



LINCOLN COLLEGE

Chartered Lincoln University, 1865

Lincoln, Illinois

150TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

12:30 P.M. C.D.T.

Lincoln Center

Lincoln Ill. March 4th 1865

His Excellency A. Lincoln
President of the United States,

Dear Sir

By request of the President of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, whose address this will accompany, I write to inform you more fully of the University and of the prosperity of our town. Believing you ~~will~~ feel a lively interest in it, on account of its being named for you before Presidential honors had any influence, Lincoln contains about twenty eight hundred inhabitants. Houses are going up almost daily, and it is expected that there will be from ^{one} to two hundred dwelling houses go up this season. Mostly of a good quality. Business has increased fully in proportion to the inhabitants. Our people although not very wealthy, are very enterprising, and are very anxious, in fact determined to make the University a success. Messrs. Wyatt & Little & I donated ten acres of land, that we were offered six thousand dollars for, and three thousand

dollars in cash to it. several other persons one thousand each, and nearly all the citizens something. The friends of the town propose to build one wing of the building, and the church propose to build and endow it with \$200,000, as soon as \$100,000 endowment fund is raised. They to go on and finish the buildings. The school to commence is soon as this wing of the building is completed and \$50,000 endowment fund is raised.

Our greatest difficulty will be to get sufficient funds to build a house that will do justice to the name and place.

Hoping that we will have the pleasure of seeing you in our own beloved Illinois ere the summer passes,

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R B Latham

Facsimile of a letter written by Colonel Robert B. Latham to
President Abraham Lincoln on March 4, 1865.

Copy of the original obtained from the Library of Congress and
presented to Lincoln College by D. F. Nickols.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Zachary T. Fardon

MUSIC

“(I’ve Had) The Time of My Life”. . . Franke Previte, John DeNicola, and Donald Markowitz arr. Mac Huff
Lincoln College Chorale
Laurie Lewis-Fritz, Assistant Professor of Music
Allie Miller, Trumpet • Caleb Coppinger, Guitar • Brady Walsh, Bass

PRESENTATION OF CLASS

A. Gigi Fansler, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Michelle Baldwin, M.S.Ed.
Dean of Faculty and Instruction
Scott Woger, M.M.E.
Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music
Doug Rosson, M.F.A.
Assistant Professor of Theatre
Katherine Culotta, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Studies
Jonathan Pierce, M.S.
Assistant Professor of Business
John Malone, M.A.
Associate Professor of Communication

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President of the College

*** LINCOLN COLLEGE ALMA MATER**

Lincoln College, alma mater; Who through cherished ages past
Gives unto each son and daughter; Learning, savored to the last
Loyal ever, onward yearning; Knowledge in thy halls enshrined

Lincoln College, alma mater; Now we honor true and kind
Lincoln College, alma mater; Now we honor true and kind

Known as the Emancipator; Lincoln did set all men free
At his namesake college, greater; Knowledge stems from liberty
Like itself reveals a treasure; Seek the truth and wisdom find

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Ron Otto

*** RECESSIONAL**

*** The audience will please stand**

At the conclusion of the program, the audience will please remain in place until the platform party, faculty, and graduates have recessed.

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HONORARY DEGREES

In harmony with the ideals of simplicity, sincerity, and high achievement forever associated with Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln College, in recognition of its name and chartered status as a university, periodically awards honorary degrees to individuals whose accomplishments and character are such as might have been admired by Mr. Lincoln himself.

Doctor of Fine Arts

Paul R. Tetreault
Director of Ford's Theatre

Sponsor

Louise Taper, Litt.D.
Trustee, Lincoln College

Paul Tetreault is director of Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., where he has overseen the theatre's efforts "to use the lens of Lincoln's life and legacy to spark conversations about diverse aspects of the American experience." Since joining Ford's Theatre in 2004, he has focused on enhancing the institution's artistic programming while expanding its mission to focus on education.

Doctor of Humane Letters

Dara G. Torres
Five-Time Olympian; Twelve-Time Medalist

Sponsor

Louise Taper, Litt.D.
Trustee, Lincoln College

Dara Torres is a five-time Olympian and 12-time medalist in swimming. She is the first U.S. swimmer ever to compete in five Olympics, and holds the U.S. record in the 50 meter freestyle. She entered her first international swimming competition at the age of 14 and competed in her first Olympic games in 1984. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, she became the oldest swimmer to compete, taking home three silver medals and finishing just 1/100th of a second behind the gold medal winner in the 50-meter freestyle.

Doctor of Laws

The Honorable Zachary T. Fardon
Former United States Attorney

Sponsor

Judith Bree Morley
Trustee, Lincoln College

Zachary Fardon is the former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and an outspoken campaigner against urban gun violence. Former U.S. Attorney Fardon has called for federal and local authorities to "flood" neighborhoods afflicted by rampant gang crime, and has raised concerns that social media is helping to drive "the virus of gun play" among young people. As U.S. Attorney, his office conducted numerous significant investigations and prosecutions involving international terrorism and terrorism financing, public corruption, corporate fraud, violent crime, narcotics, and gangs.

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LINCOLN COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2017

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Liberal Arts

Erika Alvarez, Bloomington, IL
Delanza Bass, Elmhurst, IL
Anthony Catalanello, Sheffield, IL
Kitzie Cribbs, Bloomington, IL
Bill Krohe, Heyworth, IL
Mandy Marchell, Normal, IL
Jacoby Martin, Chicago, IL

Jennifer Miller, Bloomington, IL
Landon Nelson, Bloomington, IL
Karen Oest, Fairbury, IL
Kyle Peden, Mclean, IL
Linda Rieck, LeRoy, IL
Kristi Wilson, Bloomington, IL
Amy Wurmnest, Bloomington, IL

Jazz Studies

Caleb Coppinger, Mt. Pulaski, IL
Michael Marconi, Palatine, IL

Allie Miller, Manito, IL

Theatre

Romero Stancle, Chicago, IL

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Criminal Justice Studies

Sarah Armstrong, El Paso, IL
Edie Cervantes, Bloomington, IL
Salena Christain, Normal, IL
Alexis Crawford, Lincoln, IL
Annrika Dithen, Bloomington, IL
Stephon Dunmars, Normal, IL
Timothy Fulton, Normal, IL
Jessica Haley, Chicago, IL

Stephanie Jaeger, Normal, IL
Stefanie Morris, Malden, IL
Elisian Tremble, Woodridge, IL
Natalie Waller, Bloomington, IL
Kimberly Whitesell, Bloomington, IL
Stephenie Wiekert, Morris, IL
Leslie Worth, Normal, IL

Health Services Administration

Jennifer Butler, Normal, IL
Matthew Costa, Springfield, IL
Morgan Hurtado, Bloomington, IL
Ashley Lauderdale, Towanda, IL

Cortney Phillips, Lincoln, IL
Melissa Schenkel, Normal, IL
Chasity Sondgeroth, Granville, IL
Jennifer Tealbey, Bloomington, IL

Sport Management

LeAnna Egli, Normal, IL
James Hafer, Elk Grove Village, IL

Rebecca Londos, Lockport, IL

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Management

Brian Beall, Bloomington, IL
Joan Bisco-Haney, Normal, IL
Martin Brown, Normal, IL
Cyra Buttell, Lincoln, IL
Lindsey Clem, Bloomington, IL
Daniel Dylla, Bloomington, IL
Lori Elam, Bloomington, IL
Wendy Faulkner, Peoria, IL
Betsy Friedrich, Heyworth, IL
Briana Gaston, Bloomington, IL
Jill Gomez, Bloomington, IL
Tiffany Groves, Normal, IL
Andrea Henry, Heyworth, IL
Shawn Hernandez, Hudson, IL
Amber Hodge, Bloomington, IL
Danialle Lartz, Lexington, IL
Jill Lenaghan, Normal, IL

Terrence Lenaghan, Normal, IL
Andrew Litwiller, Bloomington, IL
Kristi Loyer, Graymont, IL
Chad McKinney, Le Roy, IL
Ryan Miles, Leroy, IL
Kalem Miranda, Hennepin, IL
Tanya Miscevic, Depue, IL
Cody Morton, Gridley, IL
Cathy Newberry, Clinton, IL
Brendon Nussbaum, Normal, IL
Deryke Pfeifer, Normal, IL
Erin Schmidt, Danvers, IL
Jennifer Slabe, Bloomington, IL
Anna Stoller, Fairbury, IL
Shameika Van Buren, Bloomington, IL
Kelly Whaley, Bloomington, IL
Bree White, Clinton, IL

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Jill Baker, Bloomington, IL

Erin Rankin, Emden, IL

BACHELOR OF APPLIED MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship

Joanna Timbrook, Green Valley, IL

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Organizational Leadership

Julie Cool, Streator, IL

Michael Pollard, Streator, IL

Karla Martin, Springfield, IL

Robert Thurman, Towanda, IL

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Diana Alanis, Chicago, IL

Cody Cannon, Mt. Zion, IL

Ty Ament, Maple Park, IL

Ashlyn Carroll, Lincoln, IL

Carisma Anderson, Fond du Lac, WI

Maunye' Cobb, Calumet City, IL

Gabrielle Arcara, Prairie View, IL

Deantrius Coleman, North Chicago, IL

Casey Arnold, Belleville, IL

Brady Coppinger, Mt Pulaski, IL

Apeasha Ashby, Parker, CO

Elise Cordes, LaGrange, IL

Brittany Belle, Chicago, IL

Montez Crumble, Cahokia, IL

Brian Bettis, Bluffs, IL

Cody Curry, Mason City, IL

Keona Bolden, Springfield, IL

Anne Danko, Streator, IL

Taaji Bolton, Dolton, IL

Marsha Darlington, Lincoln, IL

Brittany Bond, Springfield, IL

Alexandra DeVaney, Sherman, IL

Brecklyn Borski, Athens, IL

Aryas Edwards, Calumet City, IL

Jayson Brown, Evanston, IL

James Eldridge, Jackson, MO

Johnny Mack Brown, Brookfield, IL

Dennis Freeman, Champaign, IL

Kendall Buie, Springfield, IL

Caitlin Gulick, Decatur, IL

Brock Bunner, Lincoln, IL

Elizabeth Halbach, Webster City, IA

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - CONTINUED

Roman Hampton, Peoria, IL
Kasharia Hawkins, Chicago, IL
Eboni Hopping, Bloomington, IL
Cameron Hughes, Moline, IL
Ezra Israel, Tremont, IL
Jalissa Jackson, Carlock, IL
James Jackson, Jacksonville, IL
Jessica Jackson, Lincoln, IL
Deonta Johnson, Clinton, IL
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Jamal Phipps, Chicago, IL
Jatavia Powell, Chicago, IL
Arlise Press, Chicago, IL
Timothy Riddle, Lincoln, IL
Brighton Robbins, Lincoln, IL
Vera Rolf, Clayton, IL
Adrien Sathler, North Miami, FL
Brandon Savage, Rochester, IL
Colbi Schertz, Tiskilwa, IL
Gregory Scott, North Chicago, IL
Joseph Scribner, Decatur, IL
Xavier Seals-Freemon, Decatur, IL
Katelyn Shafer, Decatur, IL
Clark Silas, Jacksonville, IL
John Smith, Hazel Crest, IL
Hatiana Thomas, Chicago, IL
Devine Thompson, Rantoul, IL
Marcus Timberlake, Chicago, IL
Edgar Torres, Chicago, IL
Jaime Valdez, Addison, IL
Christina Vance, Stillwater, OK
Amanda Villa, Aurora, IL
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Brady Walsh, Mt. Pulaski, IL
Austin Webster, East Moline, IL
Michael Wesley, North Chicago, IL
Madison Westhoff, Normal, IL
Jacey White, New Holland, IL
Arielle Williams, Chicago, IL
David Williams, Decatur, IL
Derri Williams, Chicago, IL
Monique Williams, Bloomington, IL
April Wilson, Lincoln, IL
Joshua Wynn, Muskegon, MI

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Earl Armstrong II, Toledo, OH
Tailer Banks, Zion, IL
Brayden Batterton, Delavan, IL
Jenna Breit, Tonica, IL
Krista Cathers, Lincoln, IL
Alec Coggins, Delavan, IL
Taylor Colston, Adair, IL
Madalyn Cooper, Lincoln, IL
Makenzie Cooper, Lincoln, IL
Alanna Danner, St.Louis, MO
Kaitlyn DeKeyser, Morton, IL
Kelcee DeKeyser, Morton, IL
William DeSollar, Beardstown, IL
Kenya Dobbins, Elmhurst, IL
Madison Ewald, Lincoln, IL
Alysha Green, Clinton, IL
Branden Haas, Okawville, IL
Logan Hagerbaumer, Quincy, IL
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ShaTavia Lowery, East Moline, IL
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Abigail Marquez, Rochelle, IL
Rylee Martin, Hoopeston, IL
Andrew Martinez, Chicago, IL
Christin Mathias, Harristown, IL
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Logan McDanel, East Moline, IL
Mercedez Morgan, Taylorville, IL
Tierra Morgan, Calumet Park, IL
Salvador Navarro, Chicago, IL
Allie Olson, Broadwell, IL
Bryan Orellana, Chicago, IL
Amber Pierce, Calumet Park, IL
Azure Primer, Chicago, IL
Hayden Radford, Desoto, MO
Deriall Reed, Chicago, IL
Cleveland Richardson, Dolton, IL
Laura Riley, Sherman, IL
Juan Rivera-Olguin, Silvis, IL
Emily Sanders, Lincoln, IL
Samantha Shofner, Athens, IL
Kalyca Swinford, Bloomington, IL
Madelyn Thomas, Hartsburg, IL
Ty Tucker, Middletown, IL
Taylor Walters, Lincoln, IL
Mykensie Ward, Athens, IL
Matthew Winscher, O'Fallon, MO

Academic Honors

The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award 2016 - 17 Kristin Werry
Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACADEMIC HONORS

Summa Cum Laude 3.90 or higher GPA

Jill Baker	Bill Krohe	Kalem Miranda	Erin Rankin
Lindsey Clem	Jill Lenaghan	Tanya Miscevic	Kelly Whaley
Julie Cool	Terrence Lenaghan	Stefanie Morris	Bree White
Matthew Costa	Andrew Litwiller	Cathy Newberry	Kimberly Whitesell
Lori Elam	Mandy Marchell	Karen Oest	Stephenie Wiekert
Jill Gomez	Chad McKinney	Michael Pollard	Leslie Worth

Magna Cum Laude 3.70 - 3.89 GPA

Joan Bisco-Haney	Timothy Fulton	Allie Miller	Anna Stoller
Cyra Buttell	Andrea Henry	Jennifer Miller	Joanna Timbrook
Edie Cervantes	Danialle Lartz	Linda Rieck	Kristi Wilson
Kitzie Cribbs	Ryan Miles		

Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.69 GPA

Sarah Armstrong	Karla Martin	Chasity Sondgeroth	Natalie Waller
Alexis Crawford	Brendon Nussbaum	Jennifer Tealbey	Amy Wurmnest
Stephanie Jaeger	Jennifer Slabe	Robert Thurman	

ASSOCIATE DEGREE ACADEMIC HONORS 3.50 - 4.0 GPA

Jenna Breit	Alexandra DeVaney	Abigail Marquez	Brighton Robbins
Ashlyn Carroll	Madison Ewald	Rylee Martin	Vera Rolf
Krista Cathers	Alysha Green	Christin Mathias	Emily Sanders
Alec Coggins	Caitlin Gulick	Kasey McCracken	Katelyn Shafer
Taylor Colston	Arriana Hoerbert	Logan McDanel	Madelyn Thomas
Madalyn Cooper	Ezra Israel	Mercedez Morgan	April Wilson
Makenzie Cooper	Iradukunda Josephine	Laura Riley	Matthew Winscher
Kaitlyn DeKeyser	Josiah Keller	Juan Rivera-Olguin	Joshua Wynn
Kelcee DeKeyser	Mathew Kent		

Alpha Sigma Lambda (Alpha Beta Epsilon)

Joan Bisco-Haney	Jill Gomez	Mandy Marchell	Karen Oest
Edie Cervantes	Bill Krohe	Chad McKinney	Michael Pollard
Julie Cool	Danialle Lartz	Ryan Miles	Linda Rieck
Matthew Costa	Jill Lenaghan	Kalem Miranda	Kelly Whaley
Lori Elam	Terrence Lenaghan	Cathy Newberry	Kimberly Whitesell
Timothy Fulton	Andrew Litwiller		

Phi Theta Kappa (Iota Chi)

Jenna Breit	Madison Ewald	Christin Mathias	Vera Rolf
Brock Bunner	Alysha Green	Kasey McCracken	Emily Sanders
Ashlyn Carroll	Caitlin Gulick	Logan McDanel	Katelyn Shafer
Krista Cathers	Arriana Hoerbert	Allie Miller	Kalyca Swinford
Taylor Colston	Jessica Jackson	Mercedez Morgan	Madelyn Thomas
Madalyn Cooper	Iradukunda Josephine	Salvador Navarro	Christina Vance
Makenzie Cooper	Josiah Keller	Ahmadou Ndiaye	Jacey White
Alexis Crawford	Suzanne King	Bryan Orellana	Stephenie Wiekert
Kaitlyn DeKeyser	Abigail Marquez	Juan Rivera-Olguin	April Wilson
Kelcee DeKeyser	Rylee Martin	Brighton Robbins	Matthew Winscher
Alexandra DeVaney			

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges 2016 – 2017

Taylor Colston	Alysha Green	Allie Miller	Stephenie Wiekert
Kaitlyn DeKeyser	Josiah Keller	Brighton Robbins	April Wilson
Kelcee DeKeyser			



LINCOLN COLLEGE
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ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic dress date back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of a cleric. With few exceptions, the medieval scholar had taken at least minor orders, made certain vows, and perhaps been tonsured. Long gowns were worn and may have been necessary for warmth in unheated buildings. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head until superseded for that purpose by the skull cap.

A statute of the University of Coimbra in 1321 required that all “Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors” wear gowns. In England, in the second half of the 14th century, the statutes of certain colleges forbade “excess in apparel” and prescribed the wearing of a long gown. In the days of Henry VIII of England, Oxford and Cambridge first began prescribing a definite academic dress and made it a matter of university control even to the extent of its minor details.

A uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods to be worn in the United States was introduced in 1893. The mortarboard caps are the same for doctoral, master’s, and baccalaureate degrees, except that doctors’ caps may be of velvet and may have a gold tassel. The bachelor’s gown is marked by pointed sleeves, reaching to the knee, while the master’s sleeve is squared at the ends and longer. The doctoral robe is fullest, with rounded bell shaped sleeves marked by three velvet stripes.

The greatest symbolism of the academic costume is borne by the hood, which identifies the level of the degree, the faculty (or department of learning) in which it was earned, and the institution which awarded it. The size of the hood, its shape, and the width of its velvet trim identify the level of the degree, with doctoral hoods naturally being the fullest, widest, and longest. Faculty colors tell us the department. Faculty members in the processional may be wearing light blue for education, copper for economics, drab for business and accountancy, orange for engineering, purple for law, lemon for library science, green for medicine, apricot for nursing, dark blue for philosophy, sage green for physical sciences, cream for social sciences, and scarlet for theology, among the many available. The colors are mandatory on hoods, but may also be used on the tassels and/or the velvet on doctoral gowns. The university or college is usually identified by the color of the hood lining.

THE COLLEGE MACE

Historically, the mace is a symbol of authority dating from medieval times when knights carried them during processions with their kings. As the tradition grew, the mace became a ceremonial symbol of peaceful leadership, and maces were embellished with jewels and metals. Today, the Lincoln College mace is carried before the president and platform party during commencement, inaugural, and other academic ceremonial processions.

The way it was In 1874

EIGHTH

Commencement

OF

Lincoln University

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS,

Thursday, June 18, '74,

AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

President, - Rev. A. J. McGLUMPHY, D. D.

Journal Print.

Order of Exercises :

MUSIC.

INVOCATION.

MUSIC.

Oration—The Effects of Christianity on Nations. F. M. JOHNSON.

Essay—The Verdict. MARY K. MILLER.

MUSIC.

Oration—True Fame. G. G. HUDSON.

Essay—Embers. MARY E. LOWRANCE.

MUSIC.

Oration—Literature, the Exponent of a Nation. J. F. LESLIE.

Oration—The Modern Novel—as an Instrument of Instruction and Reform. B. F. DEARDORFF.

MUSIC.

Oration—The Golden Mean. W. J. McDAVID.

Oration—The Old Masters. J. R. STARKEY.

MUSIC.

Graduating Class :

LADIES' COURSE.

MARY K. MILLER, Lincoln, Illinois.
MARY E. LOWRANCE, Albion, "

SCIENTIFIC.

BENJAMIN F. DEARDORFF, Lincoln, Illinois.
FINIS M. JOHNSON, Aranzville, "
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LATIN SCIENTIFIC.

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JESSE R. STARKEY, " "

CLASSICAL.

WILLIAM J. McDAVID, Hillsboro, Illinois.

MUSIC.

BENEDICTION.