

## A Fond Farewell

Lincoln Foundation has closed a chapter in its 109-year history. Recently the staff and Board bid a fond farewell to Larry M. McDonald who retired after 18 years of dedicated leadership in helping to transform the lives of hundreds of deserving youth in our community.

Mr. McDonald initially began his tenure with Lincoln Foundation as a volunteer in 1985. He was instrumental in the design and launch of Project BUILD, a mini MBA program for high school students of color. That exposure led to his service on the Board of Trustees, and ultimately serving as the board's vice chair. He took over leadership as president of Lincoln Foundation in 2001 under the encouragement and support of Dr. Samuel Robinson, President Emeritus who said, "Larry, do it for me, do it for the kids." And so, he did.

Mr. McDonald, a former corporate human resources executive with Humana, demonstrated leadership skills specifically in the areas of diversity, employee relations, and management development. He also had prior experience as a production supervisor with Ford Motor Company, real estate broker and entrepreneur, expertise that was a unique skill set for his new role as president.

During his tenure, Mr. McDonald worked tirelessly and passionately to preserve Lincoln Foundation's rich history which dates to 1910 when Berea College Trustees founded Lincoln Institute. The school became a prominent boarding high school for African American students. His tenacity to advance the legacy of Whitney M. Young, Sr. and Jr. led to the renovation and creation of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Birthplace Interpretative Center, a National Historic Landmark. He also facilitated the renovation of what is now the Lincoln Institute Alumni Center which officially opened during a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony in July 2018.

More significantly, Mr. McDonald doubled the assets of the organization, raising millions in gifts and in-kind support to sustain the many educational programs: Math & Science Program, Project BUILD, the Portland and Western Library Reading Programs, and especially the signature Whitney M. YOUNG



Larry McDonald at his surprise retirement party



Dr. Samuel Robinson, President Emeritus, Larry M. McDonald, Retired President, Marshall Bradley, Jr. President

Scholars Program®, which was created in 1990 by Dr. Samuel Robinson. The acronym YOUNG stands for Youth Organized to Understand New Goals.

The sustainability of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® is evident in the more than 433 college degrees earned by Scholars since the year 2000. Mr. McDonald has also helped 801 Scholars successfully graduate from high school with nearly 100% being accepted into an accredited college or university.

Beyond the statistics of demonstrated outcomes is the man himself who through the years has taken time to get to know Scholars and their families personally. He also provides mentoring and support as needed to help Scholars find their way in life. It's something for which Scholar alumnus Victus V. McDaniel II (Phase 18/Class of 2013) is grateful.

"Mr. McDonald has been a mentor and advisor to me for over half of my life. The countless times I would come to him for his opinion, advice, or the times we would just sit in his office and brag about being proud alumni of both duPont Manual High School and the University of Kentucky are times I will treasure. As a result of his leadership, Lincoln Foundation has impacted the lives of many different people and provided countless Scholars with abundant opportunities to polish themselves both as students and individuals, including myself. Being under his guidance has not only made me a better student and Scholar, but a better man. I will forever cherish the advice, support, and the drive he instilled in all Scholars to never give up and to always strive for greatness." Perhaps the greatest praise comes from Mr. McDonald's mentor and friend, Dr. Robinson.

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Mr. McDonald's vast achievements and accomplishments as leader of Lincoln Foundation is something of which Dr. Robinson is extremely proud. "He has a passion for helping academically talented young people reach their goals," Dr. Robinson stated. "We have been truly blessed to have such an outstanding person and committed individual lead this organization these past 18 years."



Larry McDonald pictured with mentor & friend, Dr. Samuel Robinson

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## A Warm Welcome

Lincoln Foundation is excited to welcome a familiar face as its new president. Stepping into the leadership role of the organization is Marshall Bradley, Jr. Mr. Bradley is a former member of Lincoln Foundation's Board of Trustees, having completed four terms. Most recently, he served on the Finance Committee and was a co-chair of the Capital Campaign committee.

A native of Louisville, Mr. Bradley attended the former Flaget High School and St. Xavier High School before graduating from duPont Manual High School in 1975. He then attended Bellarmine University where he received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1981 and later an MBA in 1986.

Mr. Bradley enjoyed a distinguished 38-year career in the commercial banking industry. He started out in the management training program at Liberty National Bank in 1981. Later, he assumed the role of Senior Vice President, retail banking with National City Bank where he was responsible for product management. He also served as a district sales executive. In 2001, Mr. Bradley was named Regional Sales Manager for Chase, Kentucky. He left Chase Bank in 2007 to assume the role of Senior Vice President and Regional Manager of Mortgage Lending for Old National Bank. During his tenure with Old National Bank, he also served as Regional Manager, Retail Banking before retiring early this year.

In addition to his role as a banker, Mr. Bradley served as an instructor and adjunct faculty in Banking, Finance and Economics with the Kentucky Bankers' Association, American Institute of Banking and Jefferson Community and Technical College. He also served as a member of the Curriculum Review Board for the American Institute of Banking and a guest lecturer for the American Free Enterprise System.

Mr. Bradley has also been a community volunteer. In addition to having served on the Lincoln Foundation board, he also has been involved with the Community Foundation of Louisville where he served as board chair, and he currently serves as treasurer of the St. Matthews Fire District Board. Mr. Bradley served as board chair at Meredith-Dunn School and was a member of the Portland Neighborhood House and Walden Theatre boards.

Making the decision to lead Lincoln Foundation fulfills Mr. Bradley's desire to perform mission-focused work. "Lincoln Foundation's educational mission is one that especially resonated with me," he said. "The organization has a great story to tell and I am honored to follow in the footsteps of both Larry McDonald and Dr. Samuel Robinson in providing support to deserving youth in their educational journey."

Mr. Bradley began his duties as president on April 1. He is the father to three daughters and grandfather to two grandsons.



Marshall Bradley, Jr.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

## Open House & Dedication

Lincoln Foundation relocated its offices to 4322 Bishop Lane, Louisville, KY 40218 in late December. Now we are ready to share our newly renovated office building. It will also be an opportunity to meet our new president and extend thanks to our retired president.

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019**  
**3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**





# Congratulations to this Year's Top Scholar!

Lincoln Foundation is pleased to salute Austin Newland as the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Dr. Samuel Award of Excellence. The award is named in honor of Dr. Samuel Robinson, President Emeritus, who created the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® in 1990 to support the education and development of socioeconomically disadvantaged youth. Austin was presented with the award at this year's Senior Banquet on May 18, 2019 in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the college prep program. The award provides a \$2,000 scholarship that is renewable for four years, or a total of \$8,000.

Austin joined the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® in the seventh grade. That same year, he received a Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) State Award which honors academically talented students throughout the United States for exceptional scores on the ACT. At that time, Austin's score was a 23.

Throughout his time in the program, Austin has volunteered as a Scholar



Austin Newland

Ambassador at various events. He also participated in a number of other extracurricular activities including playing on his high school's archery team, serving as a member of the school's Black Student Union and volunteering as a tutor.

Austin is an Advanced Placement student with honors and has earned a 4.2 weighted grade point average, and an impressive 33 on the ACT. Despite his rigorous academic schedule, Austin

enrolled at the University of Louisville to get an early start on his college education. He will receive his high school diploma and graduate with 70 college credit hours earned in his major of Pan African Studies and American Sign Language (ASL) and Interpreting Services.

While Austin works to complete his bachelor's in ASL and Interpreting Services and Pan African Studies, he plans to pursue a series of minors in the fields of Chinese, Race and Gender Studies, LGBTQ studies, Creative Writing and Asian Studies. He eventually plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Pan-African Studies. His career goals include becoming a university professor and working as an interpreter for the deaf.

Austin says that due to his participation and passion for the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®, he feels an obligation to "use his privilege to fix the issues that plague our nation." Austin has consistently modeled the best of what it means to be a Whitney M. YOUNG Scholar. Congratulations, Austin!

## Help Make Education Count!



Lincoln Foundation has had a positive impact on Ta'Neka Vaden Lindsay, a Whitney M. YOUNG Scholar alumna (Phase 7/Class of 2002). She credits the Lincoln Foundation and the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® for helping her navigate through many barriers so that she could achieve her college education.

Today she holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Kentucky and is the first African American Assistant Professor of Nursing at Bellarmine University.

Lincoln Foundation relies on the generosity of friends and donors to help us deliver our educational programs virtually free of charge to the 600 socioeconomically disadvantaged students we serve each year.

As part of this year's Help Make Education Count Spring Appeal, you'll hear more about Ta'Neka's journey, and you'll have the opportunity to join forces with her to Help Make Education Count! Secure donations can be made online by visiting [www.lincolnfdn.org/donations](http://www.lincolnfdn.org/donations). We thank you for your part in helping our deserving youth realize their educational dreams.

## SAVE THE DATE!



## LIONEL HAMPTON JAZZ PROJECT

HONORING OUR HOMETOWN JAZZ GREAT

**FRIDAY | AUGUST 23, 2019**

**5:30 p.m. – Reception, Lobby | 7:00 p.m. – Concert**

**KCD Theater | Kentucky Country Day School**

**4100 Springdale Road | Louisville, KY 40241**

Proceeds benefit the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®

**FEATURING JAMEY AEBERSOLD QUARTET**

**DICK SISTO'S VIBRAGANIC TRIO WITH MARLIN MCKAY**

Promotion: Ken Clay and Associates

# 2019 Educational Programs & Events Calendar

## June 10 – June 28

Project BUILD (11-12th Grades)  
UofL College of Business

## June 9 - 20

WYSP Summer Institute (12th Grade)  
Murray State University

## June 9 - 21

WYSP Summer Institute (10th Grade)  
University of Kentucky

## June 10 - 21

Math & Science Program (9-12th Grades)  
UofL College of Arts and Sciences

## June 16 - 28

WYSP Summer Institute (10th Grade)  
Berea College

## June 17 - 28

WYSP Technology & Study Skills (8th Grade)  
Central High School

## June 30 - July 12

WYSP Summer Institute (11th Grade)  
Centre College

## July 8 - 12 & July 22 - 26

WYSP Hands on Minds On (7th Grade)  
UofL Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium

## July 14 - 26

WYSP Summer Institute (11th Grade)  
Georgetown College

## August 17

WYSP Opening Educational Clinic & Parental Institute

## August 23

Lionel Hampton Jazz Project  
KCD Theater

## Our Mission

To provide educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming barriers to achievement

Youth  
Organized to  
Understand  
New  
Goals

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