



LINCOLN COLLEGE

Chartered Lincoln University, 1865

Lincoln, Illinois

153rd ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

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

Lincoln Ill^o 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 endow it with \$200000, as soon as \$100000 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 \$50000 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 PROGRAM 2020

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

12:30 P.M.

OPENING

"Pomp and Circumstance" E. Elgar

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Calia Cole
Class of 2020

WELCOME & INVOCATION

David M. Gerlach, Ph.D.
President, Lincoln College

STUDENT ADDRESS

Alex Beck
Class of 2020

GRADUATE ADDRESS

William Gossett

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

General Byron S. Bagby

PRESENTATION OF CLASS

Michelle Baldwin, M.S.Ed.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President David Gerlach

CLOSING AND BENEDICTION

President David Gerlach

GRADUATE CHARGE

William Gossett

William “Bill” Gossett is a 1943 Lincoln College Alumnus, community ambassador, U.S. Army veteran, and retired business owner. Gossett previously owned two area businesses, Gossett’s Cleaners and Gossett’s Decorator Studio, until retiring in 2001. Currently, Gossett hosts the weekly radio show, “View Point” on WLCN in Atlanta.

Gossett has held leadership positions in numerous civic organizations, including the Abraham Lincoln Hospital Association, American Legion, Knight’s Templar, Lincoln Rotary, Lincoln Toastmasters Club, Lincoln-Logan Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Oasis Senior Center, Salvation Army, and the Union Cemetery Association. He is an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

An advocate for education, Gossett has served on the Lincoln District 27 and West Lincoln-Broadwell school boards, as well as the Lincoln Community High School steering committee. He has volunteered at Washington-Monroe Elementary and the Logan Correctional Center. Over the past seven decades, Gossett has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of Lincoln College, and has served as a Board of Trustee member for fifteen years. He was inducted into the Lincoln College Athletic Hall of Fame as a friend of athletics in 2017. Gossett was also the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Byron S. Bagby

General Byron S. Bagby is a Managing Partner of BMB Solutions LLC and retired U.S. Army Major General. He has served as Commandant of Joint Forces Staff College, Chief Operating Officer of the Office of Military Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt, managing security cooperation programs, and Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Army in Europe, directing all the activities of over 1,000 people in 30 locations and nine countries. Bagby also held duties at the Pentagon on the Joint Staff and Department of the Army Staff.

General Bagby’s honors include two Army Distinguished Service medals, the Ranger Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Westminster College Lifetime Alumni Achievement Award, and Fulton Public School Hall of Fame inductee. He is also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Bagby is a certified True Growth Leadership facilitator and Authentic Leadership Development Coach through the Chambers Bay Institute, coaching more than 400 leaders to live a life of significance. He is currently serving on the Advisory Board for Ryan Consulting as Chair, the Board of Directors of Management Support Technology, Inc., and the Board of Trustees for William Woods College and Columbia Southern University. Bagby previously served as a Board of Trustee member at Westminster College (MO) from 2012-2017.

LINCOLN COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2020

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Community and Human Services

Johnny Mack Brown, Jr., Brookfield, IL
Marissa Hartman, Lincoln, IL

Alexis Kennedy, St. Louis, MO
Corey Poindexter, Overland, MO

Contemporary Jazz Studies

Rashann Ford, Aurora, IL
Christian Lloyd, Chicago, IL

Sean Sheldon, Chicago, IL

Liberal Arts

Uriel Briones, Ottawa, IL
Zachary Heward, Princeton, IL
BrieAna McGhee, Peoria, IL
Emma Nepolello, Lincoln, IL
Clara Owens, Bloomington, IL

Angel Priest, Lincoln, IL
Jordan Roetker, Ottawa, IL
Linda Salisbury, Deer Creek, IL
Deisy Velasco, Bloomington, IL

Organizational Leadership

Amanda Anderson, Peoria, IL
Tina Benedetto, Ellsworth, IL
Sally Brumfield, Bloomington, IL
Chad Copeland, Peoria, IL
Kelli Dehm, Normal, IL
Jane Friel, Mendota, IL
Erick Fuentes, Spring Valley, IL
Sally George, Bloomington, IL
Nadine Gonzalez, Bloomington, IL
Joseph Manno, Bloomington, IL
Adam McIntosh, Normal, IL

Rachel Menken, Lincoln, IL
Ryan Moore, Normal, IL
Brent Oest, Dunlap, IL
Jason Peplow, Germantown Hills, IL
Adam Pool, Bloomington, IL
Ashley Requejo, Bloomington, IL
Abby TenHaken, Bloomington, IL
Ryan Thomas, Peoria, IL
Keisha Tucker, Le Roy, IL
Barbara Williford, Normal, IL

Radio, Television, and New Media

Mattie Giese, Highland Park, IL
Nicholas Jackson, Springfield, IL
Makenzie Rendleman, Manito, IL
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Vera Rolf, Clayton, IL
Demario Torrez, Country Club Hills, IL
Meranda Vieregge, Middletown, IL

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Theatre

Calia Cole, Springfield, IL
Isaiah Denton, Lincoln, IL

Brian Kolosvary, Chattanooga, TN

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Conservation Biology

Madison Christenson, Grand Blanc, MI
Trenton Kielion, Princeville, IL

Dalton Presswood, Lincoln, IL
Alyssa Summers, Lincoln, IL

Criminal Justice Studies

Courtney Alverson, Chenoa, IL
Makayla Atwood, Springfield, IL
Mariah Atwood, Springfield, IL
Andrew Bernas, Lansing, IL
Jasminique Brooks, Chicago, IL
Kalie Butler, Delavan, IL
Kelsi Freese, Bloomington, IL
Jaylynn Guy, Chicago, IL
Jamie Jones, Bloomington, IL
Lakia Jones, Chicago, IL
Nicholas Kidd, Jacksonville, FL
Juan Maldonado, Bourbonnais, IL
Noah Mayes, Divernon, IL
Courtney McNutt, LaSalle, IL
Mya Patrick, Zion, IL

Raquel Penka, Bloomington, IL
Nautica Preston, Chicago, IL
Christian Raymond, Cahokia, IL
Samuel Richardson, Bloomington, IL
Ethan Rummel, Morton, IL
Jessica Schimanski, Normal, IL
Keri Scoles, Clinton, IL
Xavier Seals-Freemon, Decatur, IL
Austin Sims, Trivoli, IL
Aja Stokes-Weston, Chicago, IL
Clayton Stuart, Peru, IL
Peter Ukaegbu, Chicago, IL
Michael Varjan, Lincoln, IL
Angela Vaughn, Bartonville, IL
Monique Williams, Bloomington, IL

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Exercise Science

Hannah Cameron, Lincoln, IL
Alexis Garcia, Dade City, FL

Bryan Orellana, Chicago, IL
Juan Rivera-Olguin, Silvis, IL

Health Services Administration

Tomeka Boyd, Normal, IL
Dale Herman, Bloomington, IL
Theresa Johnson, Pontiac, IL

Jennifer Taylor, Peru, IL
Nicolette Walker, Decatur, IL

Sport Management

Deanna Anglin, Chicago, IL
Sabree Bakari, Springfield, IL
Miranda Berglin, Lincoln, IL
Montez Crumble, Cahokia, IL
EmmaLee Derry, Bushnell, IL
John Eigenbrod, Lincoln, IL
Roman Hampton, Peoria, IL
Quin-Shaun Hilliard, Chicago, IL

Roy Humphrey, Chicago, IL
Julian Roman, Waukegan, IL
Emoni Smith, Indianapolis, IN
Jaylee Swinford, Lincoln, IL
Ryan Thomas, Lincoln, IL
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Kendall Williams, Chicago, IL

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BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Management

Alyshia Baines, Normal, IL
Alex Beck, Bloomington, IL
Eric Clevenger, Minonk, IL
James Craig, Colfax, IL
Carol Day, Lasalle, IL
Marko Dominovic, Split, CROATIA
Laney Dwyer, Clinton, IL
Brenden Fasken, Oglesby, IL
Kevin Fry, Lincoln, IL
Mallory Garey, Atlanta, IL
Fiona Grice, Fisher, IL
Abigail Herberger, Normal, IL
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Joseph Johnson, Bloomington, IL
Caty Keene, Mendota, IL
Silas Kimble, Chicago, IL
Bret Logsdon, Bloomington, IL
Anna McKee, La Salle, IL
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Brody Mikel, Normal, IL
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BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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Brittany Morris, Mapleton, IL
Stephanie Nold, Bloomington, IL
Juston Seglem, Bloomington, IL

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Cameron Anderson, Springfield, IL
Amazing Ashby, Denver, CO
Aleck Bailey, Lincoln, IL
Allena Benninger, Lincoln, IL
Abigail Binion, Chicago, IL
Petra Blazevic, Zagreb, CROATIA
Aurora Board, Lincoln, IL
Grace Bossingham, Lincoln, IL
Malinda Caston, Chicago, IL
Troy Clark, Chicago, IL
Jaquiah Cooley, Chicago, IL
Ilesha Crowe, Kewanee, IL
Nicolas Cunningham, Lincoln, IL
Robert Davis, Alton, IL
Katherine Fitch, Bushnell, IL
Kiara Gandy, Harvey, IL
DeAvion Gillarm, Chicago, IL
William Gossett, Lincoln, IL
Cameron Harris, O'Fallon, IL
Justice Harris, Chicago, IL
Payton Harris, Burnham, IL
Tyelor Helm, Chicago, IL
Kaylah Horton, Chicago, IL
Keilen Houston, Decatur, IL
Jordan Jacobs, Lincoln, IL
David Jacome, Guayaquil, ECUADOR
April Johnson, Chicago, IL
Kyra Jordan, Chicago, IL

Darnell Joshua, Lansing, IL
Daquane Lee, Decatur, IL
Kelsey Lee, Lincoln, IL
Nathan Long, Lincoln, IL
LaKyla Martin, Decatur, IL
Malique Mason, Madison, IL
Victoria McCaskill, Chicago, IL
Isabella Millen, Saint Louis, MO
Therdora Mitchell, Bloomington, IL
Mateo Ortega, Quito, ECUADOR
Kerstin Osborne, Lincoln, IL
Claire Pierce, Springfield, IL
Anyah Randolph, Yorkville, IL
Cylie Rekart, Lincoln, IL
Dominique Reynolds, Chicago, IL
James Roberts, Chicago, IL
Olivia Sanders, Clinton, IL
Madison Skelton, Mason City, IL
Willie Spratt, Fairview Heights, IL
JaLyssa Timothy, Peoria, IL
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Christian Webb, Alton, IL
Jahari Webb, Chicago, IL
Aneya Williams, Pontoon Beach, IL
Roland Williams, Chicago, IL
Mecca Wilson, Chicago, IL
Monique Wilson, Chicago, IL
Ignacio Ximenez, Lawrenceville, GA

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ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Sierrah Banks, Homewood, IL

Ryan Boyd, Lincoln, IL

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DeAndre Freeman, Chicago, IL

Mackenzie Fuchs, Lincoln, IL

Kennedy Lolling, Lincoln, IL

Morgan Lolling, Lincoln, IL

Bryanne McBride, New Athens, IL

Tianna Pillow, Chicago, IL

Aquarion Reed, St.Louis, MO

Emma Ritterbush, Lincoln, IL

Taerynn Sablotny, Lincoln, IL

Joel Singley, Lincoln, IL

Daevon Sloan, Springfield, IL

Sitivi Sooaemalelagi, Apia, SAMOA

Myah Vlahogenis, Hinckley, IL

Kehinde White, Hazel Crest, IL

Devion Yancey, Belleville, IL

Academic Honors

The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award 2019 Alex Beck
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

Alex Beck	Tyler Milligan	Ashley Requejo	Erica Thompson
Ana Isabel Conde Coss	Brittany Morris	Juston Seglem	Matthew Tompkins
Starkey Hedger	Brent Oest	Lori Siensa	Keisha Tucker
Zachary Heward	Adam Pool	Austin Sims	Barbara Williford
Stephanie Julien	Angel Priest	Aja Stokes-Weston	Tyler Zimmerman
Rachel Menken	Makenzie Rendleman	Ryan Thomas	

Magna Cum Laude 3.70 - 3.89 GPA

David Abrams	Brenden Fasken	Stephanie Nold	Mikayla Seibert
Tina Benedetto	Kevin Fry	Raquel Penka	Jaylee Swinford
Miranda Berglin	Marissa Hartman	Nautica Preston	Jennifer Taylor
Sally Brumfield	Kaylyn Hoffert	Samuel Richardson	Abby TenHaken
James Craig	Joseph Johnson	Jordan Roetker	Alma Torres
EmmaLee Derry	Joseph Manno	Vera Rolf	Angela Vaughn
Marko Dominovic	Anna McKee	Linda Salisbury	Nina Vezzetti
Laney Dwyer	Courtney McNutt	Jessica Schimanski	Gregory Westbrook

Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.69 GPA

Makayla Atwood	Nadine Gonzalez	Bret Logsdon	Michelle Simpson
Hannah Cameron	Abigail Herberger	Emma Nepolello	Elysa Smith
Mallory Garey	Lakia Jones	Richelle Phillips	Clayton Stuart
Sally George	Nicholas Kidd	Ethan Rummel	Nicolette Walker

ASSOCIATE DEGREE ACADEMIC HONORS

President's Scholar 3.8 - 4.0 GPA

Aleck Bailey	Bryanne McBride	Joel Singley	Sitivi Sooaemalelagi
Jordan Jacobs	Anyah Randolph	Madison Skelton	Myah Vlahogenis
Kelsey Lee	Emma Ritterbush		

Dean's Scholar 3.5 – 3.79 GPA

Amazing Ashby	Mykel Cross	Morgan Lolling	Olivia Sanders
Allena Benninger	Kennedy Lolling	Claire Pierce	

Alpha Psi Omega

Calia Cole	Brian Kolosvary	Myah Vlahogenis	Roland Williams
Isaiah Denton	Anyah Randolph		

Alpha Sigma Lambda (Alpha Beta Epsilon)

Alex Beck	Ashley Requejo	Erica Thompson	Barbara Williford
Joseph Johnson	Jordan Roetker	Angela Vaughn	Tyler Zimmerman

Phi Epsilon Kappa

Amazing Ashby	John Eigenbrod	Bryan Orellana	Ryan Thomas
Hannah Cameron	Roy Humphrey	Emoni Smith	Gregory Westbrook
EmmaLee Derry			

Sigma Beta Delta

Alex Beck	Starkey Hedger	Stephanie Nold	Barbara Williford
Marko Dominovic	Kaylyn Hoffert	Elysa Smith	Tyler Zimmerman
Kevin Fry	Joseph Johnson	Alma Torres	

Phi Theta Kappa (Iota Chi)

Aleck Bailey	Lakia Jones	Juan Rivera-Olguin	Alyssa Summers
Allena Benninger	Bryanne McBride	Vera Rolf	Jaylee Swinford
Kevin Fry	Emma Nepolello	Mikayla Seibert	Ryan Thomas
Kaylyn Hoffert	Bryan Orellana	Elysa Smith	Myah Vlahogenis
Jordan Jacobs	Emma Ritterbush	Sitivii Sooaemalelagi	



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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.

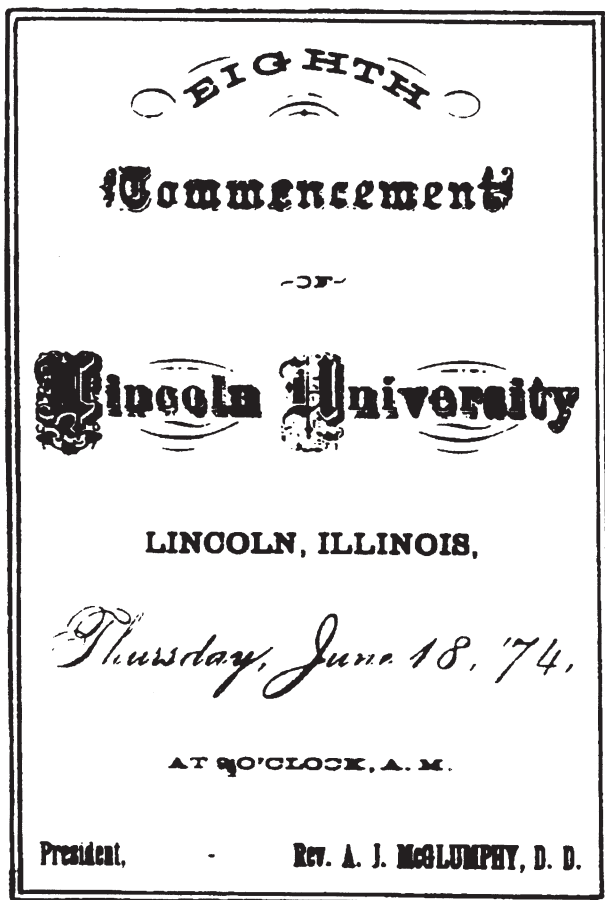
A uniform code for caps, gowns, and hoods to be worn in the United States was introduced in 1893. The mortarboard caps are the same for doctoral, master’s, and baccalaureate degrees, except that doctors’ caps may be of velvet and may have a gold tassel. The bachelor’s gown is marked by pointed sleeves, 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

The Mace Bearer carries the mace which is a symbol of the College’s authority. Their purpose is to defend the President of the College. The Mace Bearer must always be in sight of the President. The presence of the mace indicates the college faculty is present to conduct formal business.

The way it was In 1874



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.

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GEORGE G. HUDSON, Lincoln, Illinois.
JESSE R. STARKEY, " "

CLASSICAL.

WILLIAM J. McDAVID, Hillsboro, Illinois.

MUSIC.

BENEDICTION.