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Lincoln College Names 19th President Dr. John Hutchinson

The Lincoln College Board of Trustees announced at their annual February meeting the appointment of Dr. John Hutchinson as the nineteenth president of Lincoln College.

Hutchinson, 57, comes to Lincoln College from Thomasville, Georgia where he most recently served as President of Thomas University. Hutchinson succeeds Ronald L. Schilling, Lincoln College's president since 2002, who retired June 30, 2005.

"Dr. Hutchinson brings to Lincoln a wealth of experience in higher education leadership and extensive practice in building strategic partnerships with business and industry," said Wilbur Paulus, Chairman for the Lincoln College Board of Trustees, who announced the appointment.

Since 2002, Dr. Hutchinson has served as chief executive officer of Thomas University in Thomasville, Georgia. He launched a comprehensive long-range planning process for the college and revitalized the institutional advancement and development office. While at TU he saw student enrollment increase by 28 percent and initiated a new academic program in education and nursing. He also accomplished a new campus planning effort which allows Thomas University to move to a new campus site.

Dr. Hutchinson's appointment came after a nationwide search conducted by Academic Search Con-

sultation Service, several members of the Board of Trustees and members of the college community. The vacancy announcement was released in June 2004 after Ronald L. Schilling announced his plans to retire in June 2005. Response to the announcement drew more than 50 applicants from which the Presidential Search Committee selected a panel of seven preliminary finalists. In January 2005, the search committee selected three candidates to visit campus and tour the facilities as well as interact with various administrators, faculty members and students.

"The process implemented in choosing Dr. Hutchinson was deliberate, extensive and had the benefit of input from all segments of the college community," said Paulus. "There were many outstanding candidates but the committee members were unanimous in their choice of Dr. Hutchinson."

Hutchinson holds a doctorate from Purdue University in Philosophy, Speech Pathology and Speech Science. He received his master of science in speech pathology from Purdue University and a bachelor of arts from the University of Redlands.

Before joining Thomas University, Dr. Hutchinson worked for Northern State University, Aberdeen in South Dakota where he served as chief executive officer. Prior to that position he was a Commissioner of Higher Education at Montana University System in Helena Montana.



Dr. John Hutchinson

Hutchinson will relocate to Lincoln with his wife, Jean Ann. They have four adult sons and one adult daughter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23

LC Normal Golf for Scholarship
Ironwood Golf Course

November 5 & 6

Events in Chicago TBA

Retirement of a President is Bittersweet

On February 15, 1984, a young Ron Schilling began his first day at Lincoln College. He had no idea that 21 years later, he would retire as the college's 18th president.

Lincoln College has seen tremendous changes during Schilling's tenure. Schilling remembers when most tasks were done by hand. "Technology has changed the way Lincoln College works. I am proud to say, one key factor that will never change, is the individual approach everyone takes to help our students learn and the deep

dedication that is a campus-wide culture," said Schilling.

Schilling has witnessed growth in both building projects and enrollment numbers for both campus sites. He can take credit for assembling the team that completed a self-study report to the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Lincoln College received the highest recommendation for accreditation, and was granted a ten-year time frame before having to go through the accreditation process again.

President Schilling was the driving force behind implementing a strategic five-year master plan for both the Lincoln and Normal sites.

Looking back on his career Schilling says he has learned many things over the 42 years he has been in education. "Every successful student at Lincoln College, some overcoming great difficulties and hardships, succeeded because they connected with someone, whether



Vice President Al Pickering, Provost Tom Zurkammer and President Ron Schilling at a recent retirement reception held in University Hall.

it was a teacher, cafeteria worker or another student. This connection has made an impact and in a nutshell is the key component of Lincoln College." Schilling said he will miss Lincoln College but anxiously awaits his future plans of spending time with his family and traveling.

Schilling holds a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, a Master's and C.A.S. degree from Northern Illinois University. He was inducted into the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001 for his dedication and support of all Lincoln College athletic programs and was presented with an Honorary Alumnus citation at this year's Lincoln College Alumni Reunion in April.



Members of the Schilling family pose for a family photo at a retirement reception in early May. Left to right is Tony Schilling, Kristin Klockenga, Joyce Schilling and President Schilling. Not pictured is Stacy (Schilling) O'Connor of San Ramon, California.

Schuttler Receives Alumni Achievement Award

The 2005 Lincoln College Alumni Achievement Award winner is Ken Schuttler of Pekin. Schuttler was presented with the award in April during the alumni reunion dinner and awards program.

Schuttler grew up in Manito, Illinois and came to Lincoln College in 1962. He was a member of the 1961-62 Lincoln College men's basketball team that was crowned the Illinois State Champions. In March 2004, he and his team were inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association

Hall of Fame. While at Lincoln College he also played baseball under Coach Chuck Lindstrom.



2005 Alumni Achievement recipient with (L-R) LC Alumni Executive Director, Debbie Ackerman, President Ron Schilling, Ken Schuttler, and Provost Tom Zurkammer.

the Director of Marketing for Kalo Laboratories, Inc., a company that provided innovative solutions with seed treat-

ments for soybeans. After earning a degree at Lincoln College, he continued his education at Southern Illinois University where he earned a Master of Science degree in Marketing and Economics. Schuttler started his career as a Senior Market Research Analyst at Mobay Chemical Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1976, Schuttler was named

the Director of Marketing for Kalo Laboratories, Inc., a company that provided innovative solutions with seed treatments for soybeans. Using his experience, Schuttler joined the multinational life sciences company called American Cynamid Company which focuses on medical and agricultural products. He held a variety of positions within American Cynamid Company, the last being named Vice President and General Manager of the Animal Nutrition and Health division. In 1992, an opportunity to manage manufacturing facilities with Pitman-Moore, Inc. opened, and Schuttler was named the Vice President and General Manager of Operations for the Americas Region. He has experienced a successful career in management and marketing and once served as the President and Co-Owner of Ker Supply Company, a \$10 million distributor of maintenance supplies in the Chicago market.

Being Pen Pals with a Fish Reunion

Weekend Held April 29 & 30

In this age of instant information, the art of letter writing is slowly becoming a practice of the past. For some Lincoln College swimmers this statement does not apply because of the relationship they formed with Lisa Sexton's second grade class at Roosevelt Magnet School in Peoria.

Lincoln College Head Swim Coach Dan Hemenway

met Lisa Sexton when her son Jake (LC '01) and his brother Jared (LC '04) were students at Lincoln College. One day a casual conversation between Jared and his coach concerned helping Sexton's mother with a writing lesson plan that she had been working on for her students. The conversation also sparked a letter writing campaign between students at Roosevelt Magnet and the Lincoln College swimmers.

Coach Hemenway said he was more than happy to help. "The letters from these kids are great and my students enjoyed hearing from them." Hemenway said his swimmers were somewhat apprehensive at first. "My guy swimmers really struggled with what to say, but they did it, and all have gained valuable experience from it. The girls used different colors and made their letters look nice for the kids."

Tyler Stegmaier of Peoria, a sophomore who was recruited to swim for Lincoln College, was matched up with Ciara Barker. Stegmaier said the letters were fun and the kids made a

huge impact when they came to visit. "I did this last year as well as this year, and it was cool. Just to have someone look up to you, and see the pictures they would send was great. I would visit some of my friend's rooms and they would have their pen pal's picture and letter hanging on their wall."

Stegmaier acknowledged that the size of writing was something he was unfamiliar with at first. "Little kids write different than we do. They write in big letters, something that I'm not used to seeing."

While on campus, the Roosevelt

Magnet students performed a song using sign language for Lincoln College's President Ron Schilling. Sexton said the students were impressed with how well they were treated while on campus.

"President Schilling took the time to shake each of the student's hands and ask their names. Now all of them want to go to Lincoln."



Lincoln College swimmer, Tyler Stegmaier meets his pen pal Ciara Barker who attends Roosevelt Magnet School.



Roosevelt Magnet students pose with their teacher, Lisa Sexton, Lincoln College President and Swim Coaches. In front is Ronnia Shockley. First row L-R. Ga'nala Johnson, Marquan Nash, Alexa Wesley, Paris Crawford, Breon Randle-Sykes, Shelvon Reynolds. Second row L-R. Alma Barrios, Kendra Alston, Dai'Sha Hendon-Rutherford, Adriana Washington, Quintarius Beck, Ciara Barker and Kennedy Hopkins Third row L-R President Ron Schilling, Lisa Sexton, Dan Hemenway, and Jake Sexton.

Alumni and friends kicked off reunion weekend with a wine and cheese reception on Friday night in the McKinstry Library. Those in attendance enjoyed wines from Mackinaw Valley Vineyards, tours of the museum, and art created by LC students on display in the Layman Gallery. Following the reception most alumni headed downtown to have dinner and reminisce together at one of their favorite restaurants in Lincoln—Guzzardo's.

Activities on Saturday included a reception at the President's residence followed by brunch in the dining hall, and guided tours of campus. Nearly 150 alumni and friends attended the reunion dinner and program Saturday evening in the Davidson-Sheffer gymnasium. Danny Pitchers '80 gave the Invocation and the following awards were presented during the program: State Bank of Lincoln, Corporate Partners; Eugenia Merry and Eric Willard, Honorary Alumna/us; and Ken Schuttler '63, Alumni Achievement. Retiring President Ron Schilling was also recognized with an Honorary Alumnus Award. Members of the classes of 1980 and 1955 were presented with mementos in recognition of their 25th and 50th reunions followed by personal reflections shared by 1980 class representative Eddie Jones and 1955 class representative Ned Tingley.

"The weekend was great and I think I can say for the Class of 1970 that we all had a wonderful time. The planning and execution of events was superb and everyone made us all feel very welcome," said Nadine Zemel Reuwer. To sum up the 2005 reunion experience Gary Bellos '70 said, "Thank-you for an awesome weekend in Lincoln. The class of 1970 will be back again in five years for our 40th reunion." Pictures of reunion weekend can be viewed by visiting the online photo gallery at www.lincolncollege.edu/alumni/news.htm.

2005 Master Farmer Award Goes to 1958 LC grad

When Richard Martin (LC '58) graduated high school and headed to Lincoln College, his plan was to simply be an airline pilot. He had no idea that one day he would be selected as a Master Farmer by



Richard Martin

Prairie Farmer magazine. His father, was road commissioner, so he didn't have a family business to fall back on if his plans didn't

work out.

Martin said he remembers thinking he would never have the opportunity to farm but that was before he met his wife, Mary Ellen (LC '59). "Some ground came up for rent where Mary Ellen was raised so we decided to try farming." At first Richard worked odd jobs on the

Fenske (LC '93) finalist For State Teacher of the Year

Mark Fenske was one of seven finalist named for the 2005 Illinois Teacher of the Year honor given by the Illinois State Board of Education. Fenske, who teaches fifth-grade, was nominated by Paul Snellenberger, who is the school principal at Alan Shepard School in Bourbonnais.



Mark Fenske

side – driving a school bus, working at a lime quarry, and helping with road work – all while he was busy acquiring more acres to farm every few years. Martin says efficiency is the name of the game on his farm, where they base nearly every decision upon cost of production per bushel. He developed personalized spreadsheets to keep detailed production records, helping him make better financial decisions.

Saving money is also the goal when Martin embarks on a special interest: machinery innovations. He said his love of machinery started at age 11, when he and his dad built a tractor from scratch. "I remember seeing our neighbors just stop and look when they saw one of our tests of having the area's first tractor cabs and radio."

Prairie Farmer offered the Master Farmers Award in 1925 as a way to recognize Illinois farmers for something more than just farming skills. Approximately 207 Illinois farmers have been honored with the title of Master Farmer.

Fenske's style of teaching uses three key components: the student, the parents and the community. "This year my class went on a night hike on the Kankakee River bottom with 60 students and their parents. The kids got the opportunity to get their hands dirty and learned something in the process." Fenske says even though he didn't achieve the top honor of Teacher of the Year he is still overwhelmed by the honor. "I work in a district with many talented teachers so this honor is truly a humbling experience." Fenske has been teaching for ten years, including five at Shepard in Bourbonnais.

Queen of the Beaux Arts Ball is LC alumna

2003 Lincoln College alumna Lacey Elizabeth Wagoner, daughter of Barbara Brooks Wagoner and Richard Wagoner Jr. was named this year's queen of the Springfield Art Association Beaux Arts Ball. The annual fundraising event was held November 27, 2004.

A graduate of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, Wagoner, 21, received an Associate of Arts de-



LC alumna Lacy Wagoner and her mother, Barbara are shown on the cover of the Springfield Scene Magazine.

gree from Lincoln College. She is a senior at the University of Tampa in Florida, where she plans to continue studies for a master's degree in education.



2004 LC grad Ali Treach of Chicago performs with her improv group for current Lincoln College students in April. Pictured left to right: John Lord, Mike Hershorn, Craig Heard and Ali Treach.

2005 Lincoln College Honors Ceremony

Co - Valedictorian

Robert Irving Lincoln, IL
 Alyssa Schneider Lincoln, IL
 Joshua Anderson Hartsburg, IL
 Colton McClellan Elkhart, IL
 Ashley List Mason City, IL
 Jacob Jones Mt. Zion, IL
 Emily Riesen Spring Grove, IL
 Samantha McCoy Paxton, IL

Salutatorian

Elise Sommerfeld Frankfort, IL

Alberta Fox P.E.O. Memorial

Awarded to freshman woman with highest record in English.

Shannon Jacobs Lincoln, IL

Alta Charles McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in art.

Melinda Bachman Roanoke, IL

American Legion Award for Citizenship

Awarded to student who typifies the ideals of American citizenship and patriotism.

Colton McClellan Elkhart, IL

Best Actor

Awarded to male student for outstanding work in Lincoln College productions.

Tony Crawford Clinton, IL

Best Actress

Awarded to female student for outstanding work in Lincoln College productions.

Elizabeth Buttell Lincoln, IL

Bette Dirks Award

Awarded to student for outstanding work in piano.

Amanda Perry Lincoln, IL

Coral Bonnell Maconaghie Prize

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in music.

Emily Riesen Spring Grove, IL

Dance Award

Awarded to graduating students who excel in dance.

Brande Montgomery Lincoln, IL

Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in history.

Joshua Anderson Hartsburg, IL

Daughters of the American Revolution

Awarded to graduating student who holds the best record in American History.

Stefanie Fleischer South Bend, IN

Dysart Logan Maconaghie Prize

Awarded to student who demonstrates the most notable improvement in scholarship.

Paul Davis Mt Prospect, IL

Earl and Pearl McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in science.

Colton McClellan Elkhart, IL



Eight Lincoln College students achieved the Valedictorian honors in 2005. R to L: Jacob Jones (Mt. Zion), Colton McClellan (Elkhart), Emily Riesen (Spring Grove), Alyssa Schneider (Lincoln), President Schilling, Robert Irving (Lincoln), Samantha McCoy (Paxton), Ashley List (Mason City) and Joshua Anderson (Hartsburg).

Elizabeth M. Hensley Award

Awarded to female freshman student who lives in the residence halls and has contributed the most to the residence hall.

Clare Reuland Aurora, IL

Florence Molen Award

Awarded to freshman for excellence in English.

Adam Taylor Lincoln, IL

Herbert O. Merry Award

Awarded to student for excellence in instrumental music.

Joshua Fouch Cuba, IL

Layman Athletic Award

Awarded to LC varsity athlete with the highest scholastic average.

Colton McClellan Elkhart, IL

Samantha McCoy Paxton, IL

Lord-Baden Powell Award

Awarded to student who exemplifies the highest ideals of the Boy Scouts of America.

Richard Higginbotham Arlington Heights, IL

Lorraine Maconaghie Morrow Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in literature and journalism.

Ashley List Mason City, IL

Madrigale Maconaghie McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who has derived the greatest benefit from the Lincoln College experience.

Michael Oxier Lexington, IL

Marvin D. "Swede" Johnson Award

Awarded to freshman student who has been involved with the total Lincoln College community.

Alexandrea Davis Lincoln, IL

Mathematics Achievement Award

Awarded to freshman student who holds the best record in mathematics.

Joshua Auxier Mason City, IL

Performing Arts Award

Awarded to graduating student whose creative work in performing arts reflects outstanding proficiency, creative ability, and genuine achievement and dedication.

Kalee Dionne Herscher, IL

Phi Theta Kappa Service Award

Awarded to student for outstanding service to the organization.

RoseAnna Miller Ramsey, IL

Production Assistant Award

Awarded to student for excellence in technical assistance.

Tony Crawford Clinton, IL

Samuel B. Evans Prize

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates leadership and character among his/her peers at Lincoln College.

Emily Riesen Spring Grove, IL

Visual Arts Award

Awarded to student whose creative work in visual arts reflects outstanding proficiency.

Nicholas Malone North Lake, IL

William B. McKinley Prize

Awarded to freshman student who is deemed to represent the character of Lincoln College students.

Alexandrea Davis Lincoln, IL

William Lewis McKeever Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in mathematics.

David Doolin Lincoln, IL

Robert Irving Lincoln, IL

Willy Daubner Award

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in chemistry.

Sean Masters Paw Paw, IL

Zimbie-Whiting Art Scholarship

Awarded to graduating student who demonstrates excellence in visual arts.

Melinda Bachman Roanoke, IL

Alumni News

Class Notes

60's

S i x t i e s

Barbara (Fennema) Baldwin, Class of 1965, was honored by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White as a recipient of the Illinois Honorary Librarian Spotlight on Volunteerism Award. She is a tutor for the Read to Learn for a



Barbara (Fennema) Baldwin is second from the left in the first row.

Brighter Future, program run by District 214 Community Education in Arlington Heights, IL. The reason she stays involved is the joy she sees on her students' faces and the pride they show when they accomplish something. This is the "thanks" she receives from her students and she loves it.

Leslie Coombs, Class of 1969, wrote to say since leaving Lincoln she has completed a BS Degree in Psychology and has worked with children with Autism. She has an A.A. degree in Criminal Justice and Social Work and has worked in four different Super-Max prisons as a Counselor. As of September 2005 she will begin her next venture as a Veterinary Technician with Large Animals in Denver, Colorado. She is also in the final stages of adopting three children who also reside in Colorado. She presently has two cats and two Hybrid Wolf/Dogs. "The two wolf/dogs will be my start of a sanctuary for wolves and Hybrid Wolf/Dogs." said Coombs. She would enjoy hearing from her fellow classmates- Toni, Arlene, Donna, Niomi, "birdie" Roberta, Karas, Brenda, and anyone else who might wish to contact her at: mcoombs010@comcast.net.

70's

S e v e n t i e s

Mark Baker, Class of 1979, e-mailed information that he is currently a tennis pro in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He is looking to hear from old school buddies Duff, Douglas McCord, Bad Boy Malloy, Martha Waltemade, Cruise, Klutz, Kathy Latanzey, and anybody else who remembers him.

80's

E i g h t i e s

Jan Bowers, Class of 1981, says she just completed her 20th year of teaching at Lincoln College. She wonders how that can be possible when her memories of being a student at LC are still so vivid. She would love to hear from her former classmates and former teammates. E-mail her a note at: jbowers@lincolncollege.edu.

Cris Jones, Class of 1981, is an umpire supervisor for Major League Baseball. Jones likens himself to a team's minor league coordinator. He coordinates Triple-A umpires and evaluates major league umpires when they are doing Colorado Rockies games in Denver, where he lives.

Andrea L. (Myerson) Berman, Class of 1983, writes to say she is enjoying her new job. The company she is working for is well known all over the world. She also moved to a brand new home in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. She sends her regards to all and hopes to see fellow classmates at the next alumni event.

90's

N i n e t i e s

Keiri Leggett, Class of 1999, says she is teaching Pre-Kindergarten at a private pre-school in Bloomington.

90's (cont.)

N i n e t i e s



John (LC'98) and Stacy (LC'99) (Kotecki) Taylor were married April 24, 2004. They both attended Eastern Illinois University. John earned

a B.S. in Environmental Biology and Stacy earned an M.S. in Family & Consumer Science. They currently live in Minooka, IL.

00's

Bobby Richardson, Class of 2001, says he and Rebecca Rutledge were married September 4, 2004. Former Lincoln College classmates Keith Tobin and Jake Sexton, Amy Plocher and Alison Lowe helped comprise the wedding party. He says this illustrates the life-long friendships that can come out of attending Lincoln College.

Sarah Costin, Class of 2001, recently graduated in May of 2004 from Illinois State University with a degree in Special Education. She is currently going for her certification in Medical Records. Graduation is expected in May of 2007.

Kari Borowiak, Class of 2002, Lincoln College Lincoln Laureate, graduated in December 2004 Magna Cum Laude from Murray State University with a degree in Nursing.

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Lincoln College Faculty News

Phyllis J. Sippel, Director of Midwest College of Cosmetology was listed in the Heritage Registry of Who's Who 2005-2006 edition.



Phyllis Sippel

Sippel is a cosmetologist and cosmetology educator and started at MCC in May 2000. She received her state license as a cosmetologist in 1974 and received her state license as a cosmetology instructor in 1977. Prior to joining MCC she owned the Hair Together salon in Bourbonnais. She is a graduate of Blue Island School of Beauty Culture and has taught a variety of cosmetic classes including platform demonstrations. She resides in Kankakee with her husband Norman, and their son Paul.

The Heritage Registry of Who's Who, a New York based biographical publication, selects and distinguishes individuals throughout North America who have attained a recognizable degree of success in their field of endeavor and who have contributed to the growth of their industry.

Darrel Sutter, part-time assistant professor who teaches sociology at Lincoln College, was honored with a scholarship named after him at Roanoke-Benson High School. The Darrel A. Sutter scholarship will provide \$500 towards college costs for a Roanoke-Benson High School graduate. Selection of the recipient will be based on the student's involvement in high school activities as well as an essay which describes how they achieved their education while being involved.



Darrel Sutter

Kathleen Kirk, creative writing instructor at Lincoln College Lincoln campus hosted a poetry workshop at the Normal Public Library in January. She is an editor of *RHINO Magazine*, a literary annual, and the editor of *WHERE WE LIVE: Illinois Poets*, an anthology of poems by local and statewide poets. Her poems, stories, and essays have appeared in a variety of journals and anthologies. Some of her Shakespeare poems will appear in the anthology *A Fine Frenzy*, forthcoming from University of Iowa Press. She is also the force behind *Lynx Online*, which is an online magazine of student writing. To see more go to:

www.lincolncollege.edu/lynxonline/



Kathleen Kirk
photo by Colette Martin-Wilde

Dr. James Fulcher, English, Philosophy and Logic instructor at Lincoln College Lincoln was honored at the Honors Award Assembly on May 14, 2005 for 36 years of service to Lincoln College. Dr. Fulcher plans to enjoy more time with his family as well as practicing the art of tai chi.



IN MEMORY

Dr. Charles C. Carter, Class of 1943, of Saratoga, California passed away May 24, 2004.

Roderick Thompson, Class of 1956, has passed away according to fellow classmate, Paul Beaver.

David W. Platz, Class of 1960, of Houston, Texas passed away August 14, 2004.

Geoffrey L. Sorensen, Class of 1960, of Hoffman Estates passed away February 9, 2004. His mother wrote to say a memorial service was held at Bethel Baptist Church.

Jane(Browne) Poertner, Class of 1960, of Lincoln passed away March 1, 2005.

Lee Patterson, Class of 1961, of St. Charles passed away May 20, 2005.

Thomas Howe, Class of 1967, of Chicago passed away.

William J. Meier, Class of 1975, of Amelia, Ohio passed away June 20, 2004.

John P. Sullivan, Class of 1980, has passed away.

Gene Peck, retired maintenance supervisor, of Lincoln passed away January 25, 2005.

Eddie Mangold, retired from Lincoln College, of Lincoln passed away January 31, 2005.



Sylvia Rogers, 98 housemother in Harts Hall in 1961, takes her first motorcycle ride. She

would love to hear from former students who lived in Harts Hall. Write to her at: Sylvia Rogers, 222 E. Franklin, Hartford City, Indiana 47348

Foundation helps Lincoln College Students

Mark Cummings and the John George Smerek Charitable Trust Award

Mark Cummings (LC '01) uncle, John Smerek devoted his life to the welfare of children. Smerek enjoyed the outdoors and applied himself to his studies. After earning his high school diploma he felt he needed to be of service to others, so he entered the Society of Jesus where he continued his studies. While he did not stay with the Jesuits, he did discover his love of teaching there and obtained his Masters in Mathematics at St. Louis University. He began his career teaching high school mathematics and settled at Beaumont High School in St. Louis, MO. He taught at Beaumont until his retirement in 1999. Retirement could not stop Smerek's love of teaching and he returned to the classroom to teach Physics at Eureka High School in St. Louis County until his death in August 2002.

During his years of teaching John spent many hours helping his students discover their talents and giftedness not only in the classroom but also as faculty advisor through many clubs & activities. Since he loved youth and



John Smerek

had fond memories of his days as a Boy Scout, John volunteered as an Assistant Scout Master at St. Timothy Catholic Church in South St. Louis County. His love of the outdoors, coupled with his math and science skills, led him to the sport of Orienteering. He was a member of and gave many hours of service to the St. Louis Orienteering Club putting on numerous events, at the local, national and international level. However, the youth were always his first love, and so he spent hours developing orienteering programs, es-

pecially for the St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Smerek's life was so devoted to teaching and helping youth he never "found the time" to get married. As a life long bachelor, he always thought of the youth he worked with as his children. Even during his illness, he kept thinking of "the children" and getting back to the classroom. Smerek's dream was to establish a charitable trust with his life's savings that could continue helping children even when he could no longer do so himself. In keeping with his wishes his heirs have put in place the means to continue his life long work of helping children reach their potential. His life was one of selfless sacrifice for others in need.

In honor of his many years of sacrifice and dedication the Cummings family have established the John G. Smerek Charitable Trust to continue John Smerek's generosity and his dream of helping young students.

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