

Dr. Lundeana Thomas is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a published poet, a professional actress and director as well as a past President of the Black Theatre Network.

We are honoring her today for her work at the University of Louisville. Dr. Lundeana M. Thomas is *Director of the African American Theatre Program* and *Full Professor of Theatre Arts at U of L*. In this position she directs main stage productions. She also coordinates creative performances for local, national and international touring. Dr. Thomas has taken her students for two performing trips to China and one trip to Singapore.

In addition, Dr. Thomas teaches African American Theatre courses. These courses serve two undergraduate minors and a Graduate Certificate in Theatre, making U of L the only institution providing these honors.

Dr. Thomas is leaving our fair city this year for new pursuits. We could not let her leave without honoring her and thanking her for the wonderful work she has done at the University of Louisville and in the community. We also thank her for letting people in China and Singapore see first-hand, productions that hailed from the city of Louisville and the state of Kentucky!

At this time I present this Award of Excellence to you Dr. Thomas. We have personally enjoyed many of your presentations and will truly miss your vivacious personality and spirit.