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Legendary Ladies of Lincoln: Myrtle Livingston Smith

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Myrtle Livingston became a physical education instructor in 1928 at Lincoln University. She established several formal athletic programs for female students. Livingston's contributions made it possible for females to engage in principal sports for the first time.

Livingston was also very active as a dancer and formed the first chapter of the Orchesis Group in 1936; the first chapter to be formed at a black college. The group gave performances in tap and interpretive dance. In addition to these activities, she taught first aid to Jefferson City citizens during World War II and wrote several plays during this time period.

Livingston died in Hawaii, only one and a half years into her retirement. There is a park named in her honor on Lincoln University's campus that remains open today.

