

Embracing College Life

Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® College Prep Focus Helps Scholars Take Full Advantage of All College Has to Offer



Veronica Joy Johnson studied in Switzerland during college.

Veronica Joy Johnson (Phase 16/Class of 2011) fondly recalls the past four years of her life. As a December 2015 graduate from Morehead State University, Veronica became the first in her family to earn a college degree. As a child, going away to college was something she would have found intimidating. But thanks to Lincoln Foundation's Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® with its college-prep focus, Veronica found college life to be wonderful.

"I definitely enjoyed my college experience and I'm actually pretty sad it's over."

Veronica is one of many Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars who are first generation in their families to attend college.

The year-round Scholars program not only provides academic enrichment, it provides Scholars with opportunities to attend a Summer Institute for two weeks. These academic/residential experiences allow Scholars to take classes taught by college professors and live in a university dorm to experience college life. The Summer Institute is universally the most popular component of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® that Scholars talk about the most. Summer Institutes are life changing learning experiences and expose new worlds of possibilities. For Veronica, like many other Scholars, the experience also greatly alleviated any fear or apprehension she had about leaving home.

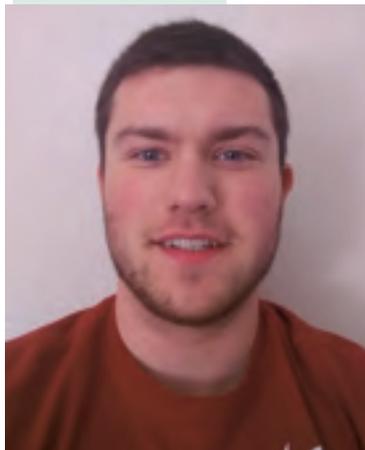
"I didn't know anything about Morehead State until a representative came to talk to us one Saturday morning. Going on

the summer trips to different college campuses and all of the other activities helped me get my feet wet and know what to expect in college."

The preparation paid off and Veronica settled right into her college courses and embraced every opportunity to get involved and make new friends. "Some things that I've enjoyed the most would be joining my sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; getting involved with different organizations; going to the sporting events and studying abroad."

Veronica graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Strategic Communications in December of 2015. She is now working as a customer service representative in the retirement service division at ADP Payroll Company. She plans to further her education by attending graduate school in the near future.

While Veronica has just completed her college experience, Scott Lundstrom (Phase 20/Class of 2015) is just beginning. Scott, although a freshman at the University of Alabama, has fully embraced every opportunity placed before him. He was an Advanced Placement student with honors and recipient of Lincoln Foundation's Dr. Samuel Robinson Award of Excellence.



Scholar Scott Lundstrom is making the most of his college experience.

Scott continues to achieve academically even while immersed in a rigorous double major, civil and construction engineering. His college life has been enriched by participating in extracurricular activities.

"I have absolutely enjoyed my college experience, specifically having the opportunity to meet people from all over the country, taking classes that align with my interests and having a high level of independence." Scott plays intramural flag football and basketball, is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the

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Dear Friends,



Lincoln Foundation has always prided itself on the ability to forge strong community partnerships that support our educational programs. I am thrilled to share with you two more value-added partnerships that will enhance our signature Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.

Lincoln Foundation has embarked on a five-year expansion of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. This expansion will allow us to serve an additional number of academically motivated youth. But with expansion comes challenges, most notably that of space and logistics. We are thrilled our partnership with the Frazier History Museum will provide extra classrooms to accommodate the eighth-grade classes this coming fall. More importantly, our Scholars will now have the opportunity to frequently experience one of our community's cultural and educational jewels.

Another partnership I am truly excited about is our memorandum of agreement with West End School. As at-risk young boys complete their time at West End School, it makes logical sense for those students who qualify to apply to the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. There has been an informal partnership in place for several years. Lincoln Foundation is proud of the three West End School and Whitney M. YOUNG Scholar alumni currently attending college. At the end of the day it was a strategic win-win to formalize the working relationship. The objective is to ensure a minimum of two qualified students admitted to the program annually.



I am pleased to report that Lincoln Foundation will admit a total of six West End School students this fall. Consistent with our mission, this agreement provides a continuum of support for these very deserving youth to overcome barriers to achievement.

Lincoln Foundation is truly grateful for our two enhanced educational partnerships, enabling year-round diverse educational opportunities.

I am very thankful for our many supporters and friends.

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Mentor UPP (Undergraduate Peer Partnering) program, and works at the recreation center. "I have had the chance to make upperclassmen friends with whom I normally would not cross paths."

Like many engineering students, Scott will participate in a cooperative rotation next fall working for a general contractor in the Birmingham area. He hopes this opportunity will provide a gateway to a full-time job upon graduation in the spring of 2019.

Scott credits Lincoln Foundation and the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® with helping to make it all possible.

"I think it would be absurd to say that the Scholars program did not help me get where I am today. I didn't realize it at the time, but with the varying focuses at each grade level, the program teaches the importance of academic diversity. The program also gave me the tools to apply for college and every possible scholarship opportunity, which I greatly attribute to my being able to attend the University of Alabama."

The Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® holistic approach and college prep philosophy has been the foundation for helping Scholars succeed. Scott echoes the sentiments of other students that the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® becomes a second family of support and encouragement. He offers this advice to current and future Scholars.

"Stick with the program. It can be hard to see the benefits of waking up early two Saturdays a month, but after having nearly a full year to take a step back from the program, the benefits clearly outweigh the miniscule burden of waking up a few hours early. Every activity, lesson, and trip all have a purpose, so stick with it."

Our Mission

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

Alumni News

Kudos to the following Scholar alumni for their latest academic and professional achievements. Lincoln Foundation is extremely proud of you.



Peggy Arthur (Phase 6/Class of 2001) for her recent promotion as a Small Business Unit Account Manager at Sterling G. Thompson Company. Peggy also recently earned a Commercial Lines Coverage Specialist Designation. Peggy holds an M.B.A. from Tennessee State University in 2009 and a B.A. in Psychology from Tuskegee University in 2005.



Alberto Horihuela (Phase 9/Class of 2005) for FuboTV, a video streaming service company he co-founded with two colleagues. The company, which offers a mix of sports and entertainment programming, recently landed investments from several companies, including 21st Century Fox and Europe's Sky. The funding will allow the company to expand its

sports video offering. Alberto earned a B.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago in 2009.



Chinaecherem Omenyinma (Phase 13/Class of 2008) for being accepted into the Master of Business Administration program at the University of Virginia Darden School of Business as a Consortium Fellow. Chinaecherem, a native of Nigeria, graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2012, earning degrees in Accounting & Analytics. He currently works for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP corporate assurance practice in Pittsburgh, PA.

UPS Foundation presents \$10,000 grant

Rod Little and Tory Hill of UPS recently stopped by the Lincoln Foundation office to present President Larry M. McDonald with a grant award of \$10,000. The funds will be used to support Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars who will be attending Summer Institutes this year at Georgetown College, Murray State University, and the University of Kentucky. Thank you, UPS!



Help Lincoln Foundation as You Shop at Kroger



Lincoln Foundation is now participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, offering another way for individuals who want to show their support. Kroger shares a percentage of what shoppers spend in groceries back in the form of donations to nonprofit organizations in the community.

Enrollment is free and does not affect your fuel points or any other discounts earned. Sign up is easy! Simply log in to your Kroger Plus account, or set up a new account and choose Lincoln Foundation as the charity you would like to support.



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Friday, August 19, 2016
5:30 p.m. - Reception, Lobby
7:00 p.m. - Concert



Proceeds from the Evening of Jazz benefit the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® Lincoln Foundation's signature educational enrichment program. The prestigious Spirit of Excellence Award will be presented to Diane Porter, a community leader, retired educator and member of the Jefferson County Board of Education. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at the KCD Theater. Please join us for an enjoyable evening in support of our very deserving youth.

2016 Educational Programs & Events Calendar

June 6 - July 1

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

June 6 - 24

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

June 5 - 17

WYSP Summer Institute (12th Grade)
Murray State University

June 12 - 24

WYSP Summer Institute (10th Grade)
University of Kentucky

July 17 - 29

WYSP Summer Institute (11th Grade)
Georgetown College

July 11 - 15

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

July 11 - 15 & July 25 - 29

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

August 19

21st Annual Evening of Jazz
KCD Theater, Kentucky Country Day School

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