

# Office of Equity and Inclusion

## Newsletter

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### Note from the Editor:

Hello fellow alumni! We in the Office of Equity and Inclusion hope that you've enjoyed our first few editions of the newsletter thus far. The goal of this newsletter is to keep you, as alumni, informed in the areas of diversity and inclusion on campus, alumni accomplishments off campus, and general news pertaining to the University of Lynchburg. So, if you have news to share, comments, or questions please don't hesitate to contact us at [OEI@Lynchburg.edu](mailto:OEI@Lynchburg.edu).

In this edition, we highlight the amazing accomplishments of three alumni, we introduce you to an award winning current student, and share several dates to put on your calendar for the upcoming semester and year.

As you may know, there are many changes coming to the University of Lynchburg. As of July 1st we officially changed our name from Lynchburg College to the University of Lynchburg, which gives us an opportunity to enhance the things that you enjoyed about the institution and improve upon the things that will keep us competitive in today's higher education market. One of those improvements is the building of a new residence hall in the place of McWane Hall. The new residence hall is to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2019.

### Video of McWane coming down from Lynchburg Sports:

<https://www.facebook.com/LynchburgSports/videos/10155379640841574/>

### Alumni Profiles:

#### Roy Roberson (North Carolina State Assistant Coach)



Meet Roy Roberson '92, North Carolina State University's newest men's basketball assistant coach. Roberson made quite an impact on Lynchburg City's community, specifically E.C. Glass High School, prior to joining the Wolfpack family. After graduating from LC with a 1,169 point varsity basketball career and a bachelor's degree in Accounting, he opened Roberson Financial Services (1995) and continued his education at American College earning the CLU™, CHFC™, and CASL™ designations.

His coaching career began in 1998 at E.C. Glass serving as the assistant basketball coach for three years and another year as the interim head coach. From 2002-03 Roberson returned to his alma mater serving as assistant coach for LC's men's basketball before becoming head coach for Holy Cross (2003-06). During his time at Holy Cross Roberson led the team to a VISBA Division III State Championship (2005) and was named *The News and Advance* Area Coach of the Year, along with VISBA State Coach of the Year.

Roberson returned to E.C. Glass in '07 as Head Coach taking control of a program that had not won a district game in three years or qualified for playoffs in over a decade, however, that would soon change. Roberson would serve as Head Coach and a mentor for students for the next 12 seasons where the team would appear twice in the final eight, advance twice to the final fours, receive All-District recognition 33 times, set a school record of 26 wins during the 2014-15 season, and win the Seminole District Championship and Region III – Division 4 Championship during the 2010-11 season. During his tenure at E.C. Glass, Roberson received a multitude of awards and recognitions for his superb coaching including the Seminole District Coach of the Year, Region III Coach of the Year, and District, Conference, and Regional Coach of the Year honors.

Roy Roberson accomplished great things in Lynchburg and will continue his success at NC State. The transition is bittersweet but he is grateful for the young men whose lives he was able to take part in and they are thankful for his mentorship and eager to see all he will accomplish at North Carolina State University.

[https://www.newsadvance.com/sports/high\\_school/e-c-glass-roy-roberon-leaving-school-will-become-assistant/article\\_49a93be2-7e36-11e8-a880-03cc7aa5bee0.html](https://www.newsadvance.com/sports/high_school/e-c-glass-roy-roberon-leaving-school-will-become-assistant/article_49a93be2-7e36-11e8-a880-03cc7aa5bee0.html)

<https://gopack.com/news/2018/7/2/mens-basketball-roy-roberon-hired-as-assistant-coach.aspx>

### **Treney Tweedy (Mayor of Lynchburg, VA)**



Meet Treney Tweedy '97, a Lynchburg native, U.S. Navy Veteran, and among other things the City of Lynchburg's new mayor. The mother of three and grandmother to one grew up in Rivermont and attended E.C. Glass High School prior to serving in the U. S. Navy as a journalist and earning her Bachelor's Degree in English from Lynchburg College.

Prior to being elected as mayor, Tweedy served as the LCS public information officer and on the Lynchburg City School Board for six years, two of which she was its vice chairwoman. In 2014 Treney Tweedy was elected to city council and has served as Lynchburg's vice-mayor for the past two years. Currently, she works as Senior Director for Workforce Development and Community Engagement for Goodwill Industries of the Valleys. Tweedy currently serves on an array of boards in the community as well, including Steps with Links, Hill City Youth Football and Cheerleading Association, Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Lynchburg Youth Services Advisory, Horizon Behavioral Health Services Advisory, and the New College Institute Board. The mayor has also received a Gubernatorial appointment by Governor Terrence McAuliffe.

Mayor Tweedy's campaign focused on reducing Lynchburg's poverty rate, promoting education, and making Lynchburg a destination for visitors. She hopes to pursue each of these platforms further during her time as mayor and wishes to create great quality of life for all citizens.

<http://tweedyforcouncil.com/>

[https://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/update-tweedy-named-lynchburg-s-next-mayor-dolan-vice-mayor/article\\_d33784c8-7e03-11e8-aabd-af6ca4d5f155.html](https://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/update-tweedy-named-lynchburg-s-next-mayor-dolan-vice-mayor/article_d33784c8-7e03-11e8-aabd-af6ca4d5f155.html)

<http://www.lynchburgva.gov/mayor-treney-tweedy-large>

### **Inez Sobczak (Speaker for STP)**



Meet Inez Sobczak '05 founder and master trainer of Fit-Nez. Returning this year as the keynote speaker for Summer Transition Program could not be more fitting for Sobczak as the program was her first experience as a Lynchburg College student. STP served as a "fundamental stepping stone" for Inez's college career and future life goals. Arriving in 2001, she majored in philosophy and political science with the intentions of becoming a lawyer after graduation. Inez graduated president of her class and went on to attend George Mason University's School of Law. However, she quickly realized her skillset was applicable in areas well beyond law and ventured into the corporate world where she built a name for herself and a client list to be envied.

Fitness had always been a passion of Sobczak's, however, it had remained a hobby until 2008 when she transformed her favorite pastime into a career. Fit-nez, Inez's self-named fitness company, offers corporate wellness programs, in-person and online training, nutrition counseling, and more. The

company is continuously growing along with Sobczak's professional certification list, Les Mills Body Jam Certification, OrangeTheory Coaching; AFFA, and Primary Group Exercise Instructor Certification; AFFA, to name a few. Clients of Fitnez include CircusFit, National Science Foundation (NSF), Google, and the list continues.

Inez attributes much of her post-graduation success to her time at Lynchburg College. The small community with low professor to student ratios allowed her to thrive in the classroom, exposure to a multitude of cultures increased her knowledge of diversity, and the never ending support from faculty and staff no matter the situation provided her with a solid foundation for her adult life. Sobczak is excited to return to her alma mater and give back to the program and institution that greatly helped her as an incoming first year student. [www.fit-nez.com](http://www.fit-nez.com)

### Save the Date

- 9/8 Meet and Greet Lunch 12:30 pm
  - This lunch is a great opportunity to give back to students, like you, who are eager to make connections with those who came before them.



- Homecoming October 20th All day
  - Celebrate your college years by returning for Homecoming! We would love for you to stop by the Office of Equity and Inclusion's tailgate to meet current students and get some grub!
- Multicultural Gala April 27th 7:00pm
  - This awards ceremony is to honor individuals past and present who are enhancing Lynchburg's campus in the area of inclusion. Last year we had nearly 200 participants, with a dozen awards conferred. Come join current students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and Board Members for a wonderful night of entertainment, food, and celebration!

## Student Profile: Davion Washington



Meet Davion Washington '21 a political science and sociology double major from Charlotte, North Carolina. Washington was less than a month away from attending another University when exterior circumstances made his plans infeasible. Despite never having visited campus, or Virginia at all, Lynchburg College quickly became his new choice for a higher education where in his first year alone he would soar to great heights.

Washington's involvement began day one as a Westover Fellow, Peer Organization Adviser for the Office of Student Activities, and Event Coordinator for the Student Activities Board where he joined Darian Geddis of the Black Student Association in hosting the first ever Black History Month Showcase at LC. However, despite his high levels of involvement Davion still had a difficult time finding his place socially on campus. This quickly changed his second semester when he began spending time in the Office of Equity and Inclusion. In OEI Davion found a family along with friends that he could count on at any time and in any situation. Through this new outlet his involvement only increased as he had the opportunity to attend the Student Leadership and Diversity Conference at the University of South Carolina along with OEI's Student Diversity Liaisons.

The summer has brought great experiences for Washington including serving as a judicial support intern for the Honorable District Court Judge, David H. Strickland at the Mecklenburg County courthouse in Charlotte, NC. Additionally, he returned to LC as an Orientation Leader for SOAR thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to serve as a leader for many of the incoming first year students. Washington is excited to return early to campus as a Connection Leader for Hornet Days and begin his new role as Director of Public Relations for the Student Government Association. After concluding his first year with recognitions such as, Mr. LC, OEI Multicultural Gala Always Becoming Award, and the Kenneth R. Garren Emerging Leader Award to name a few, Davion is ready and eager for his second year at the University of Lynchburg to begin.