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WEEKLONG HOMECOMING CELEBRATION BEGINS SUNDAY

Jefferson City, MO- Blue Tiger pride will be on full display next week as Lincoln University celebrates Homecoming 2011, beginning September 25 through October 2. With the theme, "**Blue Tiger Pride-We Wear it Well**," students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community will showcase their LU spirit during a full schedule of activities.

The community is invited to visit the President's Residence, located at 601 Jackson Street, during an Open House on Wednesday, September 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The university and community members have been working to restore the local landmark, with plans to once again use it as a home for the President of Lincoln University.

On Thursday, September 29, the university will crown Mr. and Miss Lincoln University 2011-2012 and their royal court during Coronation activities which begin at 7 p.m. in the Richardson Fine Arts Center-Mitchell Auditorium.

Four campus facilities will be renamed on Friday, September 30, with the first scheduled for 9 a.m. Langston Hughes Theater in Martin Luther King Hall will be renamed the Thomas D. Pawley Theatre in honor of longtime faculty member Dr. Thomas Pawley. Inman E. Page Library will host three concurrent renaming ceremonies that evening at 6:30 p.m. The Reference Collection will be renamed the Faye T. Carter Reference Collection after former librarian Faye Carter. The Black Bib/Ethnic Studies Collection will be renamed the Albert Prince Marshall African American and Ethnic Studies Collection for alumnus, former University Librarian and author, the late A.P. Marshall. The Ethnic Studies Center/Archives will be renamed the Lloyd L. Gaines Ethnic Studies Center for alumnus Lloyd Gaines who fought for and won admission to the University of Missouri Law School before disappearing in Chicago in 1939.

At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, the university will hold a pep rally at Dwight T. Reed Stadium. A fireworks display will begin following the Jefferson City High School Homecoming Football Game, at approximately 9 p.m.

A longtime Homecoming tradition continues at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, with the Lincoln University Homecoming Parade. The parade will begin and end at the intersection of Lafayette and Dunklin Streets and will travel through downtown Jefferson City. Due to construction along the northern sections of Lafayette Street, the parade will turn left at the intersection of Lafayette and McCarty and then right onto Jackson Street before turning left onto High Street. The parade will then travel right on Jefferson Street and right on E. Capitol Avenue, before making its way back to McCarty and Lafayette Streets.

Also on Saturday, the Lincoln University Blue Tigers will play the Fort Hays State University Tigers at 2 p.m. in Dwight T. Reed Stadium. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Children 12 and under are free.

Saturday night will include music and comedy. A concert and comedy show featuring neo soul star Marsha Ambrosius and comedian Lil Duval is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Richardson Fine Arts Center-Mitchell Auditorium. Tickets are $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Advance tickets are available for purchase in the Lincoln University Cashier's Office, Room 105 Young Hall.

A second concert featuring 70s sensations The Emotions and 90s superstars Bell Biv Devoe will be held at Capitol Plaza Hotel, beginning at 9 p.m. Ticket prices are $50 in advance for members of the Lincoln University Alumni Association and $55 in advance for the general public. Admission is $60 the night of the concert. Advance tickets will are available for purchase from the Lincoln University Office of Alumni Affairs, 818 Chestnut Street.

The entire week is full of exciting activities for everyone. For a complete listing of Homecoming 2011 activities, please visit http://www.lincolnu.edu/web/alumni/homecoming-2011.

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