

# The Lincoln Log

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## Alumna's Inspiring Career in Film Animation Began at Lincoln College

Brenda Chapman-Lima, class of 1982, grew up in Beason, Ill. After graduating from Lincoln Community High School, she came to Lincoln College where she studied art and received the Alta Charles McKeever Prize for art her sophomore year.

Today, Brenda is best known for having written and directed "Brave", the summer 2012 Disney-Pixar hit about a Scottish princess named Merida. Brenda was inspired to write the story because of her own strong-willed daughter.

"Brave" is Brenda's second major directing credit. The first was "Prince of Egypt" (1998), the first major studio animated feature film to be directed by an American woman. Brenda has worked as an artist, writer, and in other capacities on many other films and television shows, including "Chicken Run," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Lion King," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Road to Eldorado," "The Little Mermaid," "Dennis the Menace," "The Real Ghost Busters," to name a few. Her complete filmography can be read on [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com).

Life is extremely busy these days for Brenda, who lives in Mill Valley, Calif., with her husband Kevin Lima and their daughter Emma. Brenda and Kevin have extremely busy schedules, working in the film animation industry and parenting a teenager, but Brenda graciously took a little time to share her story with Kerri Taylor, alumni relations and special events coordinator.

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**Brenda and Emma in Scotland**

## President's Column

Life brings each of us so many challenges, opportunities, and surprises. My becoming president of Lincoln College has encompassed all of the above. A year ago I was planning for retirement as CEO of COUNTRY Financial and looking forward to a slower pace, a lot of grandparent time with our six grandchildren, more golf, and some travel. Starting a third career was the furthest thing from my mind. But as I, along with my fellow trustees on the Lincoln College Board, began searching for a new president to replace our retiring one, it became evident that many of the challenges facing our institution were more business challenges than academic ones. So in the end of our search we decided that a person with a passion for education, a love of Lincoln College, and a strong business background would be a good fit at this juncture. Time will tell if we were correct. Let me assure all of you, I am not considering failure as an option.

What I know well from my first career as a teacher/coach and my second one in financial services is that leadership is about creating vision and engaging everyone in its implementation. A leader's success is determined by the accomplishments of everyone else in the organization. So the Cabinet and I have been working hard to simplify and crystallize our mission, vision, core values, and strategic goals to memorable and actionable statements that we believe to be true and that all can embrace. We have shared them with our outstanding faculty, staff, and trustees and now will do the same with our alumni and friends through this venue. Above is the essence of our long-term strategic direction which we ask you to support.

We have also set some short-term goals to position us for the future, which definitely can only be achieved by hard work and strong alumni involvement. They are in order:

Stabilize Enrollment (Number and Quality)

Increase Contributions (Money, time, and talent)

Reduce Debt (A function of accomplishing the first two goals)



*Experience Outstanding*

### OUR MISSION

Lincoln College uniquely empowers students to realize their full potential.

### OUR VALUES

- S**TUDENT-CENTERED
- T**EACHING EXCELLENCE
- U**NIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION
- D**IVERSE COLLEGE COMMUNITY
- E**MPOWERED PEOPLE
- N**URTURING ENVIRONMENT
- T**RANSFORMING LIVES
- S**TUDENT SUCCESS







### How can you help?

- Share your Lincoln College story with potential students, their parents, and high school guidance counselors.
- Let our Admissions Office know of potential recruits we should contact.
- Contributions large or small make a difference.
- Contribution of time, talent, and ideas are also very helpful.
- Come to campus and/or alumni events—we want to see you, hear how your life is going, and get your input.
- Encourage other alums to support Lincoln College.



*In my short time at Lincoln College I believe I understand our challenges and issues. The good news is, with your help, there are none that cannot be addressed and fixed.*

*Thanks for the opportunity and honor to be your president.*

*John D. Blackburn*

*Alumna's inspiring career continued from p.1*

(KT = Kerri Taylor; BC = Brenda Chapman)

**KT: What are your favorite memories of your Lincoln College days?**

**BC:** I remember getting the assignment to take Life Drawing while watching the dance class. Mr. Zurkammer made me sign up for dance to be allowed in the room. The dancers were quite the show-offs and wanted the drawings I did of them... leaving me with very little left for my portfolio!

I met one of my best friends my first day of art class. I assumed she was from Chicago, and she assumed the same of me. When she asked me about where I lived, I said, "Oh, you've never heard of it...it's a tiny little local town." Then when I finally told her that I was from Beason, she said, "I'm from Waynesville!" There were more of us "townies" than either of us realized.

**KT: Tell us a little about where you went after Lincoln College?**

**BC:** I worked for a couple of years at a local insurance company stuffing envelopes while taking night art classes at LC. I applied to California Institute of the Arts, which had a graduate program for Character Animation. I was rejected the first time; I then tried again the next year and was accepted. I moved to California in 1984.

I met my husband there, Kevin Lima; we were married in 1988. Now we have a 13 year-old daughter.

**KT: How did you come up with the story behind "Brave" and how does it relate back to your life in Beason, Ill.?**

**BC:** When I started thinking about the story of "Brave," the idea was inspired by my "stormy" relationship with my daughter. She was only 5 at the time, and I was wondering what she was going to be like as a teenager. She's a really strong-willed girl—a good thing when she becomes an adult, but a piece of work raising her!

It was the first time I'd had the opportunity to create, write and direct my own story, so I wanted to pay homage to my hometown and people that I remembered with so much fondness. When I first started developing the idea, I had a character named Silas, whose

father's name was Beason. Silas Beason was the founder of my hometown of Beason. But unfortunately, I had to cut those characters very early on, because they just didn't fit in the mother/daughter story. But I always had the mother and daughter...and I remembered Merida Drake and Elinor Keyes, two wonderful ladies I went to church with in Beason. Because I was setting my story in Scotland (a homage to part of my ancestry), I thought their names would work well in the story. I was so pleased when they agreed to let me use them. I always thought their names were so beautiful.

**KT: Now that "Brave" has hit theaters and is a big hit, what are you doing with your time?**

**BC:** I am consulting for an animated film at LucasFilm until next May, and I will be developing some projects for DreamWorks starting early next year.

I am also mentoring other young artists who are trying to make it in animation, as well as speaking and doing workshops at universities, art schools and conferences. I never would have thought in a million years that I'd have the courage to get up in front of an audience and talk! I was so shy when I lived in Beason and went to LC!

**KT: What are your main accomplishments or things about yourself you want to share?**

**BC:** I am enjoying being a mom of a 13 year-old girl. She keeps me from getting old by challenging me every step of the way. She's amazing.

I have been happily married for 24 years. We both work in the animation industry.

**KT: If you could offer out any advice to today's college students, what would it be?**

**BC:** Work toward doing something you love or have a passion for. I loved to draw since I could hold a crayon...and I pursued an education and career where I could keep doing that. I have never regretted it. Like my step-father, the late Jack Brown always said, "I've never worked a day in my life, because I love what I do!" He was a farmer.

Brenda, Emma and Kevin at the 2012 Los Angeles Film Festival



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## Lincoln College Gains Three New Board of Trustee Members



**Lee Edward Komnick** was born in Lincoln and lived much of his life in Emden, Ill. He attended Eureka College before being drafted and serving in the Army from 1972 to 1974. Lee attended Western Illinois University for a year, then went to work in the family business, BB Milling Company in Emden. In 1979, he married Mari Ann Mammen; they have two sons and three grandchildren. Their sons Joshua and Ryne both attended Lincoln College and earned bachelor degrees from LC-Normal. Lee has been the owner/operator of the BB Milling Company for the last 36 years, and Mari Ann has been employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Lincoln for the past 27 years. They currently reside in rural Lincoln.



**Dave Magers** has been the executive vice president and chief financial officer of COUNTRY Financial since 2003. Dave has a bachelor's degree in accounting and a Masters of Business Administration, both from Illinois State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In 2008, the Association of Fundraising Professionals named Magers their Central Illinois philanthropy volunteer of the year. He was inducted into the Illinois State University College of Business Hall of Fame in April 2010. He was also named the 2010 Illinois State University Beta Sigma Gamma National Business Honor Society Honoree and was recognized as a 2009-10 Normal Community High School Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus. Dave lives in Bloomington, Ill., with his wife Karen.



**Jack Sparacio**, class of 1963, recently retired after a successful career in manufacturing. Between 1991 and 2012 Jack was President and CEO of IMED Corp, a San Diego-based subsidiary of Advanced Medical Inc., Lang Manufacturing Company in Everett, Wash., and Plastics Engineering & Development, Inc. (PEDI) in California. Jack earned his AA degree from Lincoln College and his BA degree in Business Administration and Education from Western Michigan University. He also completed studies at Northwestern University School of Business in the Executive Management Development Program and Columbia University Graduate School of Executive Management Development. Jack is married to Cyndi and they have five grown children with three grandchildren and one more on the way. Jack and Cyndi currently reside in Kirkland, Wash.



**LINCOLN COLLEGE  
HOMECOMING  
RETURNS**

*Fall 2013*

*watch for details to come...*

## LC COMMUNITY CHALLENGED TO CHOOSE CIVILITY



No one has far to look to see that contemporary culture has become more casual and less civil over the past several years. Campus civility has become a big issue—and grabbed big headlines—at colleges and universities around the country.



students were required to sign a civility pledge.

So far the results have been positive. Several faculty members have commented on the increase in classroom civility thus far in the semester. Moreover, faculty, staff members, and students have noted the more pleasant atmosphere on the campus as students embrace a more civil culture.

The long-term success of the initiative will depend on everyone remaining diligent and consistently working together to create the best possible environment for teaching and learning. It's a cultural paradigm shift through which LC has an opportunity to provide transformational learning for our students which will help them reach their potential and be successful in life.

In keeping with LC's mission to be a student-centered institution that uniquely empowers students to realize their full potential for success through quality educational programs and services, the offices of Academic Affairs and Student Services have collaborated on a campus-wide civility initiative that will be implemented over three years.

Phase 1 of the initiative is focused on helping faculty, staff and students recognize and discourage mild incivilities such as profane language, rudeness, and the inappropriate use of cell phones and other personal electronics. At the beginning of the fall semester, programs were provided for faculty, staff, and students to promote awareness and teach ways everyone can work toward creating a more civil campus environment, and

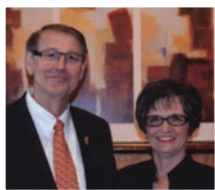
## Alumni Committees

The Alumni Office works with committees of alumni in Lincoln and Chicago. The committees meet periodically to discuss alumni and campus events, fundraising, and College news. Committee members help plan and recruit alumni for Reunion and other events. The Alumni Office hopes to start new committees in St. Louis, Indiana and central Wisconsin.

The Lincoln Alumni Committee members are: Bob Jeckel '66, Anna Stanfield '54, Marlene Schrader '53, Sue Beaver '58, Paul Beaver '56, Mary Ellen Martin '59, Bill Zimmer '58, Janet Zimmer '59, Wayne Conrady '50, and Jeff Nelson '89. You can read more about some of them in this issue's Alumni Spotlights. The Chicago Alumni Committee will be featured in the spring issue.

If you are interested in serving on one of the alumni committees, please contact the Alumni Office by emailing [alumni@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:alumni@lincolncollege.edu) or by calling toll free 877-522-5867. You can also nominate someone you feel would be a strong asset to one of the committees. Larger and more diverse committees will help LC and the Alumni Office engage a wider range of educational objectives and alumni.

## Alumni Spotlights



**Bob Jeckel** graduated from Lincoln College in 1966 with his AA degree. His fondest memory of his days at LC is meeting his now wife, Celia Ann "Cees" (Harmon) Jeckel, class of 1964.

After LC, Bob went on to Illinois State University and graduated with a BS in Agriculture Education. He then went on to farm for nearly 25 years. During that time he became a licensed independent insurance agent and is currently president and principal of Lincoln Logan May Enterprise Insurance Agency in Lincoln.

Bob and Cees are avid supporters of Lincoln College, especially the athletic programs. Cees retired from LC on June 30, 2012 after many years of service to the College. Bob and Cees have two daughters who also attended Lincoln College. Laurie '93 and her husband Dave live in Cincinnati and have two children, Andy and Kate. Natalie '97 and her husband Case live in Decatur.

Not only is Bob an active member of the Lincoln Alumni Committee but he also serves on the Lincoln Rotary Club and is currently the president of the Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln.



**Anna (Reeves) Stanfield**, class of 1954 is happily enjoying retirement after 57 years of farming. In December 2011 Anna and her husband Donald sold off the last of their farm machinery and are now settled into

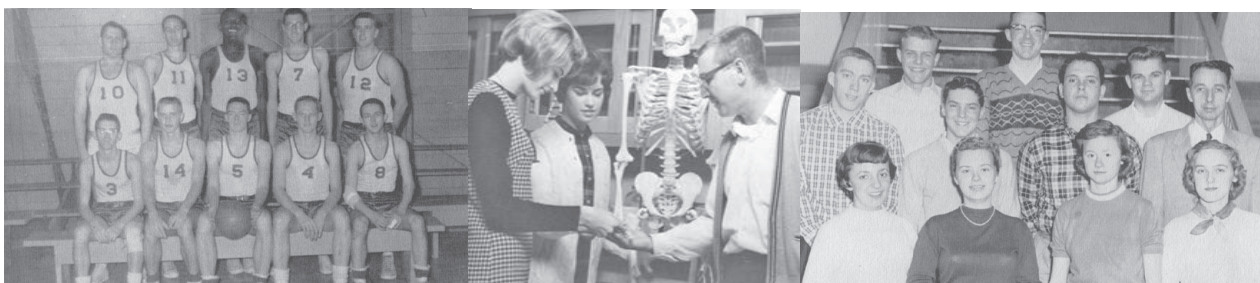
their new home in Lincoln. Their neighbors are semi-retired farmers and Donald helps their son with the planting and harvesting, so he is still able to enjoy a little of the farming work he did for so many years. Anna is an avid gardener and enjoys making salads, pickles and jelly from their fresh produce.

Anna's son Donald followed in his mother's footsteps and began his college education at LC. He graduated in 1975. Now Anna's granddaughter Lauren is a freshman. Anna is very proud of her families three generations attending LC.

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All class years invited and encouraged to attend!

# SAVE THE DATE...



**1988** 25th  
**1963** 50th  
**1943** 70th  
**1938** 75th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR REUNION 2013 **APRIL 26-27, 2013**

A special cluster reunion for 1972 • 1973 • 1974 is being planned in conjunction with this year's reunion.

# Normal Campus

**Holley Hinthorn**, class of 1992, began attending Lincoln College-Normal as an adult learner in 1988 when a couple of his co-workers suggested he should take some computer classes. Holley chose LC-N because he liked the small size, and the people he encountered through inquiry and registration were “real nice and very helpful.” He had not been a strong student in high school, and had been out of school for some time, so LC-N’s small classes and personal attention made it the right choice.

While taking the computer programming courses, Holley learned that LC-N offered a series of courses leading to a certificate of management. He continued his studies, attained that Certificate, and eventually accumulated the credits necessary for an Associate in Arts degree, all while he continued to work full time.

Holley gives credit for his AA degree to the personal attention and helpful atmosphere he found at LC-N, and to the support of his wife who assisted him by proofreading papers, helping with test preparation and giving much-needed moral support. In addition to his degree, LC-N recognized his effort and honored him with the ‘Perseverance Award’ for his “staying with it” attitude.

While pursuing his studies at LC-N, Holley was hired by Country Companies. He firmly believes that one of the reasons he was successful in getting hired at Country was the fact that he was pursuing a degree. With the AA degree in hand and a determination to continue, Holley enrolled at ISU and eventually earned a BA in Management.

Holley’s AA from LC-N and BA from ISU, along with

work experiences at Country, have certainly paid off. Holley now works at COUNTRY Financial as their Manager of Computer Operations.

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Holley credits LC-N with providing the opportunity and proper environment to return to school as an adult, which has resulted in educational success and a rewarding career. He is now giving back with regular annual fund gifts directed to the Normal campus. He is also encouraging his colleagues and others to consider LC-N as a place to either start or continue their higher education.

### *Dear Lincoln College,*

My name is Dan Thomas, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lincoln College for helping me achieve my goal of completing my bachelor degree. I graduated from Lincoln High School in 2000 and was very unsure of the path I was headed. As I look back at my high school experience I realize I had not applied myself academically and was left unprepared for college. My parents strongly encouraged me to attend college, and I knew it what the best thing for my future; however I had no college preparation. I found myself enrolled in various colleges and getting nowhere. I worked part-time at almost every place imaginable and felt like my life was a vicious circle, enroll in a class, start a new part-time job, drop-out of college, and so on.

Eventually I knew I needed to focus on completing my degree, which is why I enrolled at Lincoln College - Normal. I found this college offered a much more student-centered approach to education, and I was able to engage the instructors with the smaller class sizes. In 2008 I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sports Management. My first job was with the Peoria Chiefs. Since then I have advanced my career, and I am currently the Assistant Head Groundskeeper at the Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida, for the Baltimore Orioles’ organization. My goal is to eventually work at a major league park.

I was married in 2010 and am enjoying life. I can honestly say I am grateful for the education I received at Lincoln College - Normal and am thankful for the opportunities my education has provided for me, my wife, and any future little Thomas kids we may be blessed with.

Sincerely,  
Dan Thomas, LC-N Class of 2008



# News

## Capstone Degree Program

Beginning this fall, Lincoln College–Normal is offering a new Bachelor’s degree option through the Accelerated Bridge to Education program at both the Normal Campus and the Illinois Valley Community College site. The Capstone degrees will be in the same format as other ABE degree programs, which allow students to complete their Bachelor’s degree at an accelerated pace. The Capstone Program was designed to provide an educational bridge between lower-division and upper-division programming, develop students’ professional communication and quantitative skills, and hone students’ critical and creative abilities. Specifically, it is designed to assist students with an earned AAS to achieve a baccalaureate degree by providing the required general education curriculum in the

Junior and Senior years. Examples of degrees in an applied science field include careers in automotive studies, computer science and information technology, graphic design, culinary arts, cosmetology, and technical degree options, among others. The degrees were developed during the 2011-2012 academic year, received approval from the Higher Learning Commission, and marketing efforts began in June 2012.

The Capstone degree program will initially have two Bachelor’s degrees for students to choose from, with other degree options currently being investigated: a Bachelor’s degree in Applied Management in Entrepreneurship and a Bachelor’s degree in Applied Science in

Organizational Leadership.

The Bachelors of Applied Management in Entrepreneurship is intended for individuals who may want to start their own business. The Bachelor’s degree of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership is intended for those individuals who may be seeking to grow in their position with a current employer.

Currently, eight students have taken advantage of this new opportunity to gain a baccalaureate degree by enrolling in one of the AAS Capstone degree programs, and the Admissions Office is receiving additional inquiries weekly.

## Council on Accelerated Programs – Associate Dean Joni Allison Elected Secretary

Lincoln College–Normal is a member of the Council on Accelerated Programs (CAP). CAP is an international membership organization serving professionals who lead, teach, and conduct research in accelerated programs in higher education. As an advocate for accelerated education, CAP enhances collaboration and shares best practices and research findings among its members to design and deliver the most effective accelerated learning for adult and nontraditional students.

For the 2012-2013 year, CAP asked Associate Dean Joni Allison to serve on the Executive Board as Secretary.

This is particularly timely as we enter the final year of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) self-study in preparation for the site visit in November 2013 to ensure the ABE program has the most current information on best practices and standards.

## Faculty Recognition –

### Dr. Christene Winkler receives National Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Christene (Chris) Winkler, who serves as Division Chair of Business Programs at Lincoln College–Normal, has been recognized by the Commission on Accelerated Programs (CAP) with the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award for her teaching and dedication to students in Lincoln College–Normal’s Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) program. The Commission on Accelerated Programs serves as an advocate for accelerated and alternative formats to education and exists to provide access to higher learning to underserved learner populations, working adults in particular.

# classnotes

## 1930s

**Frances Iola (Garton) Gehlbach**, class of 1935, celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 12, 2012. After graduating from Lincoln Community High School and Lincoln College, she taught for three years at Hatton School, which she had attended as a child. She married Albert E. Gehlbach on July 30, 1938. He died in 2003. Her family includes two sons: Gerald (Nancy) of rural Lincoln and Donald (Ann) of Sarasota, Fla.; four grandchildren: Scott (Maria) Gehlbach, Brian (Krista) Gehlbach, Chad (Michele) Gehlbach, and Jody (George) Agnagian; and four great-grandchildren: Emma and Jacob Gehlbach and Lily and Charlie Agnagian. The family celebrated with special occasions throughout the months of May and June.



## 1940s

**Elizabeth (Hamblen) McShane**, class of 1948, and her husband David visited Lincoln College recently while passing through the area. Here she is standing next to the statue of Abraham Lincoln on campus. As they walked around campus, Elizabeth looked up and noticed toilet paper stacked in the window of a bathroom in the Harts Science Building, and was reminded of Mr. Balof telling the ladies of Harts House to not use too much toilet paper.

**Jack Neuswanger**, class of 1948, has turned his woodworking hobby into a small venture: *Woodturning by Jack Neuswanger*. He sells his creations at Cedar Creek Antiques in Cedarburg, Wis.



Pictured is Jack holding a bowl adorned with antlers, and some of his other pieces are displayed on the shelves to his left. Jack and his wife Joan live in Cedarburg.

## 1950s

**Rick Wheeler**, class of 1958, played on LC's basketball team back in the day, and still has his letterman sweater 54 years



later. He also played for the University of Florida as a walk-on. Today Rick and his son, who is also named Rick, run their family business O'Malley Valve Company in Saint Petersburg, Fla. [www.omalley.com](http://www.omalley.com)

**Norm Schmidt**, class of 1959, aka "Uncle Sam," has been in over 100 parades in the Akron, Ohio, area over the last decade and has appeared at the Akron Soap Box Derby. Norm has been giving talks on President Abraham Lincoln for 25 years, and often speaks to service organizations and grade school children. He has volunteered for nine years at an inner city facility that helps the poor, picking up approximately one ton of food at the local Food Bank for distribution the following week. Norm also referees about fifty league basketball games a year. He and his wife Judi live in a suburb of Akron, Ohio.



## 1960s

**Dave Thill**, class of 1961, lives in Janesville, Wis., with his wife Mary. He's showing off former Cardinal pitcher Danny Cox's jersey (#34) that he won at the Lincoln College Family and Friends Cardinal-Cubs baseball game at Busch Stadium in July. Dave has dedicated much of a room to his beloved Cardinals baseball team, including the display behind him which pays homage to their 1982 World Series victory.



**Bonnie (Jennings) Silverstein**, class of 1963, came across this old photo from her days at LC. It was taken at Harts Hall at Christmas time in 1961. From the left: Bonnie (Jennings) Silverstein (originally from Wilmette, Ill., now in Aurora, Colo.), Judy Cohn (originally from Lima, Ohio), Irene Zimmermann (originally from Chicago, Ill.), Evette (Ziegenhorn) McCollum (originally from Fairbury, Ill., now in Shalimar, Fla.), Marsha (Cullinan) Schloemer (originally from Glenview, Ill., now in Evanston, Ill.), Mary Ellen (Anderson) Clark (originally from Palatine, Ill. now in Amherst, N.Y.). Bonnie set out on a journey to reconnect with the other ladies in the photo. She started hunting for everyone in spring 2012. She is still trying to locate Judy and Irene. If anyone is still in contact with





them, please contact Bonnie at BJSilve0@aol.com. The rest of the gals in the photo are back in touch with one another and enjoying catching up. They are all retired and enjoying life.

**Michael Brower**, class of 1965, recently sold his real estate company of 40 years. He now enjoys spending the winters in Miromar Lakes, Fla., and the summers in New Jersey. Recently Michael saw **Ted Gross**, class of 1964, for the first time in years, and they had fun sharing lots of memories and laughs. Michael would love to hear from fellow classmates. [mbrower44@gmail.com](mailto:mbrower44@gmail.com)

**Stephen Lake**, class of 1965, served with the US Army Special Services in Viet Nam from 1968 to 1969. Today he is the owner/operator of a 2000-acre farm in rural Earlville, Ill., and enjoys the new GPS systems in the farm equipment. Stephen and his wife Jane enjoy spending their winters in Naples, Fla., and their summers on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. They also enjoy spending weekends in Chicago. Steve would enjoy reconnecting with fellow alumni. He can be reached through his Facebook page.

LC Development Officer Herb Reichelt recently visited with

**Larry Sanders**, class of 1965, in Milwaukee, Wis.



Larry, pictured here in his studio, owns Jury Slides by Larry Sanders [www.juryslides.com](http://www.juryslides.com) creating jury slides of artwork for artists all over the country. Larry has fond memories of his time at LC.

**Allan Kaufman**, class of 1966, has been named the National Chair for Distracted Driving by the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Allan is also a volunteer diver in the Caribbean Reef Exhibit at Shedd Aquarium.

## 1970s

**Sam Richards**, class of 1978, commented, "I think of Lincoln College from time to time and what a great time I had there." Sam was the vice president of his class and would love to hear from fellow alumni. [sam6539@gmail.com](mailto:sam6539@gmail.com)

In August **Dan Marder**, class of 1978, released an interview his company Sol RedRam Productions produced with a 2008 and 2012 USA Olympic athlete. The interview can be viewed on YouTube by searching for Sol RedRam Productions.

## 1980s

**Andrea (Myerson) Berman**, class of 1983, just finished another semester at Harper College majoring in Social Work. Her husband Richard also just finished the semester at Harper College majoring in Medical Office Administration.



Former LC administrator and coach Allen Pickering visited **Clay Britton**, class of 1983, in Georgia over spring break 2012. During Clay's LC days he played basketball and posted team-highs of 22.5 points and 9.6 rebounds for a Lincoln College team that finished 25-6 overall in the 1982-83 season. Clay completed his college basketball days at Quincy University with 1,355 points, and was honored as a member of the NAIA All-District 20 team. Clay then moved on to a successful career in the US Army, and was their number one recruiter in the nation. Clay is now retired.

**Dennis Casey**, class of 1989, wrote in to say although he only attended Lincoln College for one year, he really enjoyed his time here and wonders about the friends he met that year. If you want reconnect, contact the Alumni Office for Dennis' information.

## 1990s

**Jon Posey**, class of 1998, went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from Illinois College in Jacksonville and a Master's Degree in Education from Olivet Nazarene University. For the past eight years he has taught junior high physical education and has been the boys basketball coach in Bellwood on the West side of Chicago.

**Jim Langworthy**, class of 1999, went on to Roosevelt University, earning his Bachelors in Business Administration with a major in Management. He is

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currently the owner/operator of a successful handyman business “Jim’s Handyman Services” in Elmhurst, Ill. Jim reflected, “LC helped me find my way and become the person I am today.”

## 2000s

**Megan Ahasic**, class of 2003, has become a full-time writer. Her first book “Heartical,” a children’s Christian fiction novel about a boy who fights evil with faith and magic, was released on May 8, 2012, by Tate Publishing, a Christian publishing company. Earlier this year Megan finished the rough draft of her second novel which is now being edited.

**Alexis R. Baker**, class of 2008, was the president of the Black Student Union while at LC. He enjoyed his LC experience and met some wonderful people here. In fall 2011 he graduated from Governors State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. In April 2012, he accepted a job from Career Education Corporation. He currently serves as a National Online Admissions Advisor for Colorado Technical University.

### **Joshua L. Gallagher**,

LC-L class of 2005 and LC-N class of 2008, is a Lincoln native and joined The Courier newspaper advertising department as a multimedia sales executive in April 2012. He was recently promoted to Automotive Sales Executive at The State Journal-Register and now works in Springfield, Ill. Josh previously worked as a store manager for Midas in Champaign, Ill. Prior to that, he was a sales manager for Rainier Medical in Auburn, Wash., where he marketed items like hip and knee implants to health care facilities.



Josh married Emilee Bender on December 10, 2011. Josh is the proud step-father of Emilee’s two children, Kaylee and Mason, and the family is expecting



*In the photo to the left, Dave Campbell, owner of the local NAPA store, sent us this photo. This group of friends met for a round of golf in July and, by total coincidence, they all wore their Lincoln College Golf Outing shirts! How cool is that? From left to right is: Dave Campbell, former faculty member Dan McLaughlin, Joe Szoke, and current faculty member Joe Baker.*



**Jake Sexton**, class of 2001, has been named Executive Director and CEO of Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois (CAPCIL). Headquartered in Lincoln, Ill., CAPCIL provides a variety of programs that serve the low-income, disabled and elderly in six central Illinois counties. Jake had been an instructor and coach at Lincoln

College since 2003, and was the head swimming and diving coach from 2007 to 2012. During his tenure as coach, Jake trained five National Champions and his teams were successful both in the pool and in the classroom. LC Diving Coach Matt Dickinson is currently serving as interim head coach.

“Jake’s dedication to his athletes and the program were unparalleled,” said LC Athletic Director Dave Klemm. “After learning the ropes from Coach Hemenway, Jake continued to take the program to new heights. The success his athletes showed in the classroom is something the athletic office is very proud of. Jake will be greatly missed.”

a new bundle of joy in June 2013. The Gallaghers are huge fans of warm weather, and they love sports (especially Packers football) and swimming.

**Jenna E. Lyle**, class of 2008, joined her boyfriend Jimmy in Loveland, Colo., in November 2011. She started a new job in her career of Cosmetology, and is also taking some business classes at a local college.

**Erica Glenn**, class of 2009, is currently taking classes in the ABE program on the Normal campus, and she describes it as “a wonderful experience.” Erica works full-time at State Farm and part-time at the Boys and Girls Club as a Program Assistant. Many life experiences has given Erica a great passion in helping today’s youth and their well-being. She is also exploring ways to give back and be involved with Lincoln College and an alumni mentoring program that is being developed.



**Jennifer Mueller**, class of 2011, is attending Chamberlain College of Nursing in Chicago. She will graduate with her bachelor’s degree in 2 1/2 years.

# In Memory



James Lewis  
Johnson  
1914-2012

James Lewis “Jimmy” Johnson, class of 1933 and Trustee Emeritus, passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2012, in Peoria. He was 97.

Johnson was born in Clinton, Ill., but grew up in Lincoln, where his parents were superintendent and matron of the Odd Fellows Children’s Home. He attended Lincoln

Community High School, and graduated from Lincoln College with an Associates in Science degree in 1933. He went on to earn degrees from the University of Illinois and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

He began a career in banking in 1936, but entered military service in 1941. He served with the US Coast Guard Reserve in the South Pacific during

World War II. After the war he returned to banking in Illinois and worked for banks in Chicago, La Grange and Peoria. He retired as President and Chairman of the Board of First National Bank of Peoria in 1984.

James served on the Lincoln College Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1992, at which time he was made a Trustee Emeritus. James was a member of many organizations, and served on many other boards, including Illinois Central College, WTVP Channel 47, and the John C. Proctor Endowment.

In 1977, he was awarded the Kiwanis Tri-County Citizen of the Year Award.

James was predeceased by his parents, his wife Evelyn, and his brother Robert H. Johnson, class of 1940. He is survived by his daughters J. Elizabeth Johnson of Naples, Fla. and Barbara E. Johnson of Harwich, Mass., and four grandchildren.

## Remembering LC Political Science Professor, Dr. Joseph DiLillo

Joseph DiLillo, 79, passed away in North Carolina on Thursday, June 28, 2012. Dr. DiLillo will be remembered by many as the “cool professor that led the trip to Italy one summer,” or the professor full of inspiration after surviving a traumatic childhood of watching two brothers die and losing his own leg during World War II.

Dr. DiLillo had many passions in his life. Among them were teaching, charitable giving, soccer and community service. He was instrumental in founding the Swain County’s Youth Soccer Association. He played soccer for 60 years and coached hundreds of children for 55 years. Dr. DiLillo authored two books, “Odyssey of Faith” and “Soccer: My Life and My Passion.”

Dr. DiLillo is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie DiLillo, three children, two grandchildren, one brother and several nieces and nephews.

A few alumni shared their thoughts after learning of Dr. DiLillo’s passing:

I was saddened to learn of the passing of my former political science professor, Dr. DiLillo. I was in his first political science class taught at Lincoln College (fall 1966). I found him to be an extraordinary educator, student-friendly, and very interesting in his ability to bring this material to life and help his students learn how political science influences our lives every day. He was a wonderful man, and I want to recognize him and thank him, posthumously, for his many accomplishments, and for touching the lives of so many students and colleagues over the years.

Thank you.

Mark Anshel, class of 1967

How profoundly saddened I was to hear of Dr. DiLillo’s passing. He was a great man that leaves behind an even greater legacy. Though I never had him as a teacher, his passion for life was evident, and his smile contagious. Best remembered by me was when he was on that former television show, “Real People”—and that’s what he was, a “real” person. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife Connie and the rest of the family.

Warmest regards,

Les Linz, class of 1979

I was saddened to hear of Joe DiLillo’s passing. I was fortunate to have had the chance to play soccer with Joe for the two years I spent at LC. I was continually amazed at not only his ability but his passion for the game. Many people felt the same way about Joe. Including the show “Real People,” which was a nationally top rated television show dealing with incredible people. I plan to purchase and read Joe’s book “Soccer.”

Thank you,

Brad Ruedig, class of 1978

## Condolences

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

James L. Johnson, 97, 1933, April 8, 2012. Frank C. “Chris” Launer, 95, 1936, April 6, 2011.

### 1940s

Virginia Lee (Bowles) Hayes, 90, 1941, March 20, 2012. Hale Henderson, 92, 1941, June 6, 2011. Mary Katherine (Amberg) Dorgan, 89, 1943, October 10, 2012. Harold A. Schweikert, 88, 1943, August 8, 2011. Ralph L. Duncan, 87, 1944, August 15, 2011. A. Marie (Comstock) Abbott, 87, 1945, October 23, 2011. Eleanor Ann (Svenson) Lanterman, 85, 1946, March 12, 2012. Rose Marie (Koppeser) Schreier, 87, 1946, October 20, 2011. Norma Eileen (Boward) Duncan, 84, 1948, February 18, 2012. Jerry Bock Shockey, 88, 1948, April 21, 2012. Merle Willard Wilham, 92, 1948, June 15, 2012. Rosemary (Bermel) Hagan, 82, 1949, January 21, 2012. Glenn R. Miller, 82, 1949, March 8, 2011.

### 1950s

Cal Martin, 90, 1951, September 1, 2012. Mary L. Schaupp, 82, 1956, August 7, 2012. Julian Charles “Jack” Leone, 73, 1957, January 19, 2011. Edwin C. Ross, 75, 1957, March 13, 2012. Jay H. Adams, 75, 1958, March 13, 2012. Per James “Jim” Persson, 75, 1958, February 9, 2012.

### 1960s

Gerald Anthony “Gerry” Dal Pra, 69, 1962, March 9, 2011. David C. Swift, 68, 1962, March 30, 2011. Garry L. Bruce, 70, 1963, June 12, 2012. Howard R. Stuller, 67, 1963, January 1, 2011. David R. Deck, 68, 1964, February 25, 2011. Milton T. Lewis, 69, 1968, October 6, 2012.

### 1970s

Walter W. Britt, 62, 1970, February 24, 2012. Robert L. “Bob” Hurwitz, 63, 1970, April 27, 2012. Donald L. McLaughlin, 62, 1970, June 3, 2012. Michael L. Kelley, 62, 1976, July 30, 2011. Michelle K. (Bone) Watts, 69, 1979, February 11, 2012.

### 1980s

John P. Mikel, 44, 1988, June 20, 2012. Caralee A. Thomas, 73, 1989, March 3, 2012.

### 1990s

Debra D. (Butts) Ackerman, 58, 1993, May 15, 2012.

### 2000s

Darnell C. “D’Jay” Lindsay, 25, 2008, January 4, 2012.

## If it hadn't been for Lincoln College!



**Donna  
"Marlene"  
(Reinhart)  
Schrader**

graduated from Lincoln College in 1953. She is part of a three generation family graduating from LC including her mother Leta (Linton) Reinhart, class of 1925 and Marlene's two sons David, class of 1976 and Randy, class of 1981. Randy's wife Teresa (Hinds) Schrader is also an alumna of LC from the class of 1998. Marlene was employed at Lincoln College in the Registrar's Office for 31 years before she retired. Her son Randy also joined the LC family and worked for 22 years as the Director of Information Technology before leaving in December 2011.

Marlene and her husband Wayne of 56 years still feel a part of the LC family. They enjoy attending as many LC events and activities as they can. They enjoy traveling and Marlene loves adventurist activities such as parasailing and white water rafting. She says, "I have not tried sky diving...YET."

Marlene and Wayne are blessed with two sons and two daughter-in-laws, David (wife Donise) and Randy (wife Teresa) along with three grandsons, Noah, Wes and Chris. Noah and Wes are in the Navy serving our Country and Chris is in college. They also have a great-granddaughter, Jubilee who is 9 months old and keeping them young!

**Sue (Moore)**

**Beaver**, class of 1958 was born and raised in Mt. Pulaski and is the daughter of the late Paul and Loretta Moore. She graduated from Mt. Pulaski in 1956 and from LC in 1958. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from Illinois State University in 1966. Sue spent most of her 30 plus years teaching at the Mt. Pulaski elementary school. She retired in 2000.



Besides being active in the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Sue has been a very active member of the Lincoln Women's Club where she is the immediate past president having served a three year term.

Sue and her husband Paul '56 have two daughters, Ann (Beaver) Witting '84 and Amy (Beaver) O'Donnell (husband John). They have four grandchildren, Ethan Paul, Hannah, Lauren and Kevin.



**Paul Beaver**,

class of 1956 is a native of Lincoln and Logan Country. He was born on a farm west of Lincoln, which was settled by his great-grandfather in the spring of 1853, only a few months before the town of Lincoln was founded and named for Abraham Lincoln. This heritage sparked Paul's interest in history and in particular all things Abraham Lincoln and Logan Country.

Paul attended Middletown High School prior to coming to Lincoln College. After LC he went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees from Illinois State University in the fields of History and English. Paul has also done additional study at ISU's Doctorate of Arts program.

Paul taught History and English for seven years at Elkhart Junior High before returning to Lincoln College to join the faculty. Paul taught and served as curator of the Lincoln Museum on the College campus for much of his time at LC. He retired in 2001.

Paul is an accomplished author of several books and articles. He even co-produced a film in 2003 during Lincoln's Sesquicentennial. The film was entitled "From Surveyor to President, Abraham Lincoln in Logan County, Illinois." In 2008 Paul was named "Citizen of the Year" by The Lincoln Courier newspaper.

Today Paul enjoys writing, researching and sharing his knowledge and passion for history. Paul is still actively involved with Lincoln College through the Alumni Committee, guest lectures and alumni & friends events. He also enjoys spending time with his wife Sue (Moore) Beaver '58 and visiting their two daughters, Ann (Beaver) Witting '84 and Amy (Beaver) O'Donnell (husband John) along with their four grandchildren, Ethan Paul, Hannah, Lauren and Kevin.

**Mary Ellen (Kaesebier)**

**Martin**, class of 1959 attended Lincoln College for one year in 1958. She met her sweetheart Richard Martin '58 and they were married a year later in 1959. Richard is a Lincoln College Board of Trustee member

and Mary Ellen still actively supports Lincoln College. She has been a member of the Lincoln Alumni Committee and the Grand Soiree committee for many years.



Richard and Mary Ellen have farmed west of Lincoln for the past 53 years. They have two children, Dana (Martin) Oltmanns and Larry Martin. They also have three grandchildren, Martin, Heather and Kyle.

Mary Ellen enjoys square dancing, golfing, traveling and volunteering for several organizations. She was the 2007 Courier Citizen of the Year and belongs to the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, U of I Extension Master Gardner Program, Linpro Square Dance Club, Logan Country Herb Guild, Logan County Farm Bureau Women's committee, Civil War and A. Lincoln Statue committee, and the Lincoln Women's Club.



**Bill '58 and Janet (Shirley) '59 Zimmer** have

resided on their farm in San Jose, IL for 50 years. After LC, Bill attended Millikin University then returned home and started farming. Janet attended and graduated from Illinois State Normal University and taught a total of 21 years. During their 54 years of marriage they have been blessed with four children, 10 grandchildren (two are married and one granddaughter, fourteen year old Kailey, went to be with the Lord in May 2011 after a battle with leukemia). All their children and grandchildren were and are blessed with excellent athletic ability. Bill and Janet are both retired although Bill is on the tractor and in the truck quite often. Janet keeps busy with volunteer responsibilities around the community. Both stay "young" as they make every effort to attend the activities and games of their grandchildren. Above all else, Bill, Janet and all their family love the Lord and praise Him for His goodness and mercy.

# LC Global Studies Offers Trip to Imperial China



## Paula Knopp, Associate Professor, Social Sciences Coordinator, Global Studies

The Lincoln College Global Studies program is offering an exciting 12-day adventure to Imperial China, May 15-26, 2013. Professor Paula Knopp, who has been leading Global Studies trips for LC for eight years, believes that travel abroad offers a unique educational and cultural experience. These Global Studies travel experiences provide a special and invaluable means of personal growth and cultural understanding. Enrollment is still open to not only LC students, but also to alumni and LC friends.

Some highlights of the Imperial China adventure include Beijing, the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Xi'an, the Terracotta Warriors, Shanghai, a Tang Dynasty show and dinner, Hong Kong, dinner with a local family, a rickshaw tour of hutongs, as well as time for shopping.

"We are excited to offer this wonderful cultural and education opportunity to our students and our community. China is an especially exciting place to visit at the present time. We will be able to see many great historical sites while also being able to observe a country that is rapidly growing, with many recent advancements in technology, infrastructure and architecture," said Professor Knopp.

The all-inclusive price is very reasonable and anyone who is interested is encouraged to contact Professor Knopp at 217-732-3155 ext. 304 or by e-mail at [pknopp@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:pknopp@lincolncollege.edu) for more details.

## Alumnus Lou Firenze '68 visits campus after 40+ years and shares his story

by Louis "Lou" Firenze, class of 1968



It was senior year of high school and I needed to make a decision about my future. My choices were college or the military. My parents were encouraging me to go to college, however my grades were terrible. My dad

talked to a friend who was on the school board in my hometown of Northvale, New Jersey. He advised my dad to contact a guidance counselor in a nearby town by the name of Laura Trexler.

Ms. Trexler sat me down with my parents and explained to us that she could get me into Lincoln College in Lincoln, Ill., but I would have to go to summer school and take classes that would teach me the academics I didn't care to learn in high school.

To say the least I worked my butt off, studying night and day. I had NO social life and figure I could count on one hand the number of dates I had. But it all paid off and I graduated with honors and transferred to Central Michigan University, where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Business, an MBA and a specialist's degree in Higher Education. I later went on and acquired a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

My education allowed me to become a college professor at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., where I also served as Chairman of the Business Department. I ended my career back at Central Michigan University, where I recently retired.

My successful career starts at Lincoln College. I look at Lincoln as the place that saved me and put me on the right path. I fondly remember many professors who helped me in my journey such as Jack

Lauer, who taught economics. I consider him to be one of the finest professors I had throughout my entire college career. This led me to a minor in economics. I remember Thomas Zurkammer, someone who taught me something I never understood and now do, Math. Also included in my lifetime memory bank of great professors are Paul Beaver and Tom Matusky.

I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Dennis Wilson, the Dean of Students at that time, who encouraged me to go to Central Michigan University, where I met my wife Judy. She and I raised two children, Mike and Beth, who both graduated from college and went on to successful careers.

I feel my recent visit to Lincoln College brought me back to my college home.

Alumni *Spotlight*

**KENNETH Z. KENDALL,  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THEATRE**

This summer, Assistant Professor of Theatre Kenneth Z. Kendall had the honor of performing with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival (the official Shakespeare Festival of Michigan) in Jackson, Mich. Mr. Kendall performed the roles of Costard in “Love’s Labour’s Lost,” and Earl Rivers and the Duke of Norfolk in “Richard III.” The festival ran from July 12-August 12, 2012.

Mr. Kendall was contracted to fill the roles in late May, with rehearsals starting the first week of June; needless to say the beginning of his summer was a bit hectic. The rehearsal process followed standard Equity practices: 8-hour rehearsals, six days a week. Monday was the day off. “Richard III” was the first to rehearse (and perform), and featured a great deal of stage combat. To give you an idea of how important the combat is to the show, the first three rehearsals of the season were devoted to the staging of the Battle of Bosworth Field (that ends “Richard III”), which featured 13 fighters wielding broadswords, shields, short swords, bucklers, and maces. Also included in the combat prep for this show was a series of gruesome on-stage murders: drowning in a vat of wine, stabbing, poisoning, and strangulation by neck-tie, among others. Mr. Kendall actually died twice in this show: first by getting two daggers stabbed into his abdomen and then by having his own sword rammed down his throat in Bosworth Field.

“Love’s Labour’s Lost,” one of Shakespeare’s lesser known comedies, was quite the contrast to “Richard III.” Set in the 1920s, this show featured a serene estate setting, complete with angel statues and topiary bushes, and gorgeous costumes. Mr. Kendall played Costard, a clown, who roamed



around Navarre with his trusty Cigar Box Guitar – which he learned to play for this role – doing his best to bring mischief and romance to an otherwise still and contemplative world. Mr. Kendall didn’t die in this role, but his character’s heart was broken at the end of the play.

Mr. Kendall returned to Lincoln College this fall with a renewed excitement for the importance of theatre and arts education in schools. He will be offering a free Shakespeare Seminar for all interested students this fall.



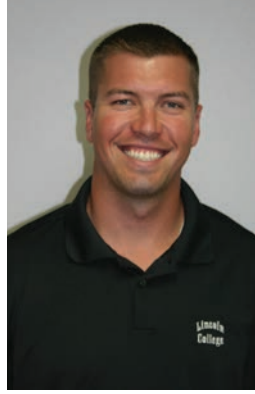
Professor Paula Knopp, a veteran traveler, is a tenured faculty member who received the 2012 Jack D. Nutt Educator of the Year Award.

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## PAT LEPPER HIRED AS NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Lincoln College has hired Pat Lepper as the school's new men's basketball coach. Previously Lepper was the associate head coach for the men's basketball at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill.



"I am extremely excited to accept the head men's basketball coaching position at Lincoln College," said Lepper. "I am looking forward to building relationships with our student-athletes, faculty, staff, and the Lincoln community."

"I believe in hard work, a positive attitude, and a consistent effort, all of which will contribute to the continuing success of Lincoln College. It is an honor to have this opportunity to be a part of such a prestigious institution."

Lepper grew up in Florida, and started his college basketball career at John Wood where he was a two-time team captain, a freshman Third Team All-Conference selection and a sophomore First Team All-Conference and All-Region selection. Lepper was awarded the prestigious Lea Plarski Award by the NJCAA for the 2005-06 season.

After graduating from JWCC, Lepper played at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, a NCAA Division I program, on a basketball scholarship. After graduating in 2008, he returned to Florida and joined the coaching staff at Jacksonville University as a graduate assistant and earned his MBA. Lepper returned to John Wood in 2010 as an assistant coach, and was elevated to associate head coach in 2011.

"We are very excited to have Pat join our program," said Athletic Director Dave Klemm. "He brings a lot of experience and energy to the institution."

Along with his coaching duties, Pat will be an instructor in the Business Department.

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## JAN BOWERS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

Jan Bowers, class of 1981, is well known among her Lincoln College colleagues and students for her passion and gift for teaching math, but what may not be as well-known is her passion and gift for playing competitive golf. Over the past year, she has won a number of tournaments, most notably the 2011 Nature Valley Amateur Championship at TPC Sawgrass in Florida.

The road to the legendary TPC Sawgrass, the Players Stadium course in Ponte Vedra Beach, started in July 2011 when Jan shot an even par 72 to win the women's division at the Nature Valley Amateur Tournament qualifier at TPC Deere Run, in Silvis, Ill. Jan travelled to Florida in October 2011 and tells what happened:

"I shot 78, 39 before the tournament was suspended due to bad weather. The women's division was cut to 27 holes resulting in a tie between myself and one other player. After a three-hour delay, I claimed a victory by sinking a birdie putt on the first playoff hole! Playing at TPC Sawgrass was unbelievable. My caddie was absolutely AWESOME! It was an incredible experience that I will never forget."

Jan followed up her win in Florida with wins at the May 2012 Lick Creek Early Bird Tournament in Pekin, Ill., shooting 78, 76, and the July 2012 Bloomington/Normal Women's City Championship at the Ironwood Golf Course, shooting 68, 70. In September she tied for second in the 43rd Illinois Senior Women's Amateur Golf Championship, shooting 78, 77, 75 at Jacksonville Country Club.

"I turned 50 last summer and decided I would retire from coaching high school golf so I could play in more tournaments.

I'd have to say it has worked out fairly well so far!" Jan says happily.



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# Alumnus Competes in 2012 Summer Olympic Trials

In high school, Bryce Bohman, class of 2011, had a great passion for swimming, but his grades were not up to the standards of the NCAA. His swim club coach Craig Frederiksen, class of 2006, swam



and ran at LC and told him the school would be a great fit for him, too. Bryce remembers the day he contacted Coach Jake Sexton during school and expressed his interest in the program. After his visit to campus, he fell in love with the program and the school, and the rest is history.

When asked about his time at LC, Bryce reflected, "My days at LC were to this day some of my best memories in my college career. The

laughs that I had with the team and the hard work we all put in day in and day out. It was a great step toward taking the next step academically and also athletically, and I wouldn't change a single thing about it."

LC helped balance being a full-time athlete and a full-time student. Bryce also learned how to form good study habits which have carried on and helped him as he continues his education.

"The thing I loved most about LC was that the teachers were always there to help you no matter when. They really gave me the help I needed to succeed. While at LC, I carried a 3.8 GPA and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa," commented Bryce. He was also a two-time NJCAA National Champion and is the NJCAA Record Holder in the 100M Backstroke.

After graduating from LC, Bryce went on to West Virginia University on a swimming scholarship where he is majoring in Multiple Disciplinary Studies. He expects to graduate in May 2014.

This past summer Bryce competed in the 2012 US Olympic Team Trials in Omaha, Neb. He swam in the 100M butterfly, the 200M backstroke, and the 100M backstroke, his signature event. Bryce finished the Olympic trials with a 36<sup>th</sup> place in the 100M backstroke, 67<sup>th</sup> place in the 200M backstroke and 83<sup>rd</sup> in the 100M butterfly. Although he didn't make the US Olympic Team, he gave it his all and now knows what he needs to do to prepare for 2016.

To make the Olympic Swim Team, you have to finish first or second in the trials, and with hundreds of athletes, it takes a huge commitment and a focused and dedicated regiment of work-outs and practice to even come close. In preparation for the 2016 Olympic trials, Bryce is taking a red shirt season this year and competing next season.

When asked what his thoughts were on making it to the Olympic trials Bryce said, "The Olympic trials were one of the greatest meets I have ever been a part of. The atmosphere was unreal, and the overall experience was something I wouldn't trade for the world. It was a great honor to be out there competing with the rest of the world in one of the top stages swimming has to offer. Trying out for the Olympics was a great experience, and I'm just glad I got that one out of the way so I can be ready to go in 2016!"



Bryce indicated that when his career as a swimmer comes to an end he would like to coach the sport.

Bryce shared, "The best advice I can give to anybody is 'always do something you enjoy.' In order to be successful you have to love what you're doing. I have lived by this since my days at LC because I know

I would not be the man I am today without the experience and what I learned and the friendships that I made going to Lincoln College."

## PHI THETA KAPPA

Lincoln College's Iota Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is on the move once again. This fall, Iota Chi inducted fourteen new members as well as one Honorary Member, Assistant Professor of Theater Martin Holden, who was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony.

Iota Chi Members represented Lincoln College in the Lincoln Community High School Homecoming Parade this year.

They are wrapping up a campaign to send books to soldiers, and

remaining books will be distributed to Veteran's Affairs centers throughout Illinois and the country.

Many new projects are planned for this year. Five chapter members were deputized to register voters in Logan County to facilitate an on-campus Voter Registration Drive in September. The group is in the process of making connections to assist Special Olympics, and is hoping to





# Alumni Spotlight

**For Ernest J. Schweit, class of 1969, it was a meeting with his Lincoln College advisor Andrew Lindstrom** during his

freshman year that set him on the path to a life-long career as a photographer, freelance writer and newspaper editor.

“He was the newspaper advisor at the time and I mentioned to him that I had shot photos for my high school newspaper,” Ernest said. “So I ended up shooting for the Lincoln newspaper, and writing a column.”

What followed, after graduating from Southern Illinois University, was 32 years as a writer and editor at the Daily Herald, an Arlington



Heights, Ill., based daily newspaper. Ernest began making photographs at the age of seven, when his father gave him a box camera.

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*Ernest J. Schweit*

Though he made his career in journalism, the camera was never far off, and he continued to hone his skills while earning a living “in print.”

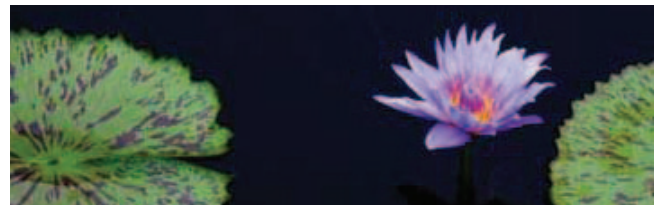
After leaving the Daily Herald three years ago, Ernest embarked on a second career as a photographer and freelance writer. He currently works for Visual Image Photography in Cedarburg, Wisc., Patch.com (a division of America Online), 22nd Century Media, and he operates M. Fisher Studios with his wife, artist-teacher Maureen Fisher Rivkin.

In 2009, Farcountry Press ([www.farcountrypress.com](http://www.farcountrypress.com)) published a book of Ernest's barn photographs, “Wisconsin Barns,” the result of a 2 1/2 year project with writer Nancy Schumm-Burgess.

Ernest says his goal is to bring a unique vision to every image he creates. He strives to capture important moments in people's lives and to beautifully portray the places that move people's soul. It can be a complex landscape, a senior prom, graduation, family portrait, an old barn, or a complex flower.

Today Ernest lives in Wheeling, Ill., with his wife, three kids and two cats.

Ernest J.Schweit's work can be seen at [www.ernestschweitphotography.com](http://www.ernestschweitphotography.com). Follow him on [www.ernestschweitblogspot.com](http://www.ernestschweitblogspot.com). Find him on Facebook and Twitter at Ernest J. Schweit Photography.



*Ernest J. Schweit*

raise funds to provide waste and recycling bins for Lincoln College's Creekside Outdoor Environmental Education Center.

Recent fundraising events included Phi Theta Kappa Night at Culver's in Lincoln, IL on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and our Trivia Night fundraiser on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Iota Chi Chapter would love to hear from Lincoln College Phi Theta Kappa Alumni about their experiences as PTK Members at Lincoln College. Please contact Spring Hyde, Assistant Professor of English via email at [shyde@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:shyde@lincolncollege.edu).



# CreekSide

## The Emergence of

Life and Earth Science Professor Dr. Dennis Campbell

Where once existed only corn, beans, and a shed out on Lincoln College farm property five miles north of the campus along Sugar Creek, now emerges wood, concrete, mortar, and steel (and even a pond during the drought!!) that serves as the foundation of the newly developing facilities out at Creekside: Lincoln College's Outdoor Center for Environmental Education.

The vision of Lincoln College Life and Earth Science Professor Dr. Dennis Campbell is coming to life with a restored prairie, new gravel road, a 35-car parking lot, a well, nature trails leading through a forest to the creek, bioswales

to direct storm water drainage, a pond, bridges, solar panels to supply electrical power, and the beginnings of construction of a teaching pavilion, a greenhouse, an insectarium, and up to a mile of

handicapped-accessible boardwalk. All of this is within a mile or two of research sites used by Dr. Campbell in his classes of environmental biology, zoology, and geology—areas where over a decade of freshwater mussels and stream-bank erosion have been studied by Lincoln College students and where former Lincoln College student Judd McCullum discovered the tusks of the world's largest (and one of the last) woolly mammoths.

The construction of these new teaching, research, and recreational facilities at Creekside will not only be used by Lincoln College students,

faculty, and staff in educational pursuits of all disciplines, but will also provide an opportunity for local and international scientists to access these scientifically significant sites, while at the same time encouraging all citizens of Central Illinois—and beyond—to enjoy visiting and celebrating an esthetically pleasing natural boundary where modern and past human lifestyles meet natural environments.

The idea for a center for environmental education was initially supported by sabbaticals taken by LC faculty members Dr. Campbell and Dr. Pam Moriearty. The project has so far been designed, built, and promoted using grants from the Independent College Capital Grant Program, State and Federal agencies (such as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and local community service organizations (such as Lincoln and Atlanta Rotaries and Lincoln Kiwanis), and generous contributions and sweat-equity from local school teachers and students, and Lincoln College alumni, Board members, faculty, staff, and students. This has provided a



Greenhouse block wall being constructed by Friends of Creekside

great beginning to what we expect to be a world focal point of environmental education. Additional grants and donations will be needed to complete Creekside: Lincoln College's Outdoor Center for Environmental Education.

Please seek out Dr. Campbell at [dcampbell@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:dcampbell@lincolncollege.edu) to learn more about Creekside—he is eager to talk about his vision, and that of other environmental stakeholders, for this unique educational resource being developed by Lincoln College.



Friends of Creekside putting up the framework for the Insectarium

Freshly poured sidewalk into the 3-year-old restored prairie at Creekside



# Alumni & Friends 6th Annual



**The Advancement Office is Pleased to Announce the Establishment of The Coach Norm Kaye Scholarship Fund**



In addition to receiving the Honorary Alumnus Award at the 2012 Alumni Reunion Dinner and Awards program, former basketball coach Norm Kaye was honored through the establishment of a named scholarship. Many of Coach Kaye's former Lincoln College basketball players have already donated nearly \$10,000 to establish the Coach Norm Kaye Scholarship Fund.

The Lincoln College Advancement Office would like to invite other alumni, faculty, staff and friends to help us reach the goal of \$20,000 and make this an Endowed Scholarship Fund which will honor Coach Kaye and assist deserving student athletes in perpetuity. What a great way to honor a man who has influenced the lives of so many here at Lincoln College!

Please consider making a gift to help establish The Coach Norm Kaye Endowed Scholarship Fund by April 30, 2013, so the scholarship can be awarded for the Fall 2014 semester.

Won't you join us in honoring Coach Kaye? Simply complete the form and send it along with your gift to Lincoln College. If you prefer, you can make your gift over time between now and April 30, 2013. For details, contact Mary Jo Werth at (217) 732-3155 ext. 217, or toll-free at (877) 522-5867, or email: [mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu](mailto:mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu). Thank you!

**Coach Norm Kaye Endowed Scholarship**

Yes! I want to help fund the Coach Norm Kaye Endowed Scholarship. Please accept my gift of:

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(Lincoln College values your relationship with us. We will not release your information to any other organization for solicitation.)

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**Questions?**

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Thank you!



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## LC Fine Arts Season

2012-2013

### **Dance Concert**

November 17-18, 2012  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **Holiday Concert**

December 7-8, 2012  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **The Trojan Women**

February 13-17, 2013  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **Jazz Combo**

February 22, 2013  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **Woyzeck**

April 10-14, 2013  
Johnston Center Hostick Theatre

### **Dance Concert**

April 20-21, 2013  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **Jazz Concert**

April 26, 2013  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium

### **Choir Concert**

April 27, 2013  
Johnston Center Meyer Auditorium



Lincoln College students, faculty and staff create a human pink ribbon to show support for the fight against breast cancer.