



# Lincoln University

Reimagining the Legacy: Learn. Liberate. Lead.

2016-2017 Annual Report



# Message from the President

*Dear Lincoln Family, Friends, and Supporters,*



This 2016-2017 Annual Report reflects the work of Lincoln University's administration, faculty, and staff under the leadership of Interim President Richard Green. Thanks to his leadership, the University accomplished its 2016-2017 goals and affirmed several important partnerships. A few of the highlights include:

- An 11 percent increase in student enrollment — 2,131 over 1,905 when compared to the 2015-2016 academic year;
- A funding increase in Title III provided much needed resources to support student services;
- A signed Memorandum of Understanding to support museum studies in coordination with the Barnes Foundation; and
- Partnerships or agreements signed with five higher education universities and colleges to provide opportunities for student advancement.

At the core of Lincoln's mission is the development of students for success. They are the reason we look for new, innovative, and sustainable partnerships and opportunities. Two examples were borne from our natural stakeholders: contractors and students.

When campus infrastructure upgrades were underway, Aramark, our physical plant contractor, placed a call for student interns who had interest in energy conservation. Through paid internships, our students learned new skills while honing others. In addition, the Class of 2017 was the first class to participate in a new giving initiative which allowed seniors to return their housing deposit as a gift to the University. The more than 150 seniors who participated received a Philanthropy Cord which they wore proudly during the Commencement ceremony. This class gift will provide financial support for future students. These are two tangible examples of how partnerships can be a win-win and provide enhanced learning experiences for our students.

Thanks to the support of community members, organizations, businesses, faculty, staff, and alumni, Lincoln is on a trajectory for continued success in innovation, new programs, and partnerships to support student success. Lincoln University made great strides in 2016-2017 and is prepared to forge more opportunities for success as we move forward.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B A A', written in a cursive style.

*Brenda A. Allen, Ph.D.  
President*



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## Academic Excellence

We strive to ensure that every program is of the highest quality, innovative, engaging, and provides the skills required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.





■ A partnership was established for a dual enrollment agreement with Roxborough STEAM Scholars Program located in Philadelphia. Under the agreement, 70 students will receive five years of academic enrichment programming, career exposure, supportive services and coaching in preparation for success in postsecondary healthcare pathways.

■ An agreement was signed with Drake University located in Des Moines, Iowa, to provide guaranteed admission to Lincoln students pursuing a Juris Doctorate or Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Under the agreement, students receive a partial or full scholarship for the School of Law and School of Pharmacy which is renewable up to the third year and fourth year of study, respectively.

## Student Success

We are committed to the timely, successful degree attainment and professional development of every student.





■ Student athletes comprise 10 percent of the student population. Close to 50 percent of student athletes received a 3.0 GPA this academic school year.

■ The study abroad program enriched the lives of 67 students during the 2016-2017 academic school year including two faculty-led experiences to Spain and Greece. Study Abroad countries included South Africa, Ghana, England, Kenya, Thailand, Ecuador, France, Morocco and Semester at Sea.

## Research & Scholarship

We will strengthen opportunities for research and scholarship, particularly as it enhances collaborations and provides funding with local industries and global partners.





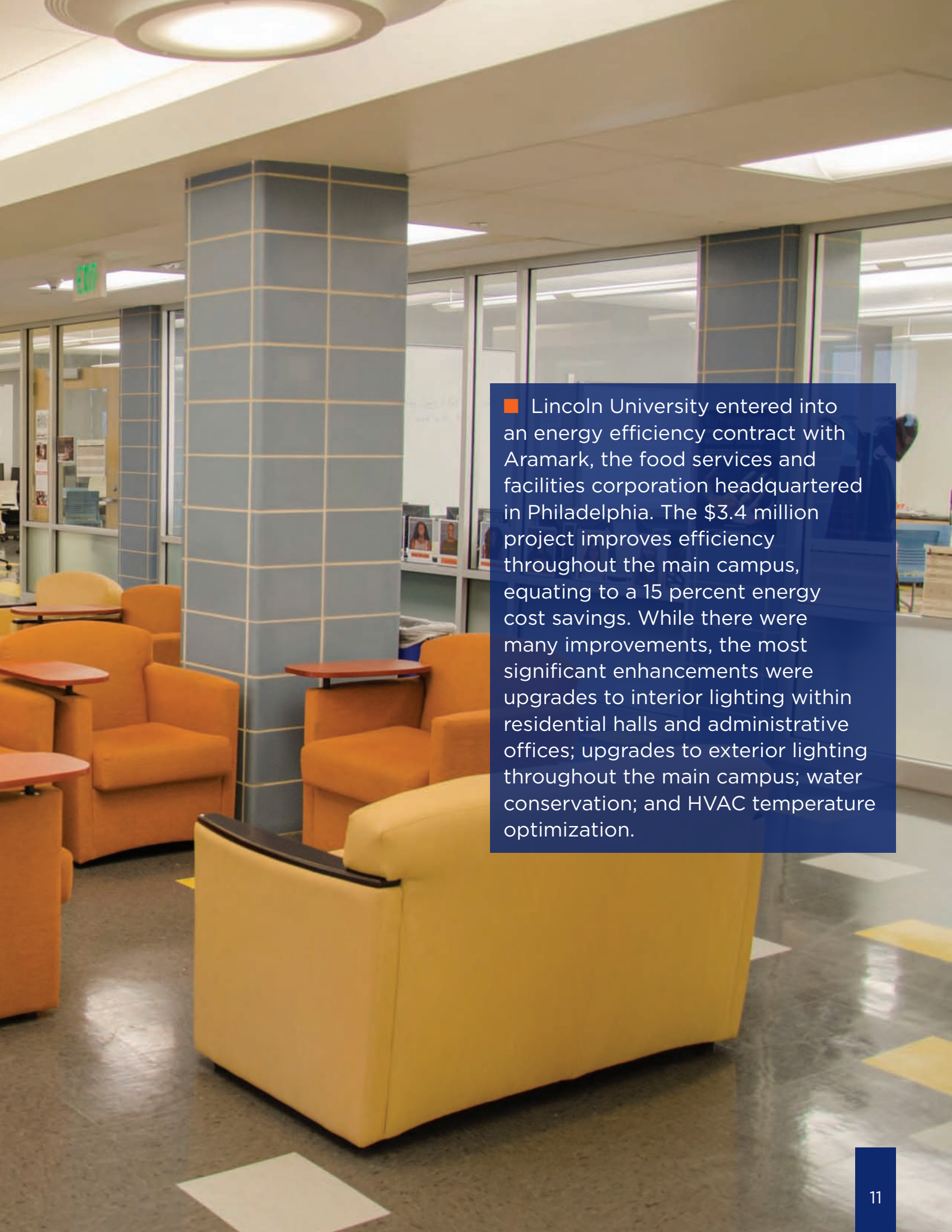


■ Eight students presented papers at the 5th annual Humanities and Social Sciences Conference entitled Making Strangers: Outsiders, Aliens and Foreigners. The event, which was attended by international scholars and students, was held on the University's main campus.

## Sustainability

We are committed to being responsible stewards of our environment, to ensuring that the University has a firm financial foundation and that we are developing alternative revenue streams for our future.





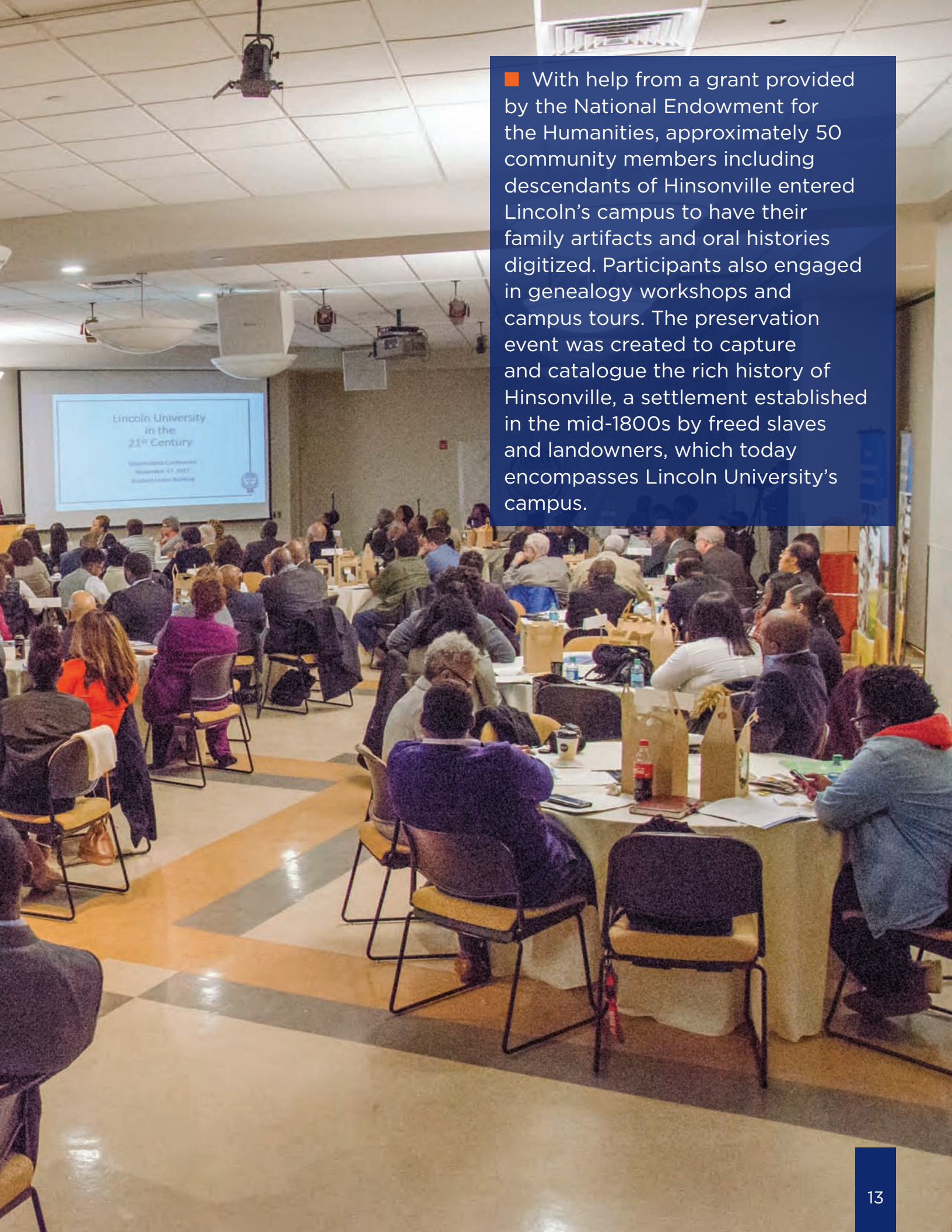
■ Lincoln University entered into an energy efficiency contract with Aramark, the food services and facilities corporation headquartered in Philadelphia. The \$3.4 million project improves efficiency throughout the main campus, equating to a 15 percent energy cost savings. While there were many improvements, the most significant enhancements were upgrades to interior lighting within residential halls and administrative offices; upgrades to exterior lighting throughout the main campus; water conservation; and HVAC temperature optimization.

## Community Engagement

We will seek ways to increase our engagement and visibility within the local and broader community.




■ With help from a grant provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities, approximately 50 community members including descendants of Hinsonville entered Lincoln's campus to have their family artifacts and oral histories digitized. Participants also engaged in genealogy workshops and campus tours. The preservation event was created to capture and catalogue the rich history of Hinsonville, a settlement established in the mid-1800s by freed slaves and landowners, which today encompasses Lincoln University's campus.



## Globalization & Diversity

While we remain committed to our legacy of providing the highest quality education to African American students, we recognize the importance of offering students a diverse environment and global collaborations which will prepare them for leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



■ The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences hosted the 4th biennial Kwame Nkrumah International Conference at the University City location in Philadelphia. Approximately 65 scholars, students, and enthusiasts attended the weekend conference including representatives of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana; Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; and Molefi Kefe Asante Institute in Philadelphia. Kwame Nkrumah '39 was the first president of Ghana.

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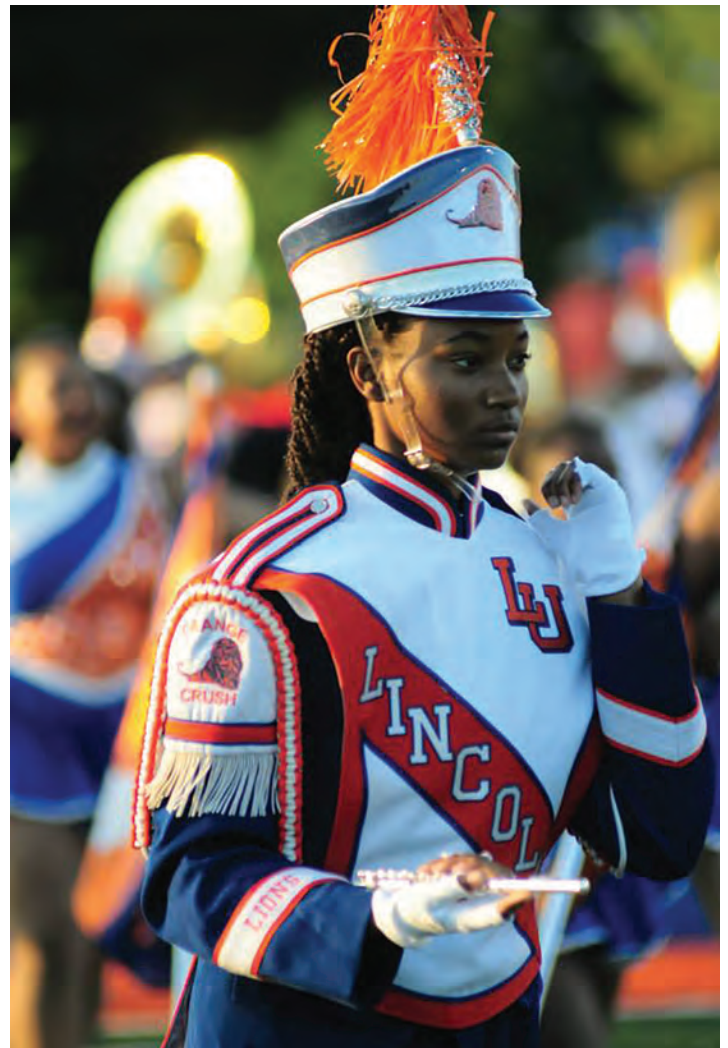
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