

1-2019

# Student Career Focus January 2019

Lincoln University of Missouri Career Services

Follow this and additional works at: <https://bluetigercommons.lincolnu.edu/career-focus-newsletter>

---

## Recommended Citation

Lincoln University of Missouri Career Services, "Student Career Focus January 2019" (2019). *Student Career Focus Newsletter*. 1.  
<https://bluetigercommons.lincolnu.edu/career-focus-newsletter/1>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Career and Academic Support Services at Blue Tiger Commons@LincolnU. It has been accepted for inclusion in Student Career Focus Newsletter by an authorized administrator of Blue Tiger Commons@LincolnU. For more information, please contact [MartinD2@lincolnu.edu](mailto:MartinD2@lincolnu.edu).



# *Student Career* **FOCUS**

## STUDENTS ACHIEVING SUCCESS

### Highlighting the Achievements of Current LU Students and Recent LU Graduates

**Ms. Juanita Stephen**, a 2018 graduate of Lincoln University with a B.S. in Mathematics and an Associates in Pre-Engineering, is currently continuing her education at Virginia Tech University as a Mechanical Engineering major. While at Lincoln, she served as a STEM mentor and tutor in mathematics. Ms. Stephen participated in several internships; the University of Missouri S & T in Additive Manufacturing Research in 2017, and at Honeywell in 2018 and was subsequently awarded \$20,000 to continue her education at Virginia Tech.

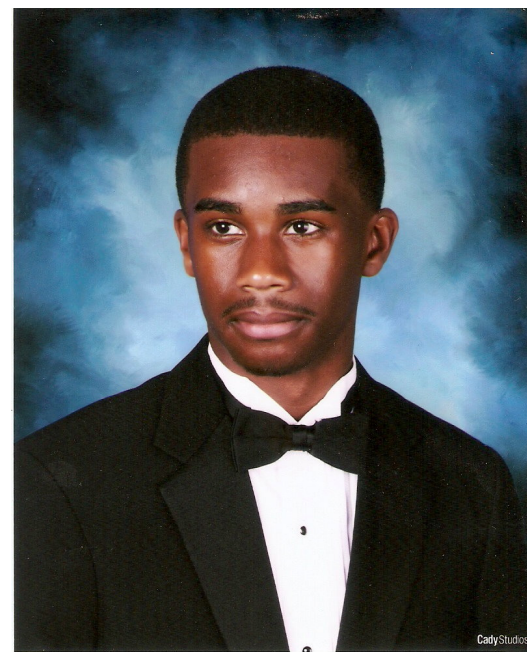
**Ms. Kay Gordon**, a senior journalism major, has been accepted into the Indianapolis Teaching Fellows Cohort (ITFC) for 2019, a component which includes concurrently attending graduate school at Marian University. ITCF fellows are assigned to teach at a school in the inner city of Indianapolis, IN and Ms. Gordon has been selected to teach high school English. She is excited that she will be able to incorporate her passions of developing culturally relevant material, discussing gender roles, and demonstrating how English plays a role in our everyday lives. While at Lincoln, Ms. Gordon has served on the university newspaper, *The Clarion*, written current events stories and hosts a weekly pod-cast, *Tea and Bonnets*.



Juanita Stephen (LU graduate) and Cory Jackson (Program Manager NNSA, Minority Serving Institutions Program)



**Mr. Aaron Lewis**, a junior majoring in agriculture with an emphasis in animal science, has been accepted to Purdue University Veterinary School through the early admissions process and will begin in 2020. Mr. Lewis is currently a member of the LU's Honor College, the Vice President of LU Chapter of Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), a member of the Infantry Scholars Program (ISP), and is currently on a team doing research under Dr. Majed EL-Dweik on how to use agriculture to help people in the community. His goal is to seek employment with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He is very pleased and excited for this wonderful opportunity.



## STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

### Highlighting the Accomplishments of Lincoln Students

#### **Ms. Gabrielle Hodges** -JCMO Blog Internship

Ms. Hodges, who is studying marketing with a minor in Spanish, will be graduating Spring 2019. She is currently doing an internship for JCMO Blog. JCMO Blog is a digital marketing company that promotes businesses in the Mid-Missouri area through the means of social media and a retail co-working space. Ms. Hodges is working on many different marketing projects and other duties as well. Ms. Hodges has worked in Academic Support and has interned in the LU Career Center. She is both grateful and excited for this opportunity that has been granted to her.



#### **Mr. Dontay Phillips**-Goldman Sachs Internship

Mr. Phillips, a junior and an LU Honors College Scholar, is currently studying Political Science with a minor in English Literature. His future goal is to work as an attorney and practice Corporate Law. He has been selected to intern as a Business Analyst at Goldman Sachs during the summer of 2019. He recently started a Pre-Law Club on campus to network with other students pursuing law school.



## **Mr. Jordan Smith**-Missouri Department of Agriculture Internship

Mr. Smith, a junior studying marketing at Lincoln University, will begin an internship later this month with the Missouri Department of Agriculture. During his time as an intern, Mr. Smith will be learning Human Resources functions and shadowing HR professionals. Mr. Smith is looking forward to learning how to conduct interviews, screen applicants, and gain management strategies for different work situations that may occur. Mr. Smith currently serves as a member of the LU Royal Court and is a Residential Advisor on campus. He is very excited and looking forward to this opportunity.



## EMPLOYER FOCUS



### **Highlighting Employer Partners**

Scholastic is an organization that has grown into a \$1.6 billion global publishing and education company and is one of Jefferson City's largest employers. Scholastic's is also a proud employer partner with Lincoln University, employing students in part-time positions throughout the school year. Mr. Terry Donner, Director of Human Resources, understands that academics come first. He has worked with LU Career Services to craft part-time opportunities for students and provides transportation for students to and from the employment site.

This opportunity helps students to gain financial independence, develop soft skills, and explore the many facets of working in a global industry.

Scholastic also employs a number of Lincoln University graduates in professional positions such as engineering, business analysts, and accounting. Mr. Donner has helped to identify areas for students to develop stronger soft skills, gain work experience and remain in school. We value our relationship with this company and look forward to our continued partnership.

*"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."~Albert Einstein*



# SOFT SKILLS HAVE POWER



## Highlighting the Importance of "Soft Skills"

Soft skills matter, but the word "soft" often leads one to believe that soft skills have less importance than technical skills. I agree with Philip J. Hanlon, President of Dartmouth College, who is an avid advocate for use of the word "power" over soft. Each year, employers are surveyed to identify what soft skills are essential to the workplace. At the top of the list are skills such as communication, critical thinking, and the ability to work as a team. These skills are powerful and needed for an effective workplace. Students sometimes need help understanding the importance of these critical skills. With intentionality, faculty and staff can assist students to gain these power skills. Students who participate in internships, experiential learning, field research, and practicums are more likely to gain the necessary power skills than those students who do not. While students gain content skills in their major course of study, internships allow the students to apply that knowledge in a real world environment.

The expectation in the professional workplace is that employees embody the behaviors that indicate a mastery of these power skills. Faculty advisers who encourage their students to step out of the classroom and into industry are helping students to become well-rounded and competitive. Employers who hire interns in their companies are helping students gain the desired power skills and are preparing the next generation of talent. The Career Center hosts a series of workshops to assist students in gaining these soft or power skills. Workshops are held each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Workshops cover focus areas of successful workplace strategies, how to prepare for graduate school, and interviewing skills.

Ruth Canada, Director  
Career Support Services

### Career Support Services

Room 232/Page Library  
Jefferson City, MO 65101  
(573) 681-5589

 [Lincoln University Career Services](#)  
 IG: [@lumocareercenter](#)  
 Twitter: [@CareerCenterLU](#)

To post employment opportunities, go to: [careerservices@lincolnu.edu](mailto:careerservices@lincolnu.edu)

Visit <https://www.lincolnu.edu/web/career-center/career-services>

[to see current employment opportunities.](#)