



Lara Lincoln

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Ms. Lincoln is a Senior Program Associate for the Institute for Defense and Business (IDB). In this role, she assists with the design, marketing, and delivery of several IDB programs, including the Depot & Arsenal and Life Cycle Executive Leadership Programs (DAELP & LCELP), Logistics for the 21st Century (LOG21), and Industry-Based Broadening: Information Operations (IB2-IO). She is also IDB's customer relationship management (CRM) system administrator, webmaster, and academic credit coordinator.

Lara earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014, following her graduation with high honors from Forsyth Technical Community College in 2012. During her undergraduate career, she was a student leader and vocal advocate for students in underrepresented groups for which she identified, including first generation, community college transfer, veteran, and parent students. That advocacy gained her a strong reputation on campus and led to her selection for the 2014-15 Chancellor's Fellowship at UNC.

As a Chancellor's Fellow, Lara focused her work on student veterans. She collaborated with the board of the Carolina Veterans Organization, an undergraduate student group she assisted in founding in 2013. Her efforts led to the establishment of a full-time position for a student veteran assistance coordinator, approval for a veteran's center, and an application fee waiver for students who self-identify as military-affiliated. During this time, Lara also served as the Campus Program Director for UNC's inaugural year of the Warrior-Scholar Project – an intensive academic reorientation program for enlisted service members and veterans that provides academic and integration skills necessary to smoothly transition from the military to college. In this position, she was responsible for all program planning and management as well as the delivery of the one-week in-residence program.

In 2000, Lara joined the Air Force at 17. Following her graduation with honors from the Personnel Training Course at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS, she was stationed in the Commander's Support Staff of the 17th Communication Squadron at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, TX. While there, she founded the Airman's Dorm Council and distinguished herself as a leader and service volunteer on base and in the local community. Lara served in that assignment for one year before a medical separation. She was honorably discharged in 2008.

Lara currently resides in Morrisville with her husband, two children, two dogs, and two cats.