

## DR. SYLVIA LYNCH

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Dr. Sylvia D. Lynch is a native East Tennessean and a lifelong educator. She has had a long and diverse career in education that includes teaching experience in classrooms from the fifth grade through graduate school. A first-generation college graduate, she received the Bachelor of Arts in English and the Bachelor of Science in Education from Lincoln Memorial University in 1977. After earning her Master's Degree and the Doctorate in Education from the University of Tennessee, she left her public school teaching and came to work full time at LMU.

When LMU opened The J. Frank White Academy, a private high school on the campus, Dr. Lynch was asked to step in as the first principal. With the beginning of the second year of operation, the decision was made to seek accreditation for the Academy with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. At the time, there were no SACS accredited schools in the surrounding area. The site visit resulted in a report of complete compliance with all 213 standards, and the J. Frank White Academy has maintained continuous accreditation. Dr. Lynch's son, Michael, graduated from the Academy and went on to do his Bachelor's degree in history at LMU and is a fourth-generation LMU graduate on his father's side. Michael currently serves as Director of the Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum.

When Dr. Lynch stepped down from the principal's position, she taught classes in the School of Education and later served as Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Education. She served as Acting Dean of the Carter & Moyers School of Education from December 2015 until her appointment as Dean on July 1, 2016.

Dr. Lynch enjoys traveling and writing in her free time. She has published four non-fiction books and her short fiction has appeared in a number of journals.