

Lincoln Christian

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75th Commencement Ceremony
May 8th, 2021

Commencement Speaker



Ed Stetzer, Ph.D., serves as Dean of the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership at Wheaton College, and as the Executive Director of the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center. He has planted, revitalized, and pastored churches, as well as, trained pastors and church planters on six continents. Along with his two master's degrees and two doctorates, Ed has written hundreds of articles and a dozen books and is the Regional Director for Lausanne North America.

Stetzer is a contributing editor for *Christianity Today* and a columnist for *Outreach Magazine*. In addition, he is the Founding Editor of The Gospel Project and hosts a national radio show, *Ed Stetzer Live*. He serves as teaching pastor at Highpoint Church in Naperville, IL.

Commencement Ceremony

*Invocation Becky Radecki
Springfield, IL

Welcome and Introduction of Speaker.....Dr. Silas McCormick
President

Special Music: “Christ Be All” Graham Hill, Cooper Smith, Ben South
Worship Ministry Students

Address: “Thinking Christianly in a Divided Age”..... Ed Stetzer, PhD
*Dean of the School of Mission, Ministry, and Leadership at Wheaton College
and Executive Director of the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center*

Conferring of Undergraduate Degrees Dr. Don Green
President Emeritus

Dr. Peter Verkruyse
Undergraduate Academic Dean

Conferring of Graduate and Seminary Degrees Dr. Don Green
President Emeritus

Dr. Peter Verkruyse
Interim Vice President of Academics

*Benediction Mike Farar
Waldorf, MD

*Recessional

*Audience Standing

Live streaming: <https://lincolnchristian.edu/graduation>

English Language Academy

Hongchuan Fu, Zhanjiang, Guang Dong, China²

*Weide Chen, Yueqing, Zhejiang, China

Xuyang Fang, Ürümqi, Xin Jiang, China

Jiahui Li, Wuhan, Hubei, China

Undergraduate Degrees

Associate of Arts

BIBLE

*Desiree Martin, Lincoln, IL²

EDUCATION

*Mary Elisabeth Ferris, Rochester, IL³

Samantha Ruth French, Brighton, IL³

Chloe Liston, Davenport, IA

Associate of Science

PRE-NURSING

Julia Turnbaugh, Pittsfield, IL²

*Emily Leanne Weber, Watertown, WI

Yangyang Zhou, Taiyuan, China

Bachelor of Arts

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Keaton Eric Radecki, Greenwood, IN

Jonah Christopher Steele, Zanesville, OH

Alyssa Ann Zimmer, Lincoln, IL

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

*Jorja D'an Aeilts, Fairfield, IL

Hannah Marie Billingsley, McLean, IL

*Michaela Bradley, Columbia, MO²

Madison E. Cole, Spring Valley, IL

Garet A. Collum, St. Joseph, IL

Taylor Lynne Cope, Bloomington, IL

*Alexandra Davis, Kenney, IL

*Joshua Daniel Diaz, West Palm Beach, FL

*Keaton Dean Doty, Frankfort, IL

Jessica A. Gulley, Moweaqua, IL

Carson James Hartline, Greenville, SC

*Walker J. Hartman, Peoria, IL

*Ke Li, Zhengzhou, China²

*SàRyta C. Martin, Springfield, IL²

Bethany Mae McCollom, Tiskilwa, IL

Nathan Parks, Mendon, MI

Allison R. Payne, Carmi, IL

Katie Radecki, Greenwood, IN

*Clint Andrew Rawlinson, Carmi, IL²

*Mackenzie Schlipf, Brimfield, IL

Stephanie Renae Welch, York, NE

Mariah Nicole Whitten, Tuscola, IL²

*Jun-shan Zhang, Shenzhen, China²

*Qi Zhang, Beijing, China²

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ellie Katherine Koranek, Carlock, IL

McKenna A. Southard, Rochester, IL²

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*Kyle Marcel Baal, Severn, MD
*Chaim Bloch, St. Louis, MO²
Amber Nicole Clayton, Henderson, NV²
*Anthony D. Curtis, Sr., Springfield, IL
*Thomas TJ Dane, Jr., Springfield, IL
*Andrea Davila, Las Vegas, NV
*Rebecca Lynn Delaria, Henderson, NV
*Clifford Allan Gale II, Paris, IL²
*Alfonso Hodges, Decatur, IL
Christopher Rinkenberger, Peoria, IL
*Elijah M. Rogers, Clarksville, IN²
*Zachery Devore Scott, Las Vegas, NV
*Hayden James Strader, Hindsboro, IL²
*William Nicholas Sutton, Lake Fork, IL
Jacob Max Trexler, Pana, IL
Hannah Weishaar, Augusta, KS

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Garrett Brian Aeilts, Lincoln, IL
Jared Eakle, Sidell, IL
*Maliah Claire Feller-Blakemore, Quincy, IL
*Patrick Neil McMillan, Oxford, IN
Kaleb Aaron Wolters, Springfield, IL
Yu Yamada, Ikoma, Japan

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY

*Phillip W. Moss, Austin, TX

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

*Kelsea Diane Dust, Effingham, IL
*Hannah Katherine Pritchett, Rolla, MO²

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES and SPIRITUAL FORMATION & MINISTRY

Charli Jeanine Uhrich, Bethany, IL²

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

*Brian Michael Stoltzenburg, Lincoln, IL²

PHILOSOPHY

*Adam Benjamin Cloutier, Riverside, RI

PREACHING MINISTRY

M. Levi Farar, Lincoln, IL
*T.J. Kummerfeldt, Center Point, IA

PSYCHOLOGY

Paige Sue Daniels, Lincoln, IL
*Shalonda S. Fernandez, Farmer City, IL
Kassidy Elizabeth Fergie, Kankakee, IL
Vanessa Mae Friesland, Taylorville, IL
Sarah Lois Fulkerson, Streator, IL
Cassandra Renee Harpin, Stronghurst, IL
*Gerald R. Klinetobe, Jr., Wayne, NE²
Nicole Lough, Tuscola, IL
*Philip Aaron Mosley, Las Vegas, NV¹
*Mahayla Oakley, Neoga, IL
*Emily Reif, Waukesha, WI
Megan Elaine Rood, Marion, IA
*Jaime Schwass, Decatur, IL²
Kristen Michelle Skelton, Jonesboro, IL¹
*Laura K. Skelton, Memphis, IN
Bethany Stratford, Grinnell, IA
Carly KateLynn Vazis, Hamburg, IL
James Winfield Ware, Peoria, IL
*Colby Wellman, Quincy, IL

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND MINISTRY

Eric Charles Lattimer, Louisville, KY

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Jacob H. Bergman, Bedford, IN
*Brandon Michael Huffman, Dwight, IL
Benjamin R. South, Normal, IL
*Jake Woods, Lincoln, IL

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

*Marissa Ann Baker, Bloomington, IL
*Daniel J. Bean, Washington, IL
Corey Dial, Decatur, IL
Logan Brian Hawn, Mahomet, IL²
*Morgan P. Jones, Mount Vernon, IL
Jason E. Kitson, Clinton, IL²
*Wyatt Lenhart, Georgetown, IL
*Jared Michael Lerblance, Bloomington, IL
*Abbie Lewis, LeRoy, IL

Alex Mulcahey, Normal, IL
Alexandra Faith Palmisano, Cranston, RI
Alexis Vega, Litchfield, IL
Dalton Alexander Weaver, Catlin, IL

* *In absentia*

¹ Degree awarded August 31, 2019

² Degree awarded December 31, 2019

³Also received a BS in Elementary Education from Greenville College

Undergraduate Honored Students

AMERICAN LEGION AWARD

Charli Uhrich is the recipient of the American Legion Award, awarded by Legion Post #263 of Lincoln, Illinois, "in recognition of high qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service."

DELTA EPSILON CHI

Delta Epsilon Chi is the honor society of the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Membership is awarded by the faculty to graduating seniors who possess high qualities of Christian character and leadership with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher. No more than 7% of the graduating class may be elected.

Adam Cloutier

Hannah Pritchett

Jonah Steele

James Ware

Yu Yamada

Alyssa Zimmer

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society which partners with colleges and universities to celebrate the scholarship and leadership of adult students in higher education. Students inducted into the honor society must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 and rank in the top 20% of their class.

Shalonda Fernandez

Gerald Klinetobe

LINCOLN LAUREATE

Each fall, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award. The Governor bestows the awards. They become Student Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. In the spirit of Lincoln, Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in the pursuit of the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. This year's recipient from Lincoln Christian University is:

Jonah Steele

Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts

Bible & Theology

*Richard D. Arnold, Thornton, CO²
BRS, Central Christian College of the Bible
(MO), 2015

*John Wesley Blackmore, Newton, IL²
BA, St. Louis Christian College (MO), 1989

*Larry T. Clipp, Champaign, IL²
BA, Indiana University, 1983

*Chandler S. Dale, Jeffersonville, IN¹
BA, University of Louisville (KY), 2016

Felisa Jordan Durr, Madison, AL¹
BSEET, Alabama A & M University, 1990
MBA, University of Phoenix, 2003

*Benjamin James Farleigh, Cisne, IL¹
BS, Kentucky Wesleyan College, 2011

Bret C. Hammond, Kansas, IL¹
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 1989

*Michael G. Kuppler, Rockford, IL¹
BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, 2016

Terry W. McClallen, Lincoln, IL
BA, Millikin University (IL), 1977

*Linda L. Mowrer, Rio, IL²
BS, Illinois State University, 1988

Luke Joseph Schreiber, Soldier, KS²
BS, Kansas State University, 2006

*Zachary Tyler Stewart, Trenton, MI
BBL, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2004
MA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Jan Louie Segundo Uy, Manila, Philippines²
BA, University of the Philippines, 2007

*Brandon M. Winters, Circleville, KS¹
BS, Manhattan Christian College (KS), 2017

Intercultural Studies

*Emily Jeanne Shapiro, Raleigh, NC²
BS, Western Carolina University (NC), 2014

*Jan Louie Segundo Uy, Manila, Philippines
BA, University of the Philippines, 2007

*Daniel R. Thompson, Champaign, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2012

Organizational Leadership

Renee Allison, Bloomington, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Matthew Bryant, Mooresville, IN
BA, Central Bible College (MO), 2001

Randy Harold Diebel, Wentzville, MO
BS, Kentucky Christian University, 2005

Johnson C. Flanagan, Danville, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2009

Britney Danae Frontone, Lincoln, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2015

*Megan Lynn Gaboda, Bloomington, IL¹
BA, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2014

Daniel Alexander Goff, Bartlett, IL
BA, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2017

Steven Todd Guttridge, Fort Lauderdale, FL¹
BA, Michigan State University, 2007
BA, Indiana Bible College, 2008

*Levi A. Herrin, Webb City, MO¹
BBL, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2004

*Andrew Russell Kovar, Hesperia, CA
BS, Central Christian College of the Bible
(MO), 2009

Christopher Krause, Decatur, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2014

*Aaron David Lindle, Davenport, IA¹
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Matthew Love, Virginia Beach, VA¹
BS, Great Lakes Christian College (MI), 2015

*Tara Marie Neary, Lebanon, OH
BSN, Ohio University, 2014

Jacob Benjamin Payne, Lincoln, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Jennifer R. Phelps, Sherman, IL
BME, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1999

*Ethan Kent Pope, Peoria, AZ
BS, Manhattan Christian College (KS), 2016

*Michael Reid Reynolds, Springfield, IL
BA, University of Illinois at Springfield, 2012

Christopher David Santasiere, Mechanicsville, VA
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 1997

*Edith Christine Servin, Henderson, NV¹
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Patrick R. Wheeler, Shiloh, IL¹
BCM, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2009

Spiritual Formation

*Megan Bross, Normal, IL¹
BA, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1999

*Marley Kaitlin Butler, High Hill, MO¹
BA, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2015

*Brian J. Carpenter, Danville, IL¹
BA, Western Illinois University, 2006

*Sherry Lynn Cremer, Bloomington, IL¹
BA, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1989

*Rebecca Ann Marquart, Colfax, IL¹
BS, Illinois State University, 2009

*Nicholas M. Oyler, Pekin, IL¹
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 1995

*Jennifer Marie Power, Decatur, IL¹
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

*Linda K. Randle, Bloomington, IL¹
BS, Illinois State University, 1998

*Dustin Sargent, Bloomington, IL¹
BS, Illinois State University, 2001

*Aaron David Schweitzer, Iowa City, IA¹
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

*Devon Michael Stribling, Atlanta, IL¹
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2010

** In absentia*

¹ Degree awarded August 31, 2019

² Degree awarded December 31, 2019

Seminary Degrees

Master of Arts

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Timothy C. Barbee, Jacksonville, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2008
MA, Lincoln Christian University, 2013
Leadership Studies

Jeremy S. Glasford, Francesville, IN
BS, Purdue University (IN), 1997
Leadership Studies

Rebecca Lee Massey, Decatur, IL
BA, Millikin University (IL), 1985
Pastoral Care & Counseling

*Joseph M. McCauley, Aplington, IA
BA, North Park University (IL), 2018
General Ministry

*Tanner J. Smith, Chillicothe, IL
BA, Evangel University (MO), 2016
General Ministry

MASTER OF ARTS (FORMATIVE WORSHIP)

*George Daniel Crumrine, Washington, IL
BM, Bradley University (IL), 2008

*Collin Randy Schlotfeldt, Center Point, IA
BA, Manhattan Christian College (KS), 2018

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL STUDIES)

Yiping Ju, Shenyang, China
MA, Liaoning University (China), 2001
MDiv, Lincoln Christian University, 2016
DMin, Lincoln Christian University, 2018
New Testament

MASTER OF ARTS (CHURCH HISTORY/HISTORICAL THEOLOGY)

*Zachary Garrett Epps, Savannah, GA
BS, University of Tulsa (OK), 2014
MA, Lincoln Christian University, 2018

Andrew Nichols, Marshfield, MO
BTh, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2017

MASTER OF ARTS (PHILOSOPHY AND APOLOGETICS)

*Zachary Ross Below, Evansville, IN
BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2003

*Gary W. Ward, Arlington, TX²
BA, Amberton University (TX), 1992
MA, Amberton University (TX), 2007
MA, Amberton University (TX), 2008
MA, Lincoln Christian University, 2018
DMin, Lincoln Christian University, 2018

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)

*Timothy Edward Morgan, Joplin, MO
BTh, Ozark Christian College (MO), 2017

*Zachariah N. Thrasher, Topeka, KS
BA, Manhattan Christian College (KS), 2018

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adam Nicholas Kelly, Pekin, IL²
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

*Tamara Ramey, Lincoln, IL
BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2015

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Tahari Nicole Allen, Chicago, IL

BS, Illinois State University, 2014

*Jenilee Brocaille, Lincoln, IL

BS, Millikin University (IL), 2009

Andrew F. Caldwell, Sumner, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

Melissa Cremeens, Lincoln, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

*Kyle Autry Freiburger, Peoria, IL

BS, Bradley University (IL), 2016

Cara Nichole Gray, Festus, MO

BS, Central Christian College of the Bible (MO), 2016

Shelly M. Hart, Bloomington, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2017

Jacob Ryun Irons, Minier, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

Daniel J. Janssen, Springfield, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian College, 2008

Heather Lynn McGee Johnston, Lincoln, IL

BBA, Baker College (MI), 2012

*Laura M. Karr, Normal, IL²

BA, Trinity Christian College (IL), 2010

Jonathon Matthew Keck, Decatur, IL²

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2009

Hollie M. Perez, Bloomington, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

Chelsea Danielle Spencer, Evening Shade, MO²

BS, Central Christian College of the Bible (MO), 2016

Holly J. Strohbeck, Mt. Sterling, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2016

MASTER OF DIVINITY

*Maria De Jesus Bolanos Salinas, St. Louis, MO²

BS, St. Louis Christian College (MO), 2016
Theology

*Nathaniel C. Claycomb, East Prairie, MO²

BS, United States Military Academy (NY), 2011

*Russell Jay Clum, Portland, OR²

BA, Boise Bible College (ID), 2007
Theology

*Curtis R. Fields, Yoncalla, OR²

BA, Northwest Christian University (OR), 2016
Church History/Historical Theology

Bill E. Fry, Mineola, TX²

BA, University of St. Thomas (TX), 1994
Philosophy & Apologetics

Adam Jay Kent Hamerlinck, Springfield, IL²

BS, Illinois College, 2014

Jacob Hawkins Harp, Joplin, MO

BA, Missouri Southern State University, 2016

BS, Missouri Southern State University, 2016

Preaching Ministry

*Christopher Nazarian, Decatur, IL

BA, Lincoln Christian University, 2013

*Lee Willis, Jr., Chatham, IL

BA, Oak Hills Christian College (MN), 2009
Christian Education

DOCTORATE DEGREES

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Adam Daniel Bloch, Rolla, MO

BA, Johnson Bible College (TN), 2009

MDiv, Liberty University (VA), 2013

Congregational Ministry

Michael Richard Leitz, Loves Park, IL¹

BME, Illinois State University, 1992

MCM, The Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary (KY), 1998

Church/Parachurch Leadership

** In absentia*

¹ Degree awarded August 31, 2019

² Degree awarded December 31, 2019

2019-20 Faculty

Dr. Kim Baldwin

Associate Professor of Clinical
Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Christopher Beard

Assistant Professor of
Organizational Leadership

Dr. Sharon Bloch

Associate Professor of Science

Dr. Trevor Cochell

Assistant Professor of Old
Testament

Jeffrey Colleen

Professor of Worship Ministry

Dr. Steven Cone

Professor of Theology

Dr. Violeta Cone

Assistant Professor of
Psychology

Dr. Kevin Dell

Assistant Professor of Spiritual
Formation

Dr. Frank Dicken

Associate Professor of New
Testament

Dr. James R. Estep, Jr.

Professor of Christian Education

Dr. Dinelle Frankland

Professor of Worship Studies

Michael Gowin

Professor of Business
Administration

Dr. Don Green

Professor of Leadership Studies

Dr. Billie Jarvis-Freeman

Associate Professor of English
and Education

Dr. Fred Johnson

Professor of New Testament

Dr. J.K. Jones

Professor of Spiritual Formation
(Normal, IL)

Sue Jones

Professor of Worship Ministry

Dr. Paul Kissling

Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Richard Knopp

Professor of Philosophy and
Christian Apologetics

Dr. Mark Mangano

Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Silas McCormick

Assistant Professor of Law and
Government

Dr. Brian Messner

Professor of History and
Interdisciplinary Studies

Dr. Robert Monts

Professor of Christian Ministry

Dr. Michael Nichols

Professor of Intercultural Studies

Nancy Olson

Director of Library Services

Rondel Ramsey

Professor of Youth Ministry

Dr. Robert Rea

Professor of Church
History/Historical Theology

Dr. Chuck Sackett

Professor of Preaching

Dr. Christopher Simpson

Professor of Philosophical
Theology

Shawn Smith

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Thomas L. Sowers

Learning Management System
Administrator; Assistant
Professor of Communications

Leslie Starasta

Information Services Librarian

Dr. Tyler Stewart

Assistant Professor of New
Testament

Dr. LC Sutton

Professor of Preaching and
Christian Ministries

Eric Teoro

Professor of Business
Administration

Dr. C. Nolan Thomas

Associate Professor of Clinical
Mental Health Counseling

Dr. Peter Verkruyse

Undergraduate Academic Dean;
Professor of Communication
Studies

Dr. Barney Wells

Graduate and Seminary
Academic Dean; Associate
Professor of Bible and Ministry

Dr. R. Neal Windham

Professor of Spiritual Formation

Honored Faculty

Jim Allison

Professor Emeritus of Worship
Ministry

Dr. Paul Boatman

Professor Emeritus of Pastoral
Care and Counseling

Dr. Gary Bussmann

Professor Emeritus of Christian
Education

Dr. John Castelein

Distinguished Professor Emeritus
of Theology

Dr. Tom Ewald

Dean Emeritus

Alan Kline

Registrar Emeritus

Janet Shaw

Professor Emerita of English and
Interdisciplinary Studies

Dr. Wayne Shaw

Dean Emeritus of the Seminary

Dr. Robert Wilson

Professor Emeritus of Christian
Education and Family Life

Dr. Walter Zorn

Professor Emeritus of Old
Testament

Administrators

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Whitestown, IN

Warren Knoles

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Springfield, IL

Chris Lawler

Lead Pastor
Catlin, IL

Pat McDonald

Consultant
Wentzville, MO

Dr. Tamsen Murray

Retired Professor and Associate
Vice President
Oklahoma City, OK

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Corporate Managing Director
Whitestown, IN

50th Anniversary Class of 1970

Mrs. Teresa D. (Stipp) Ackeberg, Bossier City, LA
Mr. James D. and Mrs. Glenda (Appel) Allison, Lincoln, IL
Mrs. Linda K. (Wagner) Arnold, York, PA
Mrs. Rosalie A. (Witt) Babcock, Plymouth, IN
Mr. Timothy F. and Mrs. Nancy (Griffin) Barber, Urbana, IL
Dr. Lana C. (Peterson) Bourn, Woodson, IL
Mr. Dennis R. Brooks, Unknown
Mr. Lloyd P. Burdick, Columbia, SC
Mrs. Pennie L. (Foley) Burke, Inman, SC
Mrs. Flora L. (Ventura) Bycroft, Joplin, MO
Dr. John D. Castelein, Lincoln, IL
Ms. Constance W. Cline, Brattleboro, VT
Mr. Danny D. Clymer, Londonderry, NH
Mr. Darrell G. Dearth, Glendale, CA
Dr. Don Dennison, Findlay, OH
Mrs. Charliene L. (Phillips) Donaldson, Sioux Falls, SD
Mrs. Marilyn M. (Gaddis) Eagles, Lincoln, IL
Mr. Donald E. Eckerty, Unknown
Dr. Roger B. Edrington, Los Gatos, CA
Mrs. Donna M. (Tanner) Eells, Rossville, IL
Mr. Edward N. and Mrs. Louise E. (Bates) Furnas,
Mooreville, IN
Mrs. Sue E. (Dietsch) Garrett, Knoxville, TN
Mrs. Judy R. (Hoffman) Glover, Phoenix, AZ
Mrs. Linda L. (Sites) Goodwin, Bloomington, IN
Mr. Keith H. Graham, Flora, IL
Dr. Joseph C. Grana II, Moreno Valley, CA

Dr. Donald L. Green, Lincoln, IL
Mr. Carl E. Hill, Champaign, IL
Mr. Kenneth G. Jensen, Indianapolis, IN
Mr. Donald D. Kibler, Mayfield, KY
Mr. James R. King, Alto, MI
Mr. Daniel E. Lockett, Unknown
Mr. Virgil Macke, Jr., Terre Haute, IN
Mr. Paul D. Mann, Doylestown, PA
Dr. Terry L. Miethe, Mount Juliet, TN
Mr. Gerald E. Neyhart, Unknown
Mr. Thomas A. Novy, Athens, IL
Mr. Rodger O. Powell, Amesville, OH
Mr. William M. and Mrs. Dianna (Bogges) Robinson,
Mount Olivet, KY
Ms. Barbara A. Sachtleben, Springfield, IL
Mr. Glenn M. Sanders, Johnston City, IL
Mr. John T. and Mrs. Pam (Hawkins) Sarno, Bel Air, MD
Mr. Thomas D. Seggelke, Urbana, IL
Mr. R. Michael Sheets, Mount Vernon, IL
Mr. Charles J. Smith, Carterville, MO
Mrs. Beverly A. (Waggener) Stevenson, Grand Rapids, MI
Mr. Leslie T. Strong, Kendallville, IN
Mrs. M. Eileen (MacDonald) Tanner, Charlottetown, PEI
Mrs. Peggy A. (Wetherholt) Voorhees, Selah, WA
Mrs. Annette V. (Hill) Wolfe, Niles, MI

To the Class of 2020,

You did it. You've worked hard, studied fervently, and all of it has paid off. You are now equipped with knowledge and skills to bless others in your field of study. You are also now part of a larger body of believers known as the LCU alumni. And while graduation can bring with it a sense of excitement and relief, it can also bring a healthy dose of fear.

One of the things that caused me angst when I was a brand new LCC grad, was considering my future. I walked across the stage, shook a hand, and in my other hand they placed my diploma. I distinctively remember thinking—"Now what?" I had a degree but also a plethora of questions. "Where do you want me to go, God?" "Will a church hire me?" "How am I going to pay my bills?"

If you, like me, are a future-oriented person then you might have similar concerns as your graduation day approaches. Please, let me encourage you: Trust in the Lord and don't worry about the future because He will take care of it.

But that doesn't mean sit back and let Him do all the work. No, you need to lean on your faith and the foundation that LCU has helped to make stronger. Engage with others; build relationships with co-workers, other professionals in your field, and those that God places in your path. Volunteer, not because you have to, but because as you have learned: Service was and is at the heart of Jesus' mission. Remain a student of God's Word and build connections and experiences that will continue to shape your future. Perhaps most importantly, remember who you are—an ambassador for our King! Go out and represent Him well. Submit yourself to Him. And know that there are many alumni praying for you and your ministry.

I hope you will join with thousands of other great grads giving back to your Alma Mater by being actively engaged with the LCU Alumni Association. Keep in touch and if we can be of service to you in some way, please don't hesitate to contact us.

So, on behalf of your fellow LCU Alumni let me say once again, "Congrats!" May God continue to bless you and your future ministries.

In Christ,

Michael V. Mallick, LCC 1993

President, Lincoln Christian University Alumni Association

The origin of academic dress dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries and is one of the most colorful traditions in academic life. In 1895 an Intercollegiate Commission met and adopted a code of academic dress for American colleges and universities. In 1932 the American Council on Education revised the code for academic dress, prescribing color, shape, and texture of the academic costume. The code was further revised in 1959 and 1986.

The **cap** worn almost universally in academic processions is the Oxford cap, better known as a mortarboard. A different style cap, the Cambridge cap, resembles a large beret. The color of the **tassel** indicates the level of the degree earned at Lincoln Christian University:

- Associate and Bachelor's degrees – scarlet
- Master's degrees – black
- Doctoral degrees – gold

The **flowing gown** dates back to medieval scholars. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it is symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing. Traditionally, it is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the Bachelor's Degree, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm for the Master's Degree, and full bell sleeves for the Doctoral Degree. Bachelor's and Master's Degree gowns have no trim. The Doctoral Degree gown is faced with velvet down the front, and with three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline that pertains to the degree. Bachelor's Degree gowns are worn closed, while Master's and Doctoral Degree gowns may be worn open or closed.

The satin lining of the **hood** is red to represent LCU. The color of the velvet band around the hood designates the academic degree of the wearer.

For Seminary:

- MAC – white
- MRE – light blue
- MA, MDiv, and DMin – scarlet

For Graduate degrees:

- Organizational Leadership – beige
- Bible and Theology and Spiritual Formation – scarlet

As each master's graduate of the Seminary descends from the platform after receiving his or her diploma and hood, each is given a **towel**. The "giving of the towel" is not part of traditional academic regalia. The practice began at the Seminary more than 35 years ago at the initiation of Dr. Wayne Shaw, Dean Emeritus. Its roots are in John 13 and the Scriptural incident at the Last Supper when Jesus "wrapped a towel around his waist, poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with a towel..." As Dr. Shaw often said to the graduating seminarians: "This towel signifies that when our students graduate, it is not for arrogance, honor, or prestige, but so that they might go out and wash the feet of the world. This is what we are about."

Each non-Seminary Master's level graduate receives a **bookmark**, etched with the words from 2 Corinthians 10:5 on the back and the LCU Seal on the front, as a reminder that worshipping God is the heart of their education and living their mission in the world. It also reminds them to be a lifelong learner as they journey with Jesus.

As each Doctor of Ministry graduate descends from the platform after receiving his or her diploma and hood, each is given a **basin**. The "giving of the basin" reinforces and complements the symbolism behind the Seminary's towel presentation.

The **Presidential Medallion**, the official seal of the University, is a symbol of the authority vested in the President of the University, and is worn on official occasions. Inspired by the theme, "circling the globe with the Gospel," the Earl C Hargrove Chapel covers the globe and is encircled by arrows to represent all our alumni who have served in the United States and in more than 165 other countries around the world.

VISION

A Transformational Community of Global Difference Makers

MISSION

Lincoln Christian University is a Christian higher education community whose mission is to nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.

CORE VALUES

We believe our greatest privilege in life is to glorify God, serve His Son, and rely upon His Holy Spirit. To that end, we commit ourselves to these *Core Values*:

- **Authentic community** that fosters Christian character, conduct, accountability, and unity amidst growing diversity.
- **Holistic development** of students in and out of the classroom as spiritually mature and academically prepared lifelong learners.
- **Servant leadership** and its focus on leading and learning through serving, based on one's gifts, passions, and sense of calling.
- **Responsible stewardship** of the abilities and resources that God provides for and through His people.
- Our **Restoration heritage** and its plea for Christian unity and biblical authority in carrying out God's global mission.

These values come out of our desire to

Encounter God's Word
Engage God's World
and ***Embrace God's Work***

At LCU, we believe that a Christian education creates more whole and holy people. Informed minds and transformed hearts go on to make an impact in whatever soil they're planted.



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