

# RESPECT *LEADS*

The Lipscomb University Diversity & Inclusion Newsletter



## LETTERS FROM LEADERSHIP



### LEADERSHIP

#### Message from the university president

President L. Randolph Lowry welcomes you to the university's first Respect Leads diversity newsletter.

### LEADERSHIP

#### Message from the special counsel to the president

William Turner comments on Lipscomb's goal to become an even more intentional community of grace.



## CAMPUS CULTURE

### Respect Leads advisory council established

New council added in 2020 further promotes a culture of respectfulness in all quadrants of the university.

## STUDENT LIFE

### Hispanic Heritage Month features events on campus

Students connect with Hispanic culture, and with each other, through this fall's Hispanic Heritage Month events.

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LIPSCOMB'S STUDENT BODY  
IS MADE UP OF  
**24%**  
ETHNIC MINORITY STUDENTS  
IN FALL 2020

LIPSCOMB RETAINED  
**87.3%**  
OF ITS STUDENTS OF COLOR  
FROM FALL 2019 TO FALL 2020

## ALUMNI

### LBAC welcomes all who embrace diversity

Lipscomb Black Alumni Council offers alumni opportunities from fun activities to student mentorship.

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## ACADEMICS

### Colleges host straight talk and plan for new normal

Following a sea change in public awareness, colleges refine diversity plans and respond with significant conversations.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Byrdsong is the new vice provost of health affairs

Health care, higher ed veteran appointed to continue success and growth of health sciences programs.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

### Graduating senior earns prestigious opportunities

Eden Melles wins two national fellowships, both designed to bring underrepresented groups into academia in political science.

## ALUMNI

### Bridging the culture gap in Nashville's classrooms

First five graduates of Pionero Scholars program increase teacher diversity in Nashville schools.



## LEADERSHIP

### Lipscomb diversity leader advises national CCCU

William Turner called on to provide insight for the future to a national Christian higher education association.

## ACADEMICS

### NSF awards \$200,000 to study engineering missions

Engineering professor to draw on Lipscomb's long history of humanitarian STEM projects for industry study.

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### Bestseller *Just Mercy* guides on-campus thoughts

LIGHT program explores racial and justice issues through a best-selling memoir and guest speaker Cyntoia Brown-Long.



## STUDENT LIFE

### Office of Student Life offers new diversity programming

Chapel topics, open forums allow students to openly discuss current events and analyze their own opinions.

# We live in difficult times.

Now more than ever we need leaders who will impact our world for the better. Make a gift to support the Office of Intercultural Development.

Together we can raise up Christian leaders of the future to unify, uplift, educate and celebrate diverse communities.

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