

# LINCOLN COLLEGE

Chartered Lincoln University, 1865

Lincoln, Illinois

## **155th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT**

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

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His Excellence A Lincoln President of The Unitin Statio, Dear Sin By request of The mesident of the board of trustics 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 with a lively interest in it on account of its veing named for you before Presidential Thonos had any influence, Lincoln contains about Twenty right hundred inhabitants. Houses are going up almost daily and I is expected That These will be from to two hundred dwelling houses go up This Season. mostly of a good quality, business has incre-- ased fully in poportion to The inhabitants, Our people although not very wealthy are very entery rising, and are very anxious. In fact determined To make The reneversity a success, mesers loyatt littett & donated tin acres of land That we were offered six Thousand dollars for, and Hore Thousand

dollars in each to it deveral other persons one Thousand each, and Measly all The extreme some-- Thing The friends of the town propose to build one wing of The belilding and The church mo--pose to build endow it with \$ 20000000 as down as \$ 1000000 endowment fund is saided. They to go on and finish The buildings. The school to commence is soon as This wing of The building is completed and \$50,0000 endowment fund & Paised, bur greatest difficulty will be to get sufficient funds to build a thouse That will do justice to Fie hame and place, Hoping That are vill have The pleasure of seeing you in our own beloved Illino's ever the sum -mes praces, I am bery respectfult your bledunt lese

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

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

### **COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM 2022**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

#### PRELUDE

Shannon Cabit, Pianist Contemporary Jazz Studies Student

"TIME" Original Composition by Cameron Cross Lincoln College Music Student

#### \*PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance"..... E. Elgar

#### FACULTY MARSHALS

Jan Bowers, M.S. John Hill, M.A.

#### **STUDENT MARSHALS**

RJ Moore • Vanessa Roma

#### **COLOR BEARERS**

Brian Holloway • Aundrea Jenkins Devin Manning • Emily Stufflebeam

#### CONVENING OF THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Jan Bowers, M.S. Associate Professor of Mathematics

**\*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM** 

Creighton Monroe Music Major

#### WELCOME

A. Patrick Doolin Board of Trustees Chair

#### \*INVOCATION

Pastor Larry Crawford Open Arms Christian Fellowship

#### GREETINGS

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

#### **STUDENT ADDRESS**

Jacilyn Gunderson Class of 2022

#### MUSIC

"If It's Magic".....Stevie Wonder arranged by Denise LaGrassa and Erik Swanson Performed and led by Lincoln College Music Students & Lincoln College Gospel Choir Director Quentin Brackenridge

#### **CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES**

David M. Gerlach, Ph.D. President of the College Donna Bradley, Ph.D., J.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

#### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Rev. Glenn Shelton

#### MUSIC

"Oh Happy Day" ...... Edwin Hawkins Performed by Lincoln College Music Students & Lincoln College Gospel Choir, Directed by Quentin Brackenridge

#### **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**

Pastor Larry Crawford **Open Arms Christian Fellowship** 

#### **\*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.

#### **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 Humane Letters**

Michael Phelon Founder and CEO of "The Outlet" Compassionate Mentor Recognized Community Member

#### Sponsor

Judith Morley Trustee, Lincoln College

Michael Phelon is the founder and director of The Outlet, an Illinois nonprofit serving young men and boys through mentoring. Phelon started The Outlet in 2004, with the mission to help youth develop the ability to make responsible life decisions, hold real spiritual values, explore their gifts, and realize their dreams. Eighteen years later, Michael's work has had a profound impact on the lives of the individuals served and in the city and neighborhoods where they work and live.

Michael's expertise in youth development, mentoring, and community outreach fuels his success in student services at Lincoln Land Community College. Since 2016, he has used his skills as a mentor and program director to lead the Open Door Mentorship Program.

For his dedication and success, Michael has received numerous awards and recognitions including The Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellowship, Springfield Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award, Greater Springfield Interfaith Association Humanitarian Award, Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerich's Community Service Award, Susan Mendoza Black History Honoree Award, and most recently, the Federal Bureau of Investigation: Director's Community Leadership Award.

#### **Doctor of Humane Letters**

Rev. Glenn Shelton Retired Pastor; Second Baptist Church Lincoln College Honorary Trustee Community Public Servant

> **Sponsor** Laura Beltchenko Trustee, Lincoln College

Rev. Shelton has served as Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lincoln for nearly 40 years, beginning in 1984. But his service to Lincoln and Logan County as Pastor barely scratches the surface of his contributions and his outstanding career.

Rev. Shelton served as Alderman for the City of Lincoln, Chartered Board Member for the Lincoln YMCA, Chairman of the Family Selection Committee for Habitat for Humanity, and Chief of Staff for the National Baptist Convention USA through the Congress of Christian Education. Shelton currently serves as Chairman of the Logan County E-911 Board of Advisors, Scholarship Chairman for the Woodriver Baptist District Association, and 4th Vice President of the State of Illinois Baptist General. Shelton is also a former Lincoln College Trustee, retiring in September 2020.

At Lincoln College, Rev. Shelton is best known at the co-founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship, which has offered financial support for many minority students over the years.

Rev. Shelton has been the chief of staff for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Congress of Christian Education; is the Forth Vice-President of the Baptist General State of Illinois; and has served on the Woodriver Baptist District Association since 1964 and is currently the scholarship chairman.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE

### **Organizational Leadership**

John Bounds, Shirley, IL Vikki Falls, Bloomington, IL Jessica Gains, Clinton, IL Antoinette Harris, Bloomington, IL Tammy Huffington, McLean, IL Jessica Killian, El Paso, IL Heather Leary, Bloomington, IL Clara Owens, Bloomington, IL Olivia Partlow, Sherman, IL James Trask, Bloomington, IL

### MASTER OF BUSINESS

### **Master of Business Administration**

Lindsey Clem, Bloomington, IL Connor Dugan, Bloomington, IL Kristen Goodchild, Ottawa, IL Nora Parker, Paw Paw, IL Michelle Story, Granville, IL DeVonna Vaught - Johnson, Normal, IL

### **B**ACHELOR OF ARTS

#### **Community and Human Services**

Melberta Adams, Bloomington, IL Indiah Bankhead, Harvey, IL Sierrah Banks, Homewood, IL Petra Blazevic, Zagreb, CROATIA Ashley Durham, Henderson, KY DeAvion Gillarm, Chicago, IL Morgan Lolling, Lincoln, IL Sarah Lutzow, Arlington Heights, IL Faith McGinnes, East Peoria, IL Samantha Meyer, Diamond, IL Lawanda Morris, Chicago, IL Kerstin Osborne, Lincoln, IL Madison Power, Moline, IL Caroline Reynolds, Granite City, IL Garia Sias, Chicago, IL Madison Skelton, Mason City, IL JetLynn Smith, Lincoln, IL Ariana Trotter, Fort Wayne, IN

### **Contemporary Jazz Studies**

Nicholas Cunningham, Lincoln, IL

Dajaun Stewart, Springfield, IL

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS** (CONTINUED)

### **Liberal Arts**

Barbara Allen, Bloomington, IL Aubrey Barlow, Normal, IL Blessing Casey, Springfield, IL Shary Duniphan, Bloomington, IL Rebecca Eimer, Lincoln, IL Gina Givens, Bloomington, IL Emma Jaegle, Lincoln, IL Jacoby Martin, Bolingbrook, IL Lauren Schrad, Bloomington, IL Amanda Wilcox, Normal, IL

### **Organizational Leadership**

Emily Auten, Bloomington, IL Alicia Bury, Lexington, IL Valerie Cecil, Rio Rancho, NM Juan Cobarrubias, Peoria, IL Christina Dennis, Bloomington, IL Tracy Dinardi, Pontiac, IL Jonathan Fields, Bloomington, IL Alexis Gines, Cahokia, IL Jacilyn Gunderson, Bloomington, IL Lataghia Harper, Decatur, IL Payton Harris, Burnham, IL Layzia Hawkins, Peoria, IL Derek Hunter, Troy, IL Megan Hutchison, Pontiac, IL Tiffany Kangley, Minonk, IL Regina King, Peoria, IL Jennifer Knight, Bloomington, IL

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### Radio, Television, and New Media

Tyler Ashley, Calumet City, IL Niya Densmore, Lincoln, IL Mattie Giese, Highland Park, IL Whitney Gines, Cahokia, IL Jovana Jeremic, Belgrade, SERBIA Zaknafein Luken, Lincoln, IL Victoria Smith, Homewood, IL Hunter Thacker, Lawrenceville, GA

### Theatre

Miguel Reyes, Bayamon, PR

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

### **Conservation Biology**

Rylee Cook, Springfield, IL Amanda Harms, Somonauk, IL Jayden Lawrence, Beason, IL Jonathan Riddle, Lincoln, IL Audrey Smith, Springfield, IL Merritt Steffens, Lincoln, IL

### **Criminal Justice Studies**

Kimberly Babin, Normal, IL Kira Blakes-Bradford, Peoria, IL Aurora Board, Lincoln, IL Jocelyn Bush, Lincoln, IL Tiffany Davison, Middletown, IL Jared Enlow, Washington, IL Katherine Fitch, Bushnell, IL Makayla Hammond, Chicago, IL Ashley Hightower, Peoria, IL Tracy Karr, Clinton, IL Desirgeeon Keys, West Peoria, IL Raul Marrero, Petersburg, IL Joshua McKinney, Canton, IL Pamela Meagher, Lincoln, IL Bianca Rodriguez, Chicago, IL Jose Sanchez, Worth, IL Hunter Sherwood, Tooele, UT Jacob Stauffer, Lincoln, IL India Wade, Carbondale, IL Alexze Whatley, Gary, IN

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#### **Business Management**

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### **Supply Chain and Logistics Management**

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### Entrepreneurship

Cymantha Schempp, Bloomington, IL

### **BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

### **Organizational Leadership**

Jesse Brockwell, Monticello, IL Fredtasia Drummond, Peoria, IL Amber Johnson, Lexington, IL David Menold, Elmwood, IL Wanda Rogers, Bellevue, IL Dee Schierer-Saal, North Pekin, IL Wanda Stewart, Bellevue, IL Samuel Stortz, Streator, IL Randall Vance, East Peoria, IL Amber Wilson, Bloomington, IL Deirdre Worple, La Salle, IL Rachel Zimmerman, Eureka, IL

### **B**ACHELOR OF **G**ENERAL STUDIES

### **General Studies**

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### Associate of Arts

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### Associate of Science

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The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Award 2021 . . Jacilyn Gunderson 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

Kimberly Babin Aleck Bailey Valerie Cecil Christina Dennis Sylvia Escatel Brittany Freed Kathryn Gallagher Gina Griffin Jacilyn Gunderson Layzia Hawkins Lori Hopp Kennedy Hunt Megan Hutchison Melissa Janson Ra'Kyah Jeter Tiffany Kangley Stephanie Laptew Kelsey Lee

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## Magna Cum Laude 3.70 - 3.89 GPA

**Cum Laude** 3.50 - 3.69 GPA

Jovana Jeremic Tracy Karr Regina King Jennifer Knight Jayden Lawrence Morgan Lolling Spencer Marquez Raul Marrero Chris Matthews James Meyer Marissa Muffler Joshua Ohmart Coshanna Parker Miguel Reyes Caroline Reynolds Emma Ritterbush Dee Schierer-Saal Lauren Schrad Jessica Shepherd Samuel Stortz Anna Troelstrup Randall Vance Ivan Vlek Jennifer Weitzel

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### Associate Degree Academic Honors

President's Scholar 3.8 - 4.0 GPA			
Ethan Brassfield	Mykel Cross	Kaylee Winebrinner	
<b>Dean's Scholar</b> 3.5 – 3.79 GPA			
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Phi Epsilon Kappa			
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Klaudia Blaszczyk	Tiffany Kangley	David Menold	David Swanson
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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 . . . . .



