



In September, Claudette (McWilliams) Scott-Rogers '60 (Kansas City, MO) contacted the Office of Advancement about transferring the Callene and Johnny McWilliams Endowed Scholarship to the Lincoln University Foundation. "The scholarship was created to honor the legacy of giving that our parents demonstrated. My siblings (Charles M. McWilliams, David McWilliams and Jewelene Denson) and I, as well as the churches where my dad was a pastor, contributed to it over the years. The responsibility of administering it has been mine. I suggested that we move the scholarship to Lincoln so that it can continue even after I am no longer able to take care of it," says Scott-Rogers. The scholarship is designated for African American students from the five county Bootheel region of Missouri.

Rev. Johnny McWilliams and Callene Parrott McWilliams were lifelong residents of Lilbourn, Missouri. Rev. Mc Williams was an ordained minister. He was the first African American hired at the Nesselrodt-Campbell Gin Company (cotton processing facility) and worked there for over fifty years. . He was elected as Alderman for the City of Lilbourn for three terms. Callene Mc Williams dedicated more than fifty years to the 4-H club and the University of Missouri Extension Services.

"My first encounter with LU was through the 4-H clubs that were organized by Home Demonstration Agents, two of whom were Lincoln graduates. Each summer, 4-H club members were brought to Lincoln for classes with the Agriculture Department staff. I remember Dr. Freeman and Dr. Busby," says Scott-Rogers. LU graduates Charles Smith, Richard Simmons and Margie Payne were favorite teachers in elementary and high school.

“At my high school graduation, I gave the salutatorian address,” remembers Scott-Rogers. Dr. Charles Hoard was the commencement speaker. Following the ceremony, Dean Hoard asked where she was going to college. He said, “I think I can get you a scholarship to Lincoln University.” Scott-Rogers says, “I was awarded a Curator’s Scholarship. I came to Lincoln the summer of 1957 and graduated cum laude in the spring of 1960.”

Scott-Rogers was a class agent for the Class of 1960, which raised \$20,000 for the foundation. She advises alumni is to give to Lincoln regularly (as they can afford) and to encourage other alumni to do the same. “Speak positively about your alma mater,” she says. “Tell the Soldiers Story. BE A PROUD LINCOLNITE 24/7.”

*Claudette Scott-Rogers has served as a member of the Lincoln University Foundation Board of Directors since 2013.*