

# » Educational Programs Pave Path to Success

*James Odetunde is a graduate of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® class of 2004 and recently shared his reflections on how Lincoln Foundation's educational programs provided the foundation for his success.*



My birthplace is Kwara State, Ilorin, Nigeria. I was introduced to Lincoln Foundation through a faculty member at my middle school. The teacher noticed I had a particular interest in math and science and thought Lincoln Foundation's Math & Science Program would help me to further develop those skills. I informed my parents about it and shortly thereafter became involved. Through the Math & Science Program, I learned about the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. My sister Juliana and I quickly applied. Soon we were involved in every aspect of the Scholars program.

The Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® (WYSP) served as the impetus for my tireless pursuit of higher learning and academic acuity. Through the Scholars program, I was instilled with an unfaltering belief that I was gifted and could achieve anything in any arena I set my mind to. I was empowered with the tools to seek out immediate assistance in academic areas where I may have had difficulty and move beyond them to achieve higher marks. I became much more inclined toward academic and community service programs for extracurricular activi-

ties. The Scholars program set me on a path to success and I find no obstacle insurmountable. I made it my mission to ensure that I attended college with little to no loans and furthermore achieved high academic honors during my enrollment. As a direct result of my participation in programs such as WYSP and a myriad of other service programs, I received honors such as the WHAS Great Kids Fulfilling the Dream, and numerous other scholarships covering the majority of my post-secondary education. With few worries about my financial obligations, I was able to focus on the academic rigors and graduate at the top of my class from DePauw University with a degree in political science, history, and economics.

The academic and social etiquette skills I gained from the Scholars program have been relevant through all facets of my life. I am not only able to think critically through my coursework, I am also able to efficiently navigate networks of socio-economically diverse groups and individuals.

The financial assistance I have received from Lincoln Foundation has been a pivotal factor in my ability to visit foreign countries such as India, study in Washington, D.C., and attain scholarship funding for future academic pursuits. The laptop I was able to purchase through support from Lincoln Foundation was not only essential in preparing my senior thesis, but was central to the completion of my law school applications. I am currently attending



The Odetunde Family from left to right: Joshua Odetunde, Michael Odetunde, Juliana Odetunde, James Odetunde, Florence Odetunde, and Stephen Ogunlowo(Uncle).

law school at the University of Michigan. Thanks to Lincoln Foundation I intend to practice corporate law with a focus on international policy/global administrative law. My sister Juliana earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry at DePauw University, a graduate degree in physiology at the University of Louisville, and is now pursuing a medical degree at the University of Kentucky. Juliana plans to specialize in internal medicine with an emphasis in urban and community health. Thank you, Lincoln Foundation for providing our path to success.

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## Dear Friend,



In support of Greater Louisville's Education Commitment to 55,000 Degrees, Lincoln Foundation's educational programs continue to develop future leaders by producing college graduates that positively impact our community. Over the last twenty years, the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® has a proven track record of consistently producing graduate and undergraduate degrees among our students. I am proud of the accomplishments of the 19 Whitney Young Scholars who graduated from a college or university in 2010, and 17 in 2009 including nine who earned Master's Degrees. Nineteen Whitney Young Scholars graduated from a college or university in 2008. Lincoln Foundation has approximately 170 students in college and annually serves approximately 400 elementary, middle, and high school students. All of the thirty-eight students in the class of 2010 graduated from high school and were accepted into an accredited college or university. Our greatest accomplishments are our students' academic achievement and the successful completion of college degrees. I can assure you that Lincoln Foundation is committed to nurturing a culture that promotes college success. The ultimate goal is to develop educated, self-sufficient, and productive citizens. I convey my heartfelt appreciation to you, our donors, trustees, and stakeholders for your continuing commitment and support of our students and families.

Please save the date of August 27, 2011 to join us at our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Jazz to benefit the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.

Warmest regards,

*Larry M. McDonald*  
President

## Tutoring Services Program



Lincoln Foundation is dedicated to supporting the academic achievement of all students. In support of academic success, tutoring services have been expanded to meet the needs of students in their quest for academic excellence. Tutoring services are provided at the Lincoln Foundation Monday through Thursday each week from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Services are provided by

talented certified teachers, college professors, volunteers, and Brandon Childs, Lincoln Foundation Educational Programs Coordinator, who tutors in subjects including physics and chemistry. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the spark in a student's eyes after they earn an "A" on a test. Being able to help instill a sense of confidence in the material is a gift," said Mr. Childs.

Students have been served by the tutoring program in subjects such as algebra, geometry, precalculus, biology, and English for a total of 135.5 hours since the fall. In addition, tutoring services were



Ms. Else Robertson, Jefferson Community & Technical College math instructor, assists students with math problems.

provided for Ms. Habila, an adult student who recently returned to college, who needed assistance with math. Habilia said, "Tutoring has helped me to improve my understanding of math. Thanks to the leadership of Lincoln Foundation for making this opportunity available to students and parents." Whitney Young Scholars who are interested in Lincoln Foundation tutoring services should contact Brandon Childs at 502.585.4733 ext. 220 or visit Lincoln Foundation's website at [www.lincolnfdn.org](http://www.lincolnfdn.org) for an application.

## Our Mission

To provide educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming barriers to achievement.



# » Math & Science Program

Lincoln Foundation's summer Math & Science Program will be held June 7 through July 1 at the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The program is in partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools, University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, and UPS. All courses are taught by certified Jefferson County

Students will engage in laboratory research and field-based learning activities that apply mathematics and science to study the global issues of biodiversity, water quality, and energy in our community. Field based learning involves conducting investigations, solving problems, designing projects, and presenting sustainable solutions. In addition, the Math & Science Program curriculum is designed to prepare students for their next grade level in school and support college readiness.

Fundamental algebra and geometry skills will be taught within the context of global issues and sustainability. By the end of the four-week summer program each student will envision and design a science research proposal that integrates a focus on building a sustainable future for themselves and others. The program is open to the public and students completing the eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade are encouraged to apply. The registration fee is \$75; however, fee waivers are available for qualified students.



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Public School (JCPS) teachers. The program curriculum has been redesigned to utilize STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) teaching strategies.



Students engaged in field study experiment.

## » Save the Date for The Evening of Jazz

Please join us for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Jazz fundraiser on Saturday, August 27 at The Kentucky Center, Bomhard Theater at 7:00 p.m. This will be an evening of great entertainment you won't want to miss featuring renowned jazz vocalist Vanessa Rubin. Tickets are \$50 and will be available soon at The Kentucky Center. Once again, we are counting on your support that benefits our very deserving students in the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®.



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## Did You Know?

James Odetunde's brother, Michael Odetunde, is a graduate of the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering with a master's degree in industrial engineering. "Michael Odetunde was a bright, hard working young man. What I remember most about him was his ambition and his wide range of interests! While he earned both his B.S. and master's degrees in industrial engineering from the Speed School, Michael was always looking "outside the box" and I was never certain where he'd end up career-wise! I knew he'd do well in whatever he chose to do. I'm very proud of all he accomplished and I wish him all the best," said Professor Brenda Hart, Director of Student Affairs, University of Louisville J.B. Speed School of Engineering. Michael is now an Industrial Engineer working as a consultant for DELL.

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# Summer 2011 Calendar of Events

## May 21

**Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program<sup>®</sup> Senior Banquet**  
University Club –  
University of Louisville  
6:00 p.m. Tickets - \$25

## June 7 - July 1

**Math & Science Program**  
University of Louisville  
College of Arts and Sciences  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Registration Fee - \$75  
*\* Fee waivers available for qualified students*

## June 6 - July 1

**Project BUILD**  
University of Louisville  
College of Business  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## WYSP Summer Programs

### June 5 - June 17

Murray State University  
Summer Residential Institute

### June 6 - June 17

Technology & Problem Solving  
Camp  
Lincoln Foundation Computer Lab  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## June 12 - June 24

University of Kentucky  
Summer Residential Institute

## July 5 - July 15

Georgetown College  
Summer Residential Institute

## July 18 - July 23

**Hands On Minds On**  
University of Louisville  
College of Education and  
Human Development  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## August 20

**Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program<sup>®</sup>**  
**Opening Educational Clinic  
for 2011-2012 Academic Year**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

## August 27

**Evening of Jazz Fundraiser**  
The Kentucky Center –  
Bomhard Theater  
7:00 p.m. Tickets - \$50  
Proceeds benefit the Whitney  
M. YOUNG Scholars Program<sup>®</sup>.

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