

Mr. Oliver Tambo  
President

African National Congress  
P.O. Box 6183 S-102 33  
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Dear Mr. Tambo:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff and students of Lincoln University, I am pleased to inform you that in recognition of your outstanding accomplishments, we wish to confer upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. It is

my great honor to invite you to accept that degree on Sunday, May 6, 1990, at our annual Commencement on our campus near Oxford, Pennsylvania. We hope that you can be with us at that time

inasmuch as honorary degrees are not conferred in absentia. If you and your ANC colleagues (Nelson Mandela, Winnie Mandela and Walter Sisulu), on whom we also hope to confer honorary degrees, be unable to attend our Commencement, we would like to hold a special Convocation at your convenience, in order to confer the degrees at the same time. If it turns out to be impossible to confer them at once, we hope we can arrange to do so whenever you are in the United States.

Since 1854, Lincoln University has had a commitment to excellence in scholarship and service. Founded originally to educate youth of African descent (the founding name, Ashmun Institute, was in honor of the first governor of Liberia),

Lincoln has had special links with Africa since the 1860's. Indeed, many of our first graduates migrated to West Africa as missionaries, and, as a result, Lincoln was one of the first American institutions to educate Africans from the continent.

You may well know that over the first one hundred years of Lincoln's existence, its illustrious graduates distinguished themselves in medicine, science, theology, education, law, diplomacy and many other fields. One of every five Black physicians received a Bachelor of Arts from Lincoln, and one of every ten Black lawyers was a Lincoln undergraduate. Our alumni include two former African heads of state, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Poet Langston Hughes, the 19th Century Visionary Edward Wilmot Blyden, and his grandson, Ambassador Edward Wilmot Blyden III, thirty-six college Presidents, ten

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ambassadors and consuls, several mayors and numerous other men and women of distinction.

Recognizing your own achievements in the fight for freedom and justice for the people of South Africa, as well as all over the world, we would consider it an honor to confer upon you an honorary degree to exemplify our common bond.

Please find enclosed a list of some of the distinguished persons who have received honorary degrees from Lincoln over the years, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Reverend Jessie Jackson, Congressman William H. Gray III and His Majesty King Moshoeshoe II. Also enclosed for your perusal is a packet of information about our University. We shall send you other details of the occasion in due course.

We look forward with great anticipation to your favorable reply to this letter. I wonder if your schedule, and that of your colleagues, would permit you to give us a reply by the end of March, inasmuch as arrangements must be made well in advance of the Commencement.

With admiration and respect, I am

Yours sincere^

Niara Sudarkasa  
President

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Enclosures

Copies of this letter are being sent to the African National Congress office in New York and Lusaka, Zambia.

cc: Ambassador Franklin H. Williams

# SOME HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln University, Pennsylvania

Year Degree  
Conferred

1989

1988

1987

1986

1985

1984

1983

1982

1981

1980

1979

1978

1977

1976

Type of

Degree Name of Recipient Class

L.L.D. Casey, Governor Robert P.

L.H.D. Davis, Clifton D.

L.L.D. \*\*King Moshoeshoe II of  
the Kingdom of Lesotho

L.H.D. Moton-Barnett, Etta

\*\*Special Convocation  
October 11, 1989

L.H.D. Bennett, Lerone, Jr.

L.H.D. Graves, Earl G.

L.H.D. Harris, Jay T.  
LL.D. Height, Dorothy I.  
L.H.D. Munro, J. Richard  
L.H.D. Taylor, Susan L.  
LL.D. Blockson, Charles L.  
LL.D. Edelman, Marian Wright  
LL.D. Farrell, H. Alfred  
LL.D. Freeman, Robert T., Jr.  
LL.D. Harding, Vincent Gordon  
LL.D. Parker, Judge Barrington D.  
LL.D. Chisholm, Shirley A.  
LL.D. Dunham, Katherine  
LL.D. David, John A.  
LL.D. Brown, Sterling A.  
LL.D. Mitchell, Parren J.  
LL.D. Gray, William H., III  
LL.D. Wharton, Clifton R., Jr.  
LL.D. Hawkins, Augustus F.  
LL.D. Young, Andrew J.  
LL.D. Anderson, Marian

Year

70

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'41

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Year Degree Conferred Type of Deegree Name of Recipient Class Year

1975 LL.D. Quarles, Benjamin

1974 LL. D. L.H.D. Rosenwald, Julius, II Tyson, Cicely

1973 LL.D. LL.D. Blyden, Edward Wilmont, III Robeson, Paul '48

1972 L.H.D. LL.D. Browne, Roscoe Lee Clark, Ramsey '46

1971 LL.D. Higginbotham, A. Leon, Jr.

1970 LL.D. Brooks, Angie

1969 D.D. Jackson, Jesse Louis

1968 L.H.D. Sullivan, Leon Howard (Rev. )

1967 LL.D. Randolph, Asa Philip

1966 LL.D. LL.D. \ Adebo, Simeon Olaosebikan Williams, Franklin Hall '41

1965 LL.D. Mays, Benjamin E.

1964 D.D. Myrdal, Gunnar Karl

1963 D. C . L. D.H.L. Clark, Kenneth Bancroft Mead, Margaret

1962 LL.D. Adjei, E, Ako ex '42

1961 LL.D. King, Martin Luther, Jr.

1956 LL.D. Mbadiwe, K.O. ex '43

1955 D.Sc. Ikejiana, Reuben O. O. ex '42

1954 D.H.L. Eisenhower, Milton Stover

1951 LL.D. Nkrumah, Kwame '39 '42s

1949 L.H.D. Robinson, James Herman '35

1947 LL.D. LL.D. Bunche, Ralph J. Marshall, Thurgood '30

1946 LL.D. D.Sc . Azikiwe, B. Nnamdi Einstein, Albert E. '30