



LINCOLN COLLEGE

Chartered Lincoln University, 1865

Lincoln, Illinois

154th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

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 some-
-thing. The friends of the Town propose to build
one wing of the building, and the church pro-
-pose to build 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 sum-
-mer 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 2021

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

PRELUDE

Shannon Cabit, Pianist
Contemporary Jazz Studies Student

"TIME"

Original Composition by Cameron Cross
Contemporary Jazz Studies Student

*PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance" E. Elgar

FACULTY MARSHAL

Jan Bowers, M.S.

CONVENING OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Jan Bowers, M.S.
Associate Professor of Mathematics

*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Calia Cole
Class of 2020

WELCOME

A. Patrick Doolin
Board of Trustees Chair

*INVOCATION

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

GREETINGS

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

STUDENT ADDRESS

Melissa Benson
Class of 2021

MUSIC

“Glory”
Original Composition by
Kattie Benson
Dajuan Stewart
Ahmad Taylor

Performed by
Lincoln College Music Ensemble

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Lincoln College Faculty and Staff

PRESENTATION OF CLASS

Donna Bradley, Ph.D., J.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

President of the College

***LINCOLN COLLEGE ALMA MATER**

Quentin Brackenridge, Soloist

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**

A. Patrick Doolin
Board of Trustees Chair

***RECESSIONAL**

***The audience will please stand**

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

LINCOLN COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2021

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Community and Human Services

DeAvion Gilliam, Chicago, IL
Lawanda Morris, Chicago, IL
Garia Sias, Chicago, IL

JetLynn Smith, Lincoln, IL
Naija Williams, Bolingbrook, IL

Liberal Arts

Miguel Baez, Normal, IL
April Cisneros, Pekin, IL
Gloria Flinn, Bloomington, IL
Gina Givens, Bloomington, IL
Kendall Hammel, Normal, IL

Spenson Leveille, Peoria, IL
Jacoby Martin, Bolingbrook, IL
Jean Meinershagen, Lincoln, IL
Lauren Schrad, Bloomington, IL
Ashley Smith, Olympia Fields, IL

Organizational Leadership

Brenda Bale, Mason City, IL
Elizabeth Bankole, Rockford, IL
Candis Barber, Peoria, IL
Jason Billington, Bloomington, IL
Ashley Campbell, Bartonville, IL
Caleb Cannon, Bloomington, IL
Emily Dugan, Lawndale, IL
Aubrianna Farmer, Granville, IL
Jonathan Fields, Normal, IL
Allie Freeman, Bloomington, IL
Marsila Gale, East Peoria, IL
Betty Garcia, Bloomington, IL
Shania Goble, Rankin, IL

Diana Herron, Bloomington, IL
Tiarra Morgan, Calumet Park, IL
Regina Palmer, Homewood, IL
Tiffany Ray, Fairbury, IL
Tera Robinson, Pekin, IL
Qwa Rutherford, Peoria, IL
Amanda Senecal, South Pekin, IL
Jessica Shepherd, Clinton, IL
Jennifer Sutton, Normal, IL
Anna Troelstrup, Bloomington, IL
Shari Vidales, Bloomington, IL
Lisa Ziegenhorn, Eureka, IL

Radio, Television, and New Media

Tyler Ashley, Calumet City, IL
Elijah Cox, Lincoln, IL
Niya Densmore, Lincoln, IL

Whitney Gines, Cahokia, IL
Adam Hoffman, Springfield, IL
Ali Nowicki, Petersburg, IL

Theatre

Mion Denton, Springfield, IL
Jacqueline Ishmael, Havana, IL

Kyle Plohr, Rock Island, IL

LINCOLN COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2021

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Conservation Biology

Kelli Allison, Lincoln, IL

Criminal Justice Studies

Araceli Arias, Bloomington, IL

Kristin Arvanis, Silvis, IL

Martez Bagby, Cahokia, IL

Kayla Battle, North Aurora, IL

Amy Bulington, Bloomington, IL

Jared Enlow, Washington, IL

Cryshawn Johnson, Peoria, IL

Danielle Krutke, Bloomington, IL

Amber Lessen, Atlanta, IL

Erica Mattingly, Normal, IL

Joshua McKinney, Canton, IL

Alicia Orozco, Mendota, IL

Bianca Rodriguez, Chicago, IL

Naylaysya Simmons-Matthews,
Blue Island, IL

Seleste Smith, Sullivan, IL

Na'Tiyja Spencer, Chicago, IL

Jack Wagner, Princeville, IL

Crystal Worth, Bloomington, IL

Exercise Science

Melissa Benson, Morris, IL

Health Services Administration

Gavin Bordenkircher, Canton, IL

Stacy Deckard, Bloomington, IL

Keyera Gant, Springfield, IL

Sarah Hunt, Peoria, IL

Melisa Menssen, Bloomington, IL

Morgan Underhill, Leroy, IL

Sport Management

Kevin Beard, Charleston, IL

Javarius Burgess, Kankakee, IL

Kenzie Chalifoux, Bradley, IL

Colleen Furgeson, Kwajalein,
MARSHALL ISLANDS

Earl Green, Madison, IL

Trey Jones, Bloomington, IL

Blake Maris, Crown Point, IN

Kaleia Monteiro, Lansing, IL

Josalyn Owens, Lincoln, IL

Tajay Small, Springfield, IL

Guilherme Teodoro, Olimpia, BRAZIL

Hatiana Thomas, Chicago, IL

Frank Ward, Kankakee, IL

De'Jah Weathersby, Matteson, IL

LINCOLN COLLEGE - CLASS OF 2021

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Business Management

Blake Amatyleon, Bloomington, IL
Sade Boyd, East Peoria, IL
Lesley Bridge, New Holland, IL
Kaiyla Brooks, Bloomington, IL
Jantia Clark, Indianapolis, IN
Courtney Cosey, Chicago, IL
Conner Cox, Bloomington, IL
Matthew Cunningham, Peoria, IL
Miguel De La Rosa, Manta, ECUADOR
Makenzie Dixon, Peru, IL
Sylvia Escatel, Spring Valley, IL
Mary Fortune, Mahomet, IL
Megan Gilliam, Waterloo, IL
Gina Griffin, Leroy, IL
Joshua Gualandri, Utica, IL
Amanda Gwin, Ottawa, IL
Cristine Harweger, Bloomington, IL
Samaya Haynes, Kankakee, IL
Maria Hernandez, Bloomington, IL
Amber Kaminski, Normal, IL

Ryan Kirkley, Decatur, IL
Gabriella Lerche, Bloomington, IL
Konnor Little, Long Grove, IL
Lane Litwiller, Hopedale, IL
Susie Macon, Chicago, IL
Emily Martinez, Lincoln, IL
Phillip McGuire, Chicago, IL
Lisa Miller, Emden, IL
Taylor Moore, Clinton, IL
Lisa Munch, Bloomington, IL
Jordan Olmstead, Sturgeon, MO
Mercedes Reis, Normal, IL
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Lisa Smith, Bloomington, IL
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Abdoulaye Sylla, East Moline, IL
Kathryn Wallem, Atlanta, IL
Kelli Wells, Lincoln, IL
Antonio Williams, Chicago, IL

Supply Chain and Logistics Management

Bobbi Feldhaus, North Pekin, IL
Amber Hoadley, Peoria, IL
Amanda Monks, Pekin, IL

Christopher Murphy, Bloomington, IL
Walton Weaver, Canton, IL

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BACHELOR OF APPLIED MANAGEMENT

Entrepreneurship

Christina Boyer, Havana, IL
Linda Calhoun, Washington, IL

Jennifer Williams, North Pekin, IL

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Organizational Leadership

Aurora Arteaga, Mendota, IL
Tabitha Farmer, Pekin, IL
Kayla Hart, Peoria Heights, IL
David Menold, Elmwood, IL
Christina Rook, Brimfield, IL

Thomas Stimeling, Peoria, IL
Samuel Stortz, Streator, IL
Richard Waldron, Peoria, IL
Reno Williams, Peoria, IL
Amber Wilson, Bloomington, IL

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

General Studies

Connor Fuller, Oak Park, IL

Pamela Sykes, Bloomington, IL

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ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Kennedy Allen, Belvidere, IL
Yasmine Austin, Calumet City, IL
Indiah Bankhead, Harvey, IL
Deonta Brown, Peoria, IL
Sárah Buckner, Decatur, IL
Brandon Callahan, Dolton, IL
Arianah Carroll, Pleasant Prairie, WI
Madeline Cleary, Springfield, IL
Neanco Collins, Oakforest, IL
Jalyn Dampier, Sauk Village, IL
Alexis Davis, Lincoln, IL
Kayla Demus, Lincoln, IL
Ashley Durham, Henderson, KY
My'Quion Garret, Rockford, IL
Noah Geoghegan, Chicago, IL
Brionna Griffin, Chicago, IL
Santiago Herrera, Daule, ECUADOR
Ke'Shawn Hess, Peoria, IL
Trinity Horton, Naperville, IL
Angel Ibanez, Panama City, PANAMA
Imani Johnson-Batts, Newman, IL
C'Niihua Jones, East Chicago, IN
Malcolm Love, Chicago, IL
Takila Moore, Buckeye, AR
Mutumwinka Rose, Rock Island, IL
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Tierra Barbee, Decatur, IL

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Anjelia Dominguez, Lincoln, IL

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Devone Hill-Hubert, Calumet City, IL

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Erica Martin, Detroit, MI

Kamille Monteiro, Lansing, IL

Fikirte Mott, Mt. Pulaski, IL

Josiah Neal, Peoria, IL

Cherokee-Jean Pendergrass, Shannon, IL

Bannie Philips, Des Moines, IA

Aundrea Pickett, Peoria, IL

Tianna Rushing, Calumet Park, IL

Jenna Salzman, St. Anne, IL

Mariah Sims, Chicago Heights, IL

Will Tiffany, Lincoln, IL

Alec Timm, Sherman, IL

Jordan Vaughn, Bradley, IL



Academic Honors



The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award 2020 Melissa Benson

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

Miguel Baez	Gloria Flinn	David Menold	Jessica Stokowski
Melissa Benson	Allie Freeman	Lisa Miller	Anna Troelstrup
Gavin Bordenkircher	Gina Griffin	Taylor Moore	Morgan Underhill
Lesley Bridge	Kendall Hammel	Lisa Munch	Richard Waldron
Amy Bulington	Cristine Harweger	Tera Robinson	Kathryn Wallem
Ashley Campbell	Trey Jones	Christina Rook	Walton Weaver
April Cisneros	Amber Kaminski	Jessica Shepherd	Jennifer Williams
Sylvia Escatel	Danielle Krutke	Dennis Silva	Amber Wilson
Bobbi Feldhaus	Amber Lessen	Thomas Stimeling	Lisa Ziegenhorn

Magna Cum Laude 3.70 - 3.89 GPA

Blake Amatyleon	Elijah Cox	Diana Herron	Josalyn Owens
Aurora Arteaga	Matthew Cunningham	Adam Hoffman	Lauren Schrad
Christina Boyer	Makenzie Dixon	Jacqueline Ishmael	Lisa Smith
Linda Calhoun	Aubrianna Farmer	Ryan Kirkley	Samuel Stortz
Kenzie Chalifoux	Tabitha Farmer	Amanda Monks	Jennifer Sutton
Conner Cox	Colleen Furgeson	Alicia Orozco	Jack Wagner

Cum Laude 3.50 - 3.69 GPA

Araceli Arias	Mary Fortune	Amber Hoadley	Tiffany Ray
Brenda Bale	Megan Gilliam	Lane Litwiller	Qwa Rutherford
Sade Boyd	Amanda Gwin	Emily Martinez	Amanda Senecal
Caleb Cannon	Kayla Hart	Ali Nowicki	Seleste Smith
Stacy Deckard	Samaya Haynes	Jordan Olmstead	Crystal Worth
Jonathan Fields			

ASSOCIATE DEGREE ACADEMIC HONORS

President's Scholar 3.8 - 4.0 GPA

Tequila Allen	Anjelia Dominguez	Jenna Salzman	Alec Timm
Mackenzie Antoine			

Dean's Scholar 3.5 – 3.79 GPA

Kennedy Allen	Alexis Davis	Cherokee-Jean	Mutumwinka Rose
Sarah Buckner	Ashley Durham	Pendergrass	Will Tiffany
Madeline Cleary	Timothy Jackson		

Alpha Psi Omega

Mion Denton	Jacqueline Ishmael	Kyle Plohr
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Alpha Sigma Lambda (Alpha Beta Epsilon)

Blake Amatyleon	Amy Bulington	Danielle Krutke	Morgan Underhill
Miguel Baez	Ashley Campbell	Amber Lessen	Kathryn Wallem
Lesley Bridge	Gina Griffin	Lauren Schrad	

Beta Beta Beta

Kelli Allison

Phi Epsilon Kappa

Melissa Benson	Colleen Furgeson	Blake Maris	Josalyn Owens
Javarius Burgess	Earl Green	Emily Martinez	Tajay Small
Kenzie Chalifoux	Trey Jones	Kaleia Monteiro	De'Jah Weathersby

Sigma Beta Delta

Elizabeth Bankole	Sylvia Escatel	David Menold	Jennifer Sutton
Christina Boyer	Gina Griffin	Tiarra Morgan	Morgan Underhill
Lesley Bridge	Cristine Harweger	Christina Rook	Jack Wagner
Ashley Campbell	Samaya Haynes	Jessica Shepherd	Kathryn Wallem
Caleb Cannon	Ryan Kirkley	Jessica Stokowski	

Sigma Tau Delta

Lesley Bridge	Kendall Hammel
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Phi Theta Kappa (Iota Chi)

Kennedy Allen	Emily Dugan	Ashley Durham	Jenna Salzman
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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

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, "
JAMES F. LESLIE, McLeansboro, "

LATIN SCIENTIFIC.

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

CLASSICAL.

WILLIAM J. McDAVID, Hillsboro, Illinois.

MUSIC.

BENEDICTION.