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Legendary Ladies of Lincoln: Carolyn R. Mahoney

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Dr. Carolyn Mahoney initiated her undergraduate career at Mount St. Scholastic College in Atchison, Kansas, and returned to her hometown of Memphis, Tennessee to attend and graduate Summa Cum Laude with the Bachelor's of Science degree in Mathematics from Siena College. She received a Master’s of Science degree in 1972 and a PhD degree in 1984, both in mathematics, from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Mahoney was the 18th President and the first female president of Lincoln University. She brought a depth of familiarity with public and educational organization to Lincoln University. Her involvement in establishing a university on the west coast coupled with her experience as a professor and administrator, gave Mahoney the experience she needed to guide Lincoln University. Enrollment increased under her leadership and Lincoln added the Sherman Scruggs Residence during her administration. President Mahoney retired in 2012.