



Parents Honor Son and Lincoln College Alumnus with Generous Gift to Name Fitness Center



Scott Joslin '82

Stories of philanthropic activity have been rare in this past year of economic tumult. However, Lincoln College recently received a generous response to their fundraising efforts for the new Lincoln Center and Museum facility currently under construction. Lincoln College Vice President for Advancement Debbie Ackerman received a call from alumnus parents Roger and Stevie Joslin who wanted to do something special to honor their son Scott Joslin (class of 1982). The Joslins decided to do this by giving a gift of \$250,000 which will make the Scott Joslin Fitness Center at The Lincoln Center a reality. The Joslins are

can connect to something bigger and to assure opportunities are available to others in the future.”

The Scott Joslin Fitness Center will feature a cardio deck and strength-training area for students, faculty and community members, and help to enhance the overall facility and benefits of Lincoln College. The facility is expected to open by the end of this year, and the Lynx will begin hosting athletic events in January 2010. The Lincoln Heritage Museum will open in 2011.

known for their dedication and benevolence to their churches, communities and universities.

Lincoln College continues to seek donations through their Legacy Campaign in which commemorative pavers and locker and stadium seat plaques can be purchased, as well as naming and endowment opportunities valued from \$10,000 to \$2 million (see page 4 of this issue of The Log). Other ongoing philanthropic opportunities are also available for those wishing to support scholarships, museum collections and development, campus technology enhancements, faculty enrichment, the McKinstry Library, and other campus needs.

The Joslins stated that “Scott’s experience at Lincoln College was so very positive at a critical time in his life. We are pleased to be able to honor him while expressing our thanks.”

Please contact the Advancement office at 877-522-5867 to discuss ways in which you can support Lincoln College.

“We were delighted and humbled by the generosity of the Joslin family, and their desire to honor their son and Lincoln College alumnus, Scott Joslin,” stated President John Hutchinson, “Philanthropy means many things to many people; this single act is a wonderful demonstration of how someone

More information about Lincoln College and The Lincoln Center can be found at www.lincolncollege.edu/pr/index.php.

Fine Arts Alumni Spotlight...Where Are They Now?

In honor of the Fine Arts Program adding its Bachelor’s Degree option, we thought we would showcase some of the exciting things our fine arts alumni are doing out in this big world of ours.



Angela Beltchenko '02

Angela Beltchenko is originally from Libertyville, Ill., and is a 2002 graduate of Lincoln College. Angela was a member of the Lynx Dance Team, Dance Force, Student Senate, and participated in the spring 2002 production of the musical “Pippin.” After attending LC, Angela was accepted to Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. At IU Angela received her B.S. in Tourism Management with a minor in Dance. While attending IU she was a member of the award winning IU Pom Squad as well as a member of InMotion Dance Company.

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A Message From the President

“The new Lincoln Center will help us in our recruiting and retention efforts as will increased contributions to help provide scholarship support.”

President Hutchinson



ENROLLMENT AT LINCOLN COLLEGE

Alumni and friends of Lincoln College are always very curious about enrollments. I often field questions such as “How many students do you have?” “Did you make your enrollment goals for the Fall, 2009?” “Are enrollments on the rise or decline?” With the difficulties we face in the economy today, these questions seem more frequent and more urgent. It seems timely, therefore, for me to give you a comprehensive set of answers to these questions regarding Lincoln College. Along with most colleges and universities in the country, we establish a particular date on which we declare our enrollments to be official. In the case of Lincoln College, it is the tenth class day after the start of the semester. The tenth day fell on September 1, 2009, so the figures I will cite below are those data collected at the end of the business day on September 1. They are presented in slightly different categories because the two campuses serve rather different populations. Nearly all of the students on the Lincoln Campus are full-time where as only a percentage of those on the Normal campus are taking a full load. For this reason we find it useful to talk about residential and commuter students at Lincoln and full-time or part-time students at Normal.

Lincoln College – Lincoln:

Residential Students	612
Commuter Students	79
Total	691

Lincoln College – Normal:

Full-Time Students	198
Part-Time Students	47
Total	245

Midwest College of Cosmetology:

Full-Time Students (August Start Date)	63
Part-Time Students	38
Total	101

Accelerated Bridge to Education:

175

Total Lincoln College Enrollment:

1,212

particular note is the popularity of the massage therapy program for which it has been necessary to create a waiting list. The A.B.E. (Accelerated Bridge to Education) Program for adult learners at Lincoln College – Normal has substantially increased in numbers, beginning with 17 students in October of 2007 and now serving nearly 200.

The College did realize its enrollment goals for the Fall Semester 2009, which is a remarkable accomplishment for two reasons: (1) The economy has hit many of the private colleges hard because parents have had to scale back the amount of disposable family income that can be devoted to their children’s college education. Lacking the state subsidy enjoyed by public institutions of higher learning, private colleges such as Lincoln must charge higher tuitions. (2) The competition for freshman students has increased significantly. Two factors account for this. In the first place, there are more for-profit and online opportunities available. Secondly, the number of high school graduates declined for the first time in 2009. Competition will increase in years to come as the number of high school graduates continues to decline.

The question arises as to how these figures compare with previous years. In general, the Lincoln campus has relatively constant enrollments from year to year. The traditional student enrollments on the Normal campus had been on the decline but are now on the uptick. The Midwest College of Cosmetology enjoyed a noticeable increase in enrollment several years ago and now again remains relatively constant. Of

Our Enrollment Management staff serving both campuses deserve a great deal of credit for their fine work this year. Of course, the new Lincoln Center will help us in our recruiting and retention efforts as will increased contributions to help provide scholarship support. Alumni and friends can help to assure the future vitality of Lincoln College by contributing to the Lincoln Center, the Lincoln College Scholarship Fund, or both.

Make Giving to Lincoln College Automatic

Give a monthly gift via your checking or savings account! Monthly Automatic Withdrawal is an easy and cost effective way to make your annual gift. By filling out and sending in an authorization form, the indicated amount (\$10 minimum) will be transferred monthly from your account to Lincoln College without the extra cost and time of you writing a check and paying for postage. (Be sure to check with your bank for any applicable transfer fees they may charge.) The first transfer will take place within 60 days after LC receives the required account information. This is just one of many convenient ways to make a gift to Lincoln College. Other options include: cash, check, credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express), and stock. To request an authorization form, or if you have questions, please call the Advancement Office at 217-732-3155 ext. 219.

Save The Date!

Alumni Reunion 2010 & The Lincoln Center Grand Opening April 23-25, 2010



Aerial shot of the new Lincoln Center under construction



Reserve the dates on your calendar now! You won't want to miss this exciting weekend! Keep watching the website for more details and registration coming soon.

All alumni and friends are invited back to the Lincoln Campus to celebrate Alumni Reunion 2010 and attend the Lincoln Center Grand Opening. The weekend will be packed with events for all. Members of class years ending in 5 or 0 will be recognized during the Alumni Dinner and Awards Program on Saturday, April 24. Members of the class of 1960 (50 years) and the class of 1985 (25 years) in attendance will be presented with the Lincoln College Swarovski crystal alumni pin.

Planning is in full swing, so here are a few highlighted events for the weekend...

- The Annual Wine & Cheese Reception
- Tours of the new Lincoln Center
- The Annual Run Ramble & Roll – 5K run and one mile walk
- A special art exhibit by nationally acclaimed artist and Lincoln College Alumnus Hong Tatt Foo '62
- Alumni Awards & Dinner Program
- Unveiling of a new Lincoln statue
- Unveiling of a historic sign donated by a group of 1956 alumni
- The Lincoln Center Grand Opening Ceremony & Community Day with family friendly activities for all ages, special entertainment, and much more.

Get Involved...Help contact your fellow classmates for reunion 2010.

Call Mary Jo at 877-522-5867 or email mjwerth@lincolncollege.edu to volunteer!

Reunion 2009 Highlights



Edna (Hale) Burke '39 and LaVeta (Baker) Zurkammer '36 celebrate their Platinum Anniversary with President John Hutchinson.



Honorary Alumnus Chuck Lindstrom and a few of his former baseball players



Golden Anniversary for the Class of 1959. Left to right, front row: Janet (Shirley) Zimmer, Mary Ellen (Kaesebier) Martin, JoAnn (Todd) Gray, Judith (Seward) Lindhe, Bill Lindhe. Middle row: Shelly Prais, Tucker Gray, Bob Mueller, Fred Stark, Dave Anderson, Dave Novak, Joe Runyon. Back row: Norm Schmidt, Ralph Langberg.

Alumni Achievement Awards

Nominate your fellow outstanding Lincoln College alumni for the Alumni Achievement Awards. Presented each year during Alumni Reunion Weekend, the awards recognize alumni and friends of Lincoln College. The deadline for this year's nominations is January 5, 2010. Nominations are currently being accepted for three awards: Young Alumni Achievement, Alumni Achievement, and Honorary Alumni Award. Details and nomination form can be found online at www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni

Commemorate your days at LC with a personalized brick

Link to the Legacy

The Lincoln Center and Museum

A 64,000 square foot **state-of-the-art** venue for:
 Lynx Athletics • Exhibits & Community Events • Lincoln Heritage Museum
 Convocations & Commencement Ceremonies • Concerts & Fine Arts Performances



Be a part of the Legacy!

Whether you or your loved one were a member of the Class of 1909 or 2009, you can make your mark at Lincoln College.

Sponsor a commemorative brick paver, locker or stadium seat to recognize the importance of LC in your life, and enhance the Lincoln Center—the new hub of campus athletics, activities and events for future generations of students. These Lincoln Center sponsorship opportunities are a great way to . . .

- Celebrate your own time at LC
- Honor or remember a friend or loved one or
- Mark an important milestone in your life!



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or call the Advancement Office toll free at (877) 522-5867

Don't delay!

Commemorative pavers make great gifts for the person who has everything! **Order by November 30** and we'll send a special holiday greeting to your honoree notifying him/her of your gift! Pavers must be ordered by March 1, 2010 to be installed in time for the Lincoln Center Grand Opening at Reunion Weekend.

Stadium seat, locker and paver sponsorships are considered charitable gifts to the Lincoln Center Building Fund and are tax deductible as allowed by law.

"If it hadn't been for Lincoln College..."

In July, Lincoln College alumnus Ray Bement from the class of 1982 returned to campus with his niece and nephew. After his visit, he wrote to Alumni Relations and Special Events Coordinator Kerri Taylor to share a little about his LC experience and the impact the college had on his life.

Dear Kerri

Our visit was brief, but I had to write tonight and acknowledge the impact of our visit today for you to share with all at Lincoln College.

I visited today with my niece and nephew, potential students for fall 2010. In May of 1982 I left Lincoln and had not returned since. The expansion is amazing and the changes are astonishing.

The visit today was almost spiritual. I walked the same path I walked in the 80s, between the dorms and past the baseball field, etc. I walked the path with my sister and her two oldest children, and for the first time in a long time we all connected on a campus.

The experience that really saved me as a teenager came back and impacted my niece and nephew. They actually could imagine themselves attending college there. This is no small action when working with young adults, as you know, and I was truly moved on the way home as they processed and envisioned their future.

After attending LC I attended the University of Illinois and then De Paul in Chicago for my Masters. I supervise an acute unit for a hospital for emotionally disturbed youth in Champaign. I tell you this because when I came to Lincoln I did not know I had dyslexia and ADD. I had an ACT of 13, a 2.00 GPA, and really no direction; I could sing and act and dance. From that space in time I have successfully owned three large businesses in Chicago, worked for a very high-end designer in California, and achieved academic success at the Masters level. My future started at Lincoln College with the help of Connie DiLillo and the Fine Arts Department.

When I saw my niece Hannah laugh today, and my nephew Jon agree to a picture by the cart, I knew the magic was happening yet again for another generation.

As the world changes so rapidly and appears unstable, where are those things that remain a constant? Solid education that is based in personal development and effectiveness will always prevail. I was the first to graduate from college; this legacy is priceless to me personally.

I guess this letter is for all of you who touch the future in so many ways that you never know when that sense of connection happens or the light bulb goes on. Tonight the light bulb is burning bright as both Jon and Hannah work on their admission applications

Thank you for this moment in their lives. Where ever it goes from here it started for them today at Lincoln College. Thank you

Sincerely

Ray C. Bement, Class of 1982

P.S. I have two more nieces and another nephew coming up behind Jon and Hannah. See you soon!

Class Notes

Alumni News, Activities and Events

1950s

Charles Hartnett, class of 1952, enjoyed meeting fellow alumnus John Scherer, class of 1952, for lunch in Jacksonville, Fla. They had a good time discussing some of the old times and friends. John is presently semi-retired acting as a manufacturing representative. **Charles E. (Chuck) Heiden**, class of 1958, retired in 1990 from Vanderbilt University as a Development Officer. He has spent the past 16 years fishing and hunting in beautiful Florida. He has three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Chuck received his M.A. degree from University of Illinois. **Janice M. (DeMann) Murrie**, class of 1958, said farewell to her husband and fellow alumnus Richard, class of 1958, when he passed away on August 31, 2008. Janice and Richard were married for 50 years.

1960s

Merlin Sandel, class of 1961, said farewell to his beloved Gloria, class of 1961, who passed away Nov. 1, 2008, from lung cancer. The Sandels have three daughters and five grandchildren. Gloria taught elementary school in Rhode Island for 30 years before they retired to North Carolina in 1996.

1970s

William H. (Bill) Cossaboon, class of 1970, has been appointed the Director of Crotched Mountain School in Greenfield, N.H. Before this appointment he was Associate Director of Education and Vocational Director. Crotched Mountain School is a private school for students aged seven to 22 who have multi-handicapped conditions; most students are from New England and New York. **Mike DeMent**, class of 1972, wanted to let everyone know how great it was to see some old baseball players (Lyle Fout, Dennis Werth, Doug Jones, Gary Abbott and Bill Babcock) from the 1972 Championship Team, as well as coaches

Allen Pickering and Tom Zurkammer, at the April 25, 2009, Alumni Reunion Banquet. He was overjoyed to see Coach Chuck Lindstrom receive the Honorary Alumni Award. **Elmer J. Prochaska, Jr.**, class of 1973, is enjoying being retired and living in Mesa, Ariz. He would like to hear from classmates and friends. You can reach him via email at elmproaz1@yahoo.com. Elmer sends his best wishes and hello to all fellow Lincoln College alumni. **Fonda Bowlby Robbins**, class of 1973, **Gregory Guy, Jr.**, class of 1992, and **Jason Clarke**, class of 1995, along with Gregory Guy, Sr., and Devon Lewis have started the Lower 48 Freight Brokerage company in Lincoln, Ill. The company is licensed through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to connect shippers and transportation companies to move freight throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, and internationally. The company is certified as a female-owned business through the federal government. Fonda serves as President, Gregory Jr. serves as Vice President, Jason and Gregory Sr. serve as Brokers while Devon serves as Broker Assistant. Fonda, Gregory Jr., and Jason would love to hear from former classmates and any alumni from Lincoln College. The company is located at 1503 North Kickapoo Street, Suite A, Lincoln, Illinois 62656. Their phone number is (217) 732-2046 and their website is Lower48Brokers.com.



Kevin McCaster

1980s

Kevin McCaster, class of 1983, was recently promoted to Sergeant with the City of Downey Police Dept.

1990s

Anthony S. (Tony) Fuscone, class of 1990, currently resides in Lisle, Ill., and is the political director for the Thomas Castillo for Lieutenant Governor Campaign. His website is tom4gov.com. **Ali R. (Gaus) Pedersen**, class of 1995, is employed at Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School as a social worker, homeless liaison and assistant girls' swim coach.

2000s

Sarah Costin, class of 2001, enjoyed a busy April, 2009, as she bought a condo and got a job promotion. Sarah now resides in Naperville, Ill., and is a Senior Specialist at CCC Information Services in Chicago. **Adrienne Harmon**, class of 2001, completed medical school and earned her Master's Certificate in Public Health at the Arizona School of Dentistry. She is now one of the newest dentists at North Country HealthCare in Flagstaff, Ariz. Dr. Harmon's professional interests include children's dentistry and special needs dentistry. **Jacob T. Donovan**, class of 2006, went on to attend Ball State University after leaving Lincoln. He is currently employed with Affiliated Computer Services and married Elizabeth Sheets on July 4, 2009. **Justin Tierney**, class of 2007, went on to Elmhurst College in suburban Chicago to finish his undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Communication Studies with a minor in English. He graduated in February, 2009, and already had a job awaiting him.



Adrienne Harmon



Elizabeth & Jacob Donovan

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He was hired as a full time reporter for *The Lincoln Courier* newspaper in Lincoln, Ill., in January 2009. While at Lincoln College Justin served as the WLNK Station Manager. At Elmhurst College he served as the editor-in-chief of *The Leader*, the student newspaper. Justin won six different awards at the 2008 Illinois College Press Association convention, including a first-place award in the Sports Feature Story category. **Josh Bartolazzi**, class of 2008, is entering his second season with the *PrairieThunder*. As the Manager of Ticket Operations, he is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the ticket sales department, including season and group tickets, marketing, and customer service. Josh graduated in 2008 from Lincoln College-Normal with a degree in Sports Management. His favorite part of his job is interacting with fans throughout the games. **Patrick James Daly**, class of 2008, and Marjorie Elizabeth White, class of 2009, were married June 6, 2009, at Jefferson St.



Patrick and Marjorie Daly

Christian Church in Lincoln. Attendants included other LC alums Taryn Fates, Chris Ackerman, and Sean Daly. The newlyweds reside in Rockford, Ill. **Dan Thomas**, class of 2008, was recently hired as the Clinton LumberKings Stadium Manager and Head Groundskeeper. He joins the organization after spending 2008 as the Assistant Groundskeeper for the Peoria Chiefs. Dan earned a B.S. in Sports Management at Lincoln College – Normal, and a Turf Management Certification from Ohio State University, both in 2008. Prior to his time with Peoria of the Midwest League, he worked as a groundskeeper for a golf course in Springfield, Ill. **Simone Wilson**, class of 2008, recently got engaged to her high school sweetheart. They are planning the wedding for next year sometime. Simone will be changing her name from Wilson to Baines.

Where Are They Now?

Bob Rang, Class of 1971

After graduating from high school in River Vale, New Jersey, Robert Rang applied to the School of Cinema at the University of Southern California. When he didn't get in, a high school friend encouraged him to apply at Lincoln College. Bob became a member of LC's freshman class of 1969 and was very active in the Theatre Department.

At the end of his freshman year, Bob was contacted by USC and invited to attend as a sophomore in the Film Department. But Bob was having a great time at LC, working in the theatre, and enjoying his classes and the many friends he'd made. He stayed in Lincoln, and received his Associate in Arts degree in May 1971.

Then he went to USC's School of Cinema, where he graduated in 1973 and began a successful career in set design. According to his website, www.robertrang.com, Bob designed for the TV shows *Jeopardy*, *Dance Fever*, *The Merv Griffin Show*, *Merv Griffin's Crosswords* and a variety of TV specials. He designed the sets for the live telecast for the 1993 Presidential Inaugural and the Washington D.C. Millennium Special, both at the Lincoln Memorial, for Quincy Jones. His work with Donn Arden led him to design the sinking of the *Titanic* in Jubilee at Bally's in Las Vegas, and later the set design for the *Moulin Rouge* at the Las Vegas Hilton.

From there he went to Paris, France, and designed three productions, *Panache*, *Bravisimo* and *C'est Magique*, for the Lido de Paris on the Champs-Elysees. Other design projects include sets for Princess Cruises, Royal Caribbean

and interior design for The Beverly Hilton, the Scottsdale Hilton, and the thousand-seat Palm Springs Pavilion Theatre in Palm Springs, Calif. He designed the new set for the 80th Academy Awards Nominations for the Academy of Motion Arts and Sciences, and has designed the "Red Carpet" for the 79th, 80th, and 81st Academy Awards, "2007 ALMA Awards" and "A Holiday Celebration at Ford's Theatre" in Washington D.C., all ABC Specials.

Bob is also a consultant for Royal Caribbean's mega Genesis class of ships, The Oasis of the Seas and the Allure of the Seas. Most recently, Bob has been designing ice shows for the Royal Caribbean cruise line. This fall, Bob has been in Finland mounting the show that Lincoln College Alumni and Friends will be able to see on our Oasis of the Seas cruise in January 2010.

The full list of Bob's credits and photos of his work can be found on his website, www.robertrang.com.



Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas

Fine Arts Spotlight...Where Are They Now?

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Angela continued her dancing career on the professional level as a three-year member (2006-2009) of the Pacemates, the dance team for the NBA's Indiana Pacers. Although Angela has enjoyed her time in Indiana she is excited to be moving back to the Chicago area where she has accepted a new job as a meeting planner for WJ Weiser & Associates Inc. in Schaumburg.



Tony Crawford began his college education at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, but for a variety of reasons transferred to Lincoln College where he received his Associate in Arts degree in 2005. Tony spent much of his time at LC in the fine arts department, where he had the opportunity to act, do set design, and coordinate theater, music and dance productions in the Johnston Center.

Tony Crawford '05 After graduating from LC, Tony returned to SIU-C where he quickly immersed himself in their theatre program and focused on design. He started out building sets for theatre productions, and soon became a charge scenic artist, leading the paint crews in painting the sets.

Tony's first summer job was in Carbondale. As a props artist for the McLeod Summer Playhouse, he made sure all props were built and ready for the shows. The next summer he took a design job at Seaside Repertory Theatre, a professional theatre company on the gulf coast of Florida. There he designed a set for Steve Martin's "The Underpants." In the summer of 2008 he was a scenic painter at The Black Hills Playhouse in South Dakota where he painted five shows in three months.

The past couple of years have been exciting, with many opportunities opening up for Tony. He worked for a year as the Scenic Charge Artist at the Birmingham (Alabama) Children's Theatre. This past summer he was the Production Coordinator for the Ted Shawn Theatre at Jacob's Pillow Dance in Massachusetts. One of the nation's most historically significant dance venues, Jacob's Pillow is a place where dancers like Mikhail Baryshnikov, Alicia Markova, Savion Glover and Alvin Ailey are known on a first-name basis. There, he organized performances by dance companies from seven countries, and supervised crews for six performances each week of the best dance in the world.

This fall, Tony became a student once again. He is studying at the Cobalt Studios Conservatory in White Hills, N.Y., a prestigious training program specifically for scenic artists. He will work with designers and teachers from across the country while he fine tunes his skills as a professional scenic artist. Tony is set to graduate in May 2011.

Check out Tony's portfolio online at: <http://tonycrawford.daportfolio.com>.



Minyak and Emily '06

After graduating from Lincoln College in 2006, **Emily A. Escobedo** went on to Southern Illinois University for two years. She found herself wanting to see what was "out there," to get some real-world work experience. And she knew she could always go back to school and finish her education.

Emily took a summer job as wardrobe crew at the New London Barn Playhouse in New Hampshire, where she meet some amazing people, then went home to Chicago. Emily had applied at several Chicago-area theaters when she received an e-mail from one of her fellow thespians asking if she would be interested in touring. It really is about who you know. Before she knew it she was on a flight to Tulsa, Okla., where she began her career with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

Currently Emily lives on a mile-long train, traveling with the 138th edition of the Blue unit of the RB&B&BC. She has her own tiny room and loves circus life. Early in the week the train moves the show from one town to the next. Once at the new location, everything has to be moved and set up: animals, sets, props, costumes, lights, rigging, the works. Emily is part of a seven-person wardrobe crew responsible for cleaning and mending the shoes, hats and garments worn by all the performers. With two or three performances a day every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, each day is different, but every one is busy.

Emily says working with the circus has been a wonderful opportunity. She's met many unique people and learned about many time-honored circus traditions, like the first of May and the pie in the face for your birthday.

Shortly after leaving Lincoln College in 1992, **Jeff Griggs** moved to Chicago and began training as an actor and improviser at Second City Theater and the ImprovOlympic Theater. He enjoyed great success there and was soon performing at ImprovOlympic with their House Team, Deep Schwa.

In April, 2005, Ivan Dee Publishing released Jeff's first book "Guru: My Days with Del Close." The movie rights for the book were purchased by Second City of Chicago, and Jeff wrote the screenplay adaptation of the book under the mentorship of famed director Harold Ramis.

Jeff has taught and performed for the ImprovOlympic and Second City for several years, and is a long-standing member

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of Aphasia, his own three-person independent improv team. Aphasia has performed all over the world at festivals and improvisational theaters. Jeff is the host of their wildly successful podcast, Aphasia Presents Something, which is available on iTunes.

Jeff is also the story producer and a contributing director for the NBC television program "Sports Action Team." Currently he's performing for Second City on the Norwegian Cruise Lines cruiseliner Pride of America in Hawaii.



Jeff Griggs '92

Natalie Jeckel McGee chose Lincoln College because of her love of dance. Since performing in the Showstoppers' (LC's dance ensemble) dance concerts as a child, she knew that she wanted to be on the Johnston Center stage as a college student one day. That dream was realized when she enrolled at LC in 1995. For the next two years she was a member of Dance Force and had the opportunity to showcase her talents in dance and choreography.

While she continued dancing after leaving LC, where she graduated as co-valedictorian in 1997, Natalie has had the fortune of pursuing additional educational and professional endeavors. Educationally, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with an emphasis in technical writing from Millikin University, where



Natalie Jeckel McGee '97
Photo courtesy of Brian McConkey

she graduated summa cum laude. Her technical communication background led her to work in a start-up internet newspaper business both for State Farm Insurance and the University of Illinois Human Resources Information Systems. In July of 2003 she ended up back where things started, at Lincoln College, where she was LC's first Director of Web Services. Realizing she enjoyed the atmosphere of higher education, she completed a master's degree in Educational Administration from Illinois State University. It was then that she took on responsibilities in LC's department of Alumni and Development.

While working at Lincoln College, Natalie had the opportunity to be on-camera as the host of the admissions recruiting video. This re-ignited her passion for performing. Natalie left

her position at LC in October 2007 to pursue a modeling career. Currently she has talent agents in both Chicago, Ill., and Cincinnati, Ohio. Occasionally she is cast in on-camera commercials; however, her primary focus is print. Natalie is represented by Ford Model Management's commercial print division and she has appeared in national advertisements for Samsung, Relax Riesling, Ashley Furniture, and Sears. She has done modeling for McDonalds, Pampered Chef, SC Johnson, Hyatt, Marriott, and even had a cover shoot for Wedding Guide Chicago.

Natalie's on-camera credits include a national spot for NASCAR, Chevrolet's Woman of the Year, OFF! Insect Repellent, Captain Morgan, and the arcade game Deal or No Deal. Some of Natalie's most exciting on-camera experiences were appearing as a background actor in "The Dark Knight" and dancing with Regis Philbin on "Live! with Regis and Kelly."

Currently, Natalie lives in Decatur, Ill., with her husband Case. She is an avid reader of memoirs and loves listening to podcasts. She has developed a passion for cooking and spends a lot of time creating meals, but rarely using a recipe. Natalie has also recently launched a life and style consulting business, Your Best Beautiful.

Mike Loeffelholz graduated from Lincoln College in 1991 and moved to Chicago where he worked at the Art Institute and continued his acting. He worked at the prestigious Steppenwolf Theater and appeared in 2003's award-winning "Early and Often." Mike met his wife Melissa in Chicago and, after several years of a successful theater career there, he and Melissa packed up and headed west to Los Angeles, Calif.

In LA, Mike began working for the Geffen Playhouse, where he played Ed in Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's Pulitzer Prize winning play "You Can't Take it With You," directed by Hart's son Chris.

Mike has appeared in numerous national TV commercials, including some with Michael Jordan. Other television

highlights include guest starring roles on "Boston Legal" and "Day Break" with Taye Diggs.

Mike currently has a recurring role on the new Fox show "Glee." He can also be seen in upcoming national commercials for Kmart and Chevrolet.

Mike and Melissa live in Los Angeles with their 4-year-old daughter. They are happily awaiting the birth of their second child.



Mike Loeffelholz '91

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Fine Arts Spotlight...Where Are They Now?

Since graduating from Lincoln College in 2004, **Jessica Mitchell** has been on the journey of a lifetime. Post LC she attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and graduated with a major in Broadcast Journalism and a minor in Advertising. She was a news reporter/sports anchor for WSIU-TV and also danced for the University dance team, the SIU Saluki Shakers. After graduating from SIU-C in 2006, Jessica danced with the Chicago Luvabulls, representing the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Also in 2006



Jessica Mitchell '04

she was selected as a Chicago's 97.9 Loop Rock Girl Sweet 16 finalist, and began a career in marketing. Following her season with the Bulls, she traveled the country on an event marketing tour, visiting almost all 50 states in 2007. In 2008 Jessica moved to Kansas City where she was a Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleader finalist, and became Director of Business Development for a modeling agency. While in Kansas City, Jessica danced for the short-lived Arena Football League's Kansas City Brigade Girls.

Jessica moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and became an event manager with a New York City marketing firm. In 2009 she was a finalist for the NBA's Indiana Pacers Pacemates. Throughout the last five years, Jessica has modeled for various fashion shows, morning news broadcasts, and hosted a few nationwide cable shows. She has also promoted and modeled for over 50 brands and trade shows. Earlier this year she appeared on Speed TV's "Pinks All Out" and on Telemundo for Miami's Playboy golf events.

Jessica keeps busy by being involved in community volunteer work, her church, and spending time with her family. In mid-October she did a photo shoot with Playboy and will be traveling to the Playboy Mansion next year for events in March. Jessica hopes to dance for another NBA or NFL team in 2010, and hopes to start her own full-service talent/marketing agency in the near future.

After graduating from Lincoln College in 2005, **Emily Riesen** went to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where she graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Music Business. She decided to jump feet first into the country music industry, so she moved to Nashville, Tenn., in spring 2008, and has been doing the singer/songwriter thing ever since. Emily has enjoyed success, playing three solid gigs a week. She currently holds a Baden Guitar endorsement and loves playing the beautifully handmade guitars that come from Viet Nam.



Emily Riesen '05

Emily's current projects include her song "All Out of Smiles," which is available for download on her MySpace page. The song, about a soldier deployed to war and the family he leaves behind, has done

so well on her MySpace page that Emily decided to donate the proceeds from the downloads to the USASOC Military Families and Lifestyle Charitable Foundation. She is in the process of shooting a music video to accompany the song. Emily is also finishing up her first full album, which should be completed and available for purchase by December 2009.

Learn more about Emily on-line at www.myspace.com/emilyriesen and www.emilyriesen.com.

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What's New With You?

We always welcome news items from Lincoln College alumni for use in future issues of The Lincoln Log. If you have news you would like to share with fellow classmates, you have moved, gotten married or had a baby, please let us know.

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Alumni and Friends enjoy America's Favorite Pastime

PEORIA CHIEFS EVENT 2009...

Diane Dietz, LC Voice and Music instructor, sang the National Anthem and Tom Zurkammer '63 threw out the first pitch at Chiefs game.



CUBS/CARDINALS EVENT 2009...



RAFFLE WINNERS





Celebrating 30th Anniversary in 2009

Lincoln College – Normal celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2009 with a series of events and activities, including a faculty breakfast, a campus-wide cookout, and a lecture series.

LCN was founded in 1979 when Lincoln College in Lincoln, Ill., began offering extension courses in rented spaces throughout the Bloomington-Normal area. The college broke ground at its Raab Road campus in 1986, and opened the Midwest College of Cosmetology in 1998.

Since its inception, LCN has focused on preparing students for the work force, and engaging with business, educational, and community partners for the benefit of the region. The college's academic offerings have greatly expanded since those early years, and today's students can complete studies online, as well as earn bachelor's degrees through the college's popular Accelerated Bridge to Education (ABE) degree program.

LCN Offering Human Resources Accreditation Program

LCN has entered into a formal agreement with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) to become a SHRM Partner College. Beginning in September, 2009, individuals can enroll in guided classroom study sessions at the college's new Center for Adult Learning to prepare for certification exams offered by SHRM. LCN is the only college in central Illinois offering this service.

SHRM, a prestigious national organization for Human Resources professionals, has local chapters across the country. The organization encourages development of its members through ongoing training and by offering professional accreditation. Interested HR professionals can earn designations by completing a rigorous examination covering a body of knowledge related to current practices in the human resource profession. Upon successful completion of the exams, these individuals earn the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) or Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) designation.

"We're really proud of this partnership. SHRM is a prestigious organization and by selecting LCN as a Partner College, they are recognizing the high caliber of our faculty and the college's ability to meet the needs of business professionals in the region," said Terry Lowe, an adjunct professor in the college's business program and SHRM program coordinator.

For more information, contact Terry Lowe at (309) 268-4307



or tlowe@lincolncollege.edu or visit www.lincolncollege.edu/normal/abe/noncredit/index.php. Information is also available on the SHRM website at www.shrm.org.

LCN Adjunct Professor Ron Swan Receives 2009 Normal Rotary Health and Safety Award

The 2009 Normal Rotary Health and Safety Award was presented to Ronald Swan, an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Studies department at LCN, where he teaches baccalaureate classes in Ethics, Race and Criminal Justice, and International Criminal Justice. Swan received the award in June at a lunchtime

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Professor Ron Swan receives award from Dr. James Fagin.

reception of the Normal chapter of the Rotary Club.

As Chief of Police for Illinois State University, Swan has worked to promote safety both for the ISU campus and the Normal community in general. In addition, he has worked to promote American criminal justice standards abroad, and is a tireless advocate of tolerance and understanding. A 'teacher' in every sense of the word, he has worked to promote awareness of racial justice in Illinois and beyond. During the award presentation, Rotary member Dr. James Fagin described Swan as "a reassuring voice in the community."

Swan received the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Relations Award from the City of Bloomington, Ill., in 2003 and ISU's Strand Diversity Award in 2008. He also travels often to Russia, where he lectures on standards of justice for Russian law enforcement personnel.

The Rotary Health and Safety Award, which has been presented annually since 2006, is given to an outstanding citizen living or working in Normal. Award recipients are community members who have contributed substantially to the quality of life of the citizens of Normal by promoting health and safety initiatives.

Midwest College of Cosmetology

On August 24 and 25, 2009, Midwest College of Cosmetology took part in the "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" program that airs on ABC, thanks to the diligence of Jennifer Feaman, MCC Admissions Counselor. MCC was on-site in Philo, Ill., where a home was completely demolished and reconstructed in seven days, giving gravity chair massages to the project volunteers who were working around the clock.

Aside from providing a much needed break for weary volunteers, the students got to mix and mingle with the program's celebrities. Although Ty Pennington jumped out for just a minute, the students were able to mingle with celebrity chefs Rocco Di Spirito, Sandra Lee, and Art Smith, as well as designers Johnny Littlefield, Michael Moloney, and Didi Snyder. A few of the students were even able to help out inside the house.

The massage tent was a big hit, and MCC was even interviewed by the local television stations. Overall, the staff and students had a great time during their brush with fame, and left with a renewed spirit of having helped support a family in need and

New Center for Adult Learning Opens

Another exciting development at LCN was the April grand opening of the Center for Adult Learning, which now houses the ABE program as well as the business education and worker training programs. ABE is designed for adult learners who often must juggle the demands of college with the responsibilities of a family and a career. These students thrive in ABE's flexible environment where they can earn up to 27 credit hours annually by attending one class one night per week for five weeks.

In addition to the opening of the Center, LCN has also begun offering two new programs, a bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration and a certificate in Dental Services Management.

"We're delighted to be celebrating this historic occasion in our college's history. As anyone who ever attended LCN can tell you, it's a special place. We have always been a student-centered institution. We continue that tradition of meeting the needs of our students through quality academic programs, small classes, and a dedicated and compassionate faculty. With the expansion of the ABE program and the opening of the Center for Adult Learning, Lincoln College continues to be at the forefront of adult education," said Dr. A. Gigi Fansler, executive vice president of LCN.

For more information about Lincoln College – Normal, visit www.lincolncollege.edu/normal. For information about the ABE program, contact Jenna Bassett at (309) 268-4338 or e-mail abeinfo@lincolncollege.edu.

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MCC students on-site at Philo, Ill. Extreme Home Makeover Edition

a very worthy cause. The episode aired October 25th on ABC.

For more information on MCC and their programs, please visit their website at www.mcc.lincolncollege.edu.

Lincoln College Goes to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland



Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna, Austria

On May 14, 2009 Professor Paula Knopp, along with seven Lincoln College students, left O'Hare Airport for Vienna, Austria, the first city on their 12-day tour of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland.

Some highlights of this trip included visiting Neuschwanstein Castle, which inspired Walt Disney's theme park castle, a tour of picturesque Lucerne, Switzerland, a sobering tour of the World War II concentration camp at Dachau, Germany, a tour of a salt mine near Salzburg, Austria, and Germany's Black Forest. Along the way there were also guided tours of several cities including Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Heidelberg, Cologne, and a trip through the Rhineland which included a cruise on the Rhine River.

Lincoln College's Global Studies program allows students the opportunity to travel abroad and experience and understand other cultures, other people, and other possibilities. These global travel options instill a sense of curiosity in our students, as well as help them pursue their passions and dream big!

This year's Global Studies program offers travel to Athens, the Greek Islands, and Istanbul, Turkey. Students receive one-hour of elective Global Studies credit for participating in these programs. If you are interested in traveling with Lincoln College, please contact Professor Knopp at pknopp@lincolncollege.edu or (217) 735-5050 ext. 304.



At the Rhine River in Germany

In Memory

Our deepest sympathies to the families of those listed below. Due to space limitations we are only able to publish names, ages, class years, and dates of death.

Jo Ann (Crane) Behrends, 72, Class of 1956, June, 11 2009. **Martha G. (Smith) Biscan**, 86, Class of 1942, July 14, 2008. **Grace Elizabeth (Gehlbach) Bjornaraa**, 99, Class of 1930, May 23, 2009. **Calvin Joe Broughton**, 80, Class of 1948, January 7, 2008. **Alan William Curl**, 59, Class of 1970, March 31, 2009. **James Albert "Bud" Curry**, 79, Class of 1951, March 18, 2009. **Stephanie Jo (Waldron) Durham**, 51, Class of 1977, June 5, 2009. **Marcia Ann (Moore) Enselman**, 78, Class of 1951, February 7, 2009. **Archie Lew Fortman**, 83, Class of 1948, March 18, 2009. **Patricia D. (Faul) Franklin**, 74, Class of 1954, June 20, 2009. **Allison Nadine Franz**, 78, Class of 1972, March 19, 2008. **James R. Gayle**, 87, Class of 1941, May 2, 2009. **Louise Esther (Curphey) Gehlbach**, 100, Class of 1929, January 4, 2008. **Jeremy L. Geriets**, 28, Class of 2002, July 4, 2009. **Jack Renshaw Harrison**, 86, Class of 1943, August 10, 2009. **Lorraine Holtz**, 73, Class of 1987, August 17, 2008. **Paul Frederick House**, 88, Class of 1940, April 17, 2009. **James H. Houston**, 74, Class of 1956, October 2, 2009. **Carol Virginia Kemp**, 64, Class of 1983, January 12, 2009. **Gilbert Arthur Klarr**, 78, Class of 1950, April 4, 2008. **Harold Lynn Komnick**, 65, Class of 1963, December 17, 2008. **John Dawson Landis**, 81, Class of 1964, September 25, 2009. **Earl F. La Panse**, 81, Class of 1948, April 17, 2008. **Margaret Annette (Mowrey) Moore**, 101, Class of 1927, May 7, 2008. **Jared Dean Morlock**, 30, Class of 1998, July 4, 2008. **Richard Allen Murrie**, 71, Class of 1958, August 31, 2008. **Dawn Renee (Munsch) O'Brien**, 43, Class of 1987, June 2, 2009. **Thomas Edward O'Connor**, 67, Class of 1961, January 27, 2009. **Henry Pelc**, 85, Class of 1950, February 27, 2009. **Lajuanna Dianne Rhodes**, 41, Class of 1989, April 2, 2008. **Jeffrey Lloyd Rusch**, 52, Class of 1976, February 5, 2009. **Gloria Martha Sandel**, 81, Class of 1961, November 1, 2008. **Harriet (McCormick) Spangler**, 100, Class of 1928, February 24, 2009. **Peter Cargill Taylor**, 71, Class of 1961, September 5, 2008. **Thomas W. Tibbs**, 73, Class of 1955, March 26, 2008. **James Jitsuichi Tsuha**, 85, Class of 1950, January 15, 2008.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Where are they now?

Dennis (Denny) Frary, class of 1970

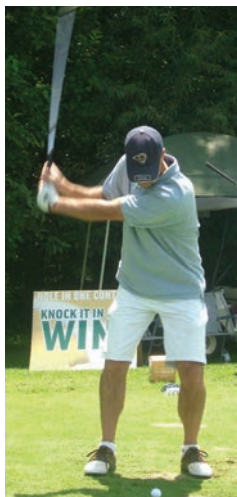
Denny Frary was a star on the golf team at Lincoln College before graduating in 1970 and continuing his education at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where he had a family legacy set out before him. His father and mother both attended and graduated from UI. His dad played football and his mother was the first homecoming queen. Denny received his Bachelor's degree at UI in Broadcast Communication. He joined KCRG-TV9 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as Chief Meteorologist in November 1974. Denny was awarded a Seal of Approval from the American Meteorological Society in March of 1982. When Denny retired from his 30+ year career recently, his colleagues gave him a golf cart decked out with the Illini colors and Chief Illiniwek symbol. He is now enjoying life back in his hometown of Prophetstown, Illinois. He is an avid Illini football fan and enjoys spending days on the golf course. One of Denny's other hobbies is reading biographies about the U.S. Presidents and his goal is to read a book about each one.



Rick Samuels and Denny Frary '70

When Development Officers Rick Samuels and Herb Reichelt spent a day on the golf course visiting with Denny this past summer, they enjoyed hearing about his fond memories and successes since Lincoln College.

Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship Sponsored by Country Financial



Brad Clare's hole-in-one swing and winning ball



Brad Clare & President Hutchinson



Scott Soebbing, Brad & Sarah Clare, & Rick Samuels

FORE!! Or should we say 'ONE'!!



July 31 was a picture perfect day for the Eighth Annual Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship at the Lincoln Elks Country Club, and especially perfect for Brad Clare from the Peerless Cleaning and Restoration foursome, who hit a HOLE-IN-ONE on number 15, a 160-yard par 3. Brad's once-in-a-lifetime shot won him a brand new

Chrysler PT Cruiser provided by hole sponsor Lincoln Chrysler Dodge and Jeep, owned by Coy Hutchcraft.

Brad hit a perfect 6-iron; the ball bounced once and went in. On hand to witness the shot were Brad's playing partners Todd Garner, Adam Walsh, and Tom Kavanagh, Lincoln College President John Hutchinson, Lincoln College Associate Vice President for Student Success Tina Nutt, and Lincoln College faculty member and on-course photographer for the day Tami Goodrich, who photographed Brad mid-swing as he made the winning shot.

The Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship was started eight years ago by former Lincoln College Athletic Director and current friend of the College Allen Pickering. Allen's goal was to help bridge the financial gap for current and future student athletes of Lincoln College. To that purpose, LC has established the Allen Pickering Athletic Scholarship Endowment Fund. All proceeds from the golf outing go directly to the Endowment Fund and are distributed to current and future student athletes at Lincoln College. This year's outing raised over \$21,000, thanks to the participation of generous sponsors and almost 200 golfers.

New to this year's Outing was the awarding of a Corporate Cup, given to the team with the best score among those playing for Super Sponsors (those giving \$1000 or more). The first Lincoln College Corporate Cup was won by Dave Quinn, Dave Gibson, Randy Cushing and Mike Cushing, the foursome from

Elegant Limousine in Bloomington, Ill. The other Corporate Cup competitors were playing for Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital (Lincoln), Country Financial (Bloomington), CORE Construction (Morton), Dan Bock & Associates (Lincoln), Lincoln Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep (Lincoln), Nikles Motors (Mason City/Petersburg), Pacesetter's Financial (Lincoln), Peerless Cleaning and Restoration (Decatur), and State Bank of Lincoln (Lincoln). Other Super Sponsors were Roger Garrett Agency/Blue Cross-Blue Shield (Lincoln), Rick Hamm, State Farm Insurance (Lincoln), Greg Hopkins, Cleveland Golf (Huntington Beach, Calif.), and Samuels, Miller, Schroeder, Jackson, Sly, LLP (Decatur).

Awards were also given for the "Over 200" and "Under 200" groups, based on the combined ages of the members of the foursome. Over 200 division winners were John Blackburn, Doug Ahrends, Dave Krick and Bill Wills, playing for Country Financial. "Under 200" division winners were George Knight, Dubber Knight, Sparky Crowder, and Kelsey Atteberry playing for Knights Action Park.

Without a doubt, the Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship wouldn't be the success that it is without all of its great sponsors and volunteers. We thank each and every one of them for their generosity and support. Mark your calendars now for the Ninth Annual Lincoln College Golf Outing for Scholarship which will be held on Friday, July 30, 2010.



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 23 - Saturday, January 30, 2010.....Ultimate Cruise Adventure to Eastern Caribbean
Sunday, February 14, 2010.....Lincoln College Charter Day: Celebrating 145 years, Lincoln, Ill.
Friday, April 23 - Sunday, April 25, 2010.....Lincoln Center Grand Opening/Alumni Reunion Weekend, Lincoln, Ill.
Saturday, July 17, 2010.....Annual Alumni & Friends Night at the Peoria Chiefs O'Brien Field, Peoria, Ill.
Friday, July 30, 2010.....Annual Golf Outing for Scholarship, Elks Club, Lincoln, Ill.
August 14 or 15, 2010 -TBD -Annual Lincoln College Day at Busch Stadium, Cardinals vs. Cubs, St. Louis, Mo.

New Faces Around Lincoln College...



Martha Wilson

Martha Wilson

On July 1, President John Hutchinson and the Lincoln College Community proudly welcomed Dr. Martha Wilson as our new Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Wilson brings over 30 years of teaching and administrative experience to Lincoln College. While previously the associate vice president for academic affairs at Macon State College in Macon, Georgia, her wealth of accomplishments include: accreditation and reaccreditation, assessment, program development, faculty development and outstanding service to Phi Theta Kappa and honors education. She has over 30 publications and presentations in the fields of American literature and higher education administration. Dr. Wilson, Professor of English, holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Wilson said, "I am excited to have the opportunity to join the leadership team at Lincoln College. I am inspired by the history and special mission of this institution and look forward to becoming a member of the campus community."



Ronda Piatt

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On September 1, Ronda Piatt began her duties as the Lincoln campus' new Director of Buildings and Grounds. Ronda has a BS in Industrial Technology from SIU-Carbondale and has earned the Certified Facility Manager designation. She has over 14 years of facility management experience in the utility, higher education, and health care industries.