at LC. Melvin and Edmond are both students at Lincoln Christian University, also here in Lincoln, and plan to graduate in May 2014.



*Ron Rabinovitz '65
Visits Campus After 50 Years
to Share his Story of
"Jackie Robinson and The Kid"*



Much has changed at Lincoln College—and in the world at large—since Ron Rabinovitz came to campus for summer school and fall semester in 1963. In August, Ron was back on campus for the first time in 50 years to share the story of his friendship with baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson as part of the Week of Welcome activities for new students.

When Robinson broke the Major League Baseball color barrier by signing to play with the Brooklyn Dodgers, 'civil rights' wasn't yet a part of the American lexicon. But Ron's father David, a Wisconsin attorney, was an early advocate of civil rights for blacks. He became a Dodgers fan because they'd signed Robinson, and he passed his enthusiasm for baseball and civil rights on to his son. Ron was eight in 1954 when his father took him to watch the Dodgers play the Braves in Milwaukee. After the game, Ron was able to meet Jackie, and the two formed a friendship that would last almost two decades, until Jackie's death in 1972.

"There were a lot of great African American ballplayers back then, but some were alcoholics, others were womanizers. Jackie never drank, smoked, or used drugs. He was married to Rachel—who stood by him through all the terrible things people said and did. [Branch] Rickey knew what he was doing when he picked Robinson over some other, maybe better, ballplayers. He was a real man, a real hero," says Ron.

The Dodgers were playing in Milwaukee on Ron's tenth birthday, and after the game Robinson joined the family for dinner at a favorite Milwaukee restaurant. "My hero was at my party, singing happy birthday to me. I was on cloud nine," Ron recalls. Over the years, Ron wrote letters to Jackie, and Jackie wrote back. Today Ron has several personal letters from Robinson, plus many photos of them together. In their letters they shared their concerns about a variety of issues, encouraging each other and deepening their friendship despite their differences.

"I was white. He was black. I was Jewish. He was Christian. I was a kid. He was an adult. I was from a little town in the Midwest. He lived in a big city out East," Ron explains in his presentation. "But we had a bond, a chemistry." Robinson even sent Ron his personal unlisted phone number. Ron used it to call and congratulate Robinson on being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

With a passion to keep the memory and legacy of his hero alive, Ron has shared the story of his friendship with Robinson with many people over the years, and was featured on the front page of the USA Today Sports section in 2007, the 60th anniversary of Robinson's signing with the Dodgers. Award-winning writer and director Eric Simonson is adapting the story of Robinson's relationship with the Rabinovitz family into a play. "The Incredible

Season of Ronnie Rabinovitz" is scheduled to open in February 2014, at the History Theatre in Saint Paul, Minn.

In November 1963, Ron was in the cast of "The Tender Trap," LC's fall play scheduled to open on Parent's Weekend, Friday, November 22, the Friday President Kennedy was assassinated. Ron's family were personal friends of the Kennedys—Ron had traveled with his father in 1960 when David worked on Kennedy's presidential election campaign—and the Rabinovitzes traveled to Washington, D.C., for the funeral. In the personal and political aftermath of those events, Ron did not return to Lincoln College. But he has fond memories of campus and his classmates from the summer and fall of 1963.

Then and now: a few other thoughts on Jackie Robinson in the modern era:

On the movie "42": "Harrison Ford deserves an Oscar for his role as Branch Rickey, but you know they had to tone everything down to get the PG-13 rating. So if you watch the film, you have to know that all the abuse and all the horrible things that were said were really 100 times worse than what they could show in the movie."

On handwritten letters in an age of texts and Twitter: "I sent letters addressed to Jackie Robinson, New York, New York. No [street] address, no zip code. And they got delivered. He addressed his to me in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, no zip code. They got delivered, no problem." Ron keeps copies of the letters in a binder for his presentations, but the originals are locked away for safe-keeping. He has said he intends to pass them on to his children, though the Baseball Hall of Fame has expressed a strong interest in adding them to its archive.

On prejudice and politics: In the 1950s, Ron experienced prejudice first hand when his friend Johnny's parents wouldn't let them play together because Ron's family was Jewish, and later when his father's office was vandalized because they invited Jackie Robinson to visit them at their home in Sheboygan. And though Robinson was a Republican and the Rabinovitzes were Democrats, their differing political views were never an issue in their friendship—though some of Jackie's letters to Ron include remarks to David about political issues of the day. "It was good-natured," says Ron. "It was just Jackie's way of saying 'hello' to my dad."

Today there is much less overt prejudice against people because of their race or religion, but much more political polarization. "It's crazy what's happening in politics today," said Ron. "Then Republicans and Democrats agreed to disagree, and still worked together and kept the country moving."



Ron's 10th birthday was made extra special when his hero, Jackie Robinson, joined his family for the birthday dinner.



Jackie Robinson with Ron, his sister Judi and their dad David (sitting).

Fun times with LC Alumni & Friends at two Cubs/Cards games this summer
Take Me Out to the Ballgame...



GLOBAL STUDIES

with Professor Paula Knopp

On May 15, 2013 Professor Paula Knopp and seven other travelers departed from O'Hare International Airport for a Lincoln College Global Studies 11-day adventure to China. The journey took them to Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, and Hong Kong. Many notable sites were visited including the Terracotta Warriors, the Olympic Village in Beijing, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Bund, Victoria's Peak, and the Temple of Heaven. Some opportunities to experience the culture involved participating in a tea ceremony, riding bicycles on top of the oldest city wall in China in Xi'an, climbing the Great Wall of China, a Peking duck dinner, a

Tang Dynasty dinner and cultural show, a Hu tong rickshaw ride and family dinner, and an evening Huangpu River cruise around the Shanghai Harbor. Another highlight was visiting the Quianmen Foreign Language School, a middle school in Beijing, where an occasion to interact with students was memorable. The opportunity to experience first-hand the culture, traditions, food, and people of China is a lifetime memory. If you are interested in participating in the next Global Studies opportunity, contact Professor Knopp at pknopp@lincolncollege.edu or phone (217) 732-3155, Ext. 304.

Pictured right: The Lincoln College Global Studies group enjoying the harbor and beautiful skyline in Shanghai. Left to right: Dr. Rich Knopp, Bonnie Silverstein '63, Abbie Alexander, Riley Dobson, Professor Knopp, Christian Arteman, Kerri Anderson, and Craig Moran

Pictured below: Professor Knopp presenting a gift from Lincoln College to the Principal of the Beijing Quianmen Foreign Language School, an elite junior high in Beijing, which they visited on the trip.



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In Memory

Our deepest sympathies 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

Patricia G. (Hodnett) Reese, 94, 1939, June 18, 2013.

1940s

Dorothy W. (Baker) Bruntjen, 90, 1941, January 11, 2012. Elsie M. Menzel, 91, 1941, July 20, 2013. Robert L. Viands, 92, 1941, August 28, 2013. Leslie A. Cisco, 91, 1942, July 6, 2013. Dorothy (Przykopanski) Morrow, 90, 1942, July 11, 2013. Nelson H. Alberts, 89, 1943, May 5, 2013. Robert J. Seller, 88, 1943, November 18, 2012.

1950s

Charles H. Anderson, 82, 1951, April 10, 2013. Phyllis J. (Siewert) Fairbairn, 80, 1953, May 11, 2013. Leslie R. Payne, 78, 1953, April 3, 2012. John H. Behrens, 77, 1956, August 20, 2013. Robert S. Redhead, 78, 1956, January 16, 2013. John B. Spafford, 75, 1957, February 16, 2012. Ronald L. Gehlbach, 73, 1959, February 27, 2013.

1960s

Larry E. Neff, 72, 1960, November 27, 2012. Richard G. Abdnour, 71, 1961, November 15, 2012. Anthony J. Drago, 70, 1962, March 19, 2013. Robert R. Newberry, 72, 1962, September 5, 2012. Dean H. Sproul, 71, 1962, September 26, 2012. Gary K. Hammonds, 69, 1964, July 11, 2013. James L. Sickert, 68, 1966, November 19, 2012. Michael C. Olbrich, 65, 1967, December 11, 2012.

1970s

Alan M. Blumenthal, 61, 1970, January 24, 2012. Carolyn V. (Hall) Hallmark, 63, 1971, October 6, 2012. Dennis F. Nowak, 61, 1972, April 6, 2013. Jane E. (Holderfield) Barrett Collings, 72, 1976, December 25, 2012.

1980s

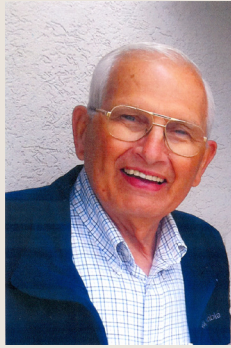
Samara Korelstein, 50, 1982, May 4, 2012.

1990s

Debbie (Altman) Bartmann, 57, 1991, March 30, 2013.

2010s

Colin M. Nutter, 20, 2013, June 3, 2013.



Wilbur Carl Paulus
1934 – 2013

Lincoln College is deeply saddened by the recent death of Trustee **Wilbur Carl Paulus, 78**, who died Saturday, September 14, 2013, at his home in Lincoln.

He was born on September 24, 1934, in Lincoln to Carl and Mabel (Gehlbach) Paulus. They preceded him in death. Wilbur served on the Board of Trustees at Lincoln College for 19 years.

He is survived by his wife, Alice (Dierker) Paulus, whom he married on December 15, 1956; daughter Becky (Leland) Semple of Hartsburg; son Randall (Terri) Paulus of Lincoln; son Kent (Lynn) Paulus of Lincon; and daughter Lori (Rod) Christensen of Grayslake, IL; 11 grandchildren; a sister, Lois (Wayne) Conrady of Lincoln, and nieces and nephews.

Wilbur graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1952 and from Iowa State University in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Farm Operation following a two year tour in the United States Army. He was a lifelong livestock and grain farmer in Logan County at the farm recognized by the State of Illinois as a Centennial Farm.

Wilbur was a lifelong member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln. He was a former board member and officer of West Lincoln Elementary School Board and Lincoln Community High School Board of Education, and served on the Lincoln College Board of Trustees since 1994. Wilbur has been a member of the Logan County Zoning Board of Appeals for over 40 years, serving as the only Secretary of the Board. He also served on the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Lincoln.

Wilbur was involved in several ag-related organizations at the State and National level including Illinois Pork Producers, serving as President; the National Livestock and Meat Board as the Pork Industry Group representative; and Illinois FBFM Association as a Director.

Wilbur was recognized as Outstanding Young Farmer in 1968, Prairie Farmer Master Farmer 1977. Wilbur and his family were honored as Illinois Pork Producer Association Farm Family of the Year in 2000. He was an avid sports fan, especially of the Chicago Cubs.

The family asks that memorials be made to the Lincoln College Heritage Museum or to St. John UCC.

Don't miss out on the 6th Annual Holiday Shopping Bus Trip to Woodfield Mall and IKEA!

It's Saturday, November 2, 2013 and open to all Lincoln College employees, families, alumni and friends.

Cost: \$40, includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, bottled water, muffins, snack mix, a shopping bag and coupon booklet.

For details and to reserve your space, contact Mary Jo in the Lincoln College Alumni Office at 217 732-3155 x217 or mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu

For more details visit www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni



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Lincoln College Fine Arts Division Calendar 2013

Fall

November 6 th -10 th	<i>Rumors</i>	Mainstage
November 23 rd and 24 th	Dance Concert	Mainstage
December 6 th and 7 th	Holiday Concert	Mainstage

