



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

Network

APRIL 2015

Upcoming Events in May

- 1 **Craze Daze**
Phi Theta Kappa Picnic
4 p.m., LTC Pavilion
Spring Concert
7 p.m., Theater
- 3 **Youth Recitals**
1:30 & 3 p.m., Theater
Sophomore Recital
5 p.m., Theater
- 5 **Compass Testing**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 7 **Student Recital & Statesmen Singers**
7 p.m., Theater
- 8 **Last Day of Spring Classes**
Last Day to Withdraw
Brown Bag Lunch
12 p.m., Cafeteria
- 10 **Concert Choir**
3 p.m., Theater
- 12 **Defensive Driving Course**
6 p.m., Harry L. Crisp Building 106
- 15 **Last Day of Spring Semester**
Nurses' Pinning
5 p.m., Theater
45th Annual Commencement
7 p.m., Sports Center
- 16 **Community Leadership Workshop**
- 18 **Summer Intersession Classes Begin**
All Tuition & Fees Due
Compass Testing
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 19 **Last Day to Register for Intersession**
Last Day for Refund of Intersession Tuition & Fees
- 21 **Compass Testing**
1 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 25 **Memorial Day - College Closed**
- 27 **Summer Intersession Midterm**
- 28 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room

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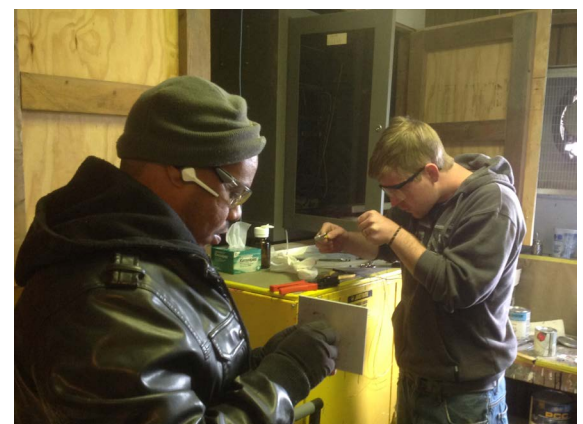
Students in Lincoln Trail College's Telecommunications Program have been putting what they've learned to work in some real world projects at Olney Central College.

Instructor Tom Baird took a group of second-year students to the Olney Central College campus to help after a fire. The students worked with the IT Department to terminate new cables that had to be run after the fire.

Lead Instructor Jesse Allen brought more students to Olney Central to run a new fiber optic cable from the old body shop building to the new building. Students spent a couple of days running the new fiber and putting on the hot melt connectors on the fiber ends.

The students also set up equipment at Lincoln Trail College's Parker Field that will allow the baseball team to stream audio and video of its home games on the internet.

"One of the great things I love about this program is it is not all classroom. The students have a chance to do real world projects as they learn," said Allen.



LTC GRADUATE JOBE LEADS ILLINOIS TOURISM

Lincoln Trail College alumnus Cory Jobe ('93) says he got his start in politics while he was at LTC. "I might have cut my teeth in politics being student government president. It helped prepare me as I've gone on to play a pretty active role in local and state politics."

Governor Bruce Rauner appointed Jobe as the Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism in January. He also serves on the Springfield City Council as the alderman of the city's 6th Ward.



Looking back, Jobe believes that his time at LTC really helped prepare him for his future. "I think that's where I found a lot of my leadership qualities. I learned a lot about myself during those two years. I think it did prepare me to move to that next step, to broaden my outreach in terms of friendships and building more character qualities about myself."

Jobe says after growing up in Oblong, Ill., he wanted to stay close to home. At the time, he didn't feel he was ready to move. He came to Lincoln Trail College on a golf scholarship and remains an avid golfer.

Jobe got his start in state politics working with Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka in 1997. He served as the Director of Economic Development in the Treasurer's Office from 1997 to 2006. While at the treasurer's office, he was instrumental in developing Experience Illinois, a first-of-its-kind low interest loan program, which funded more than \$35 million in various state projects over three years, such as the revitalization of downtown business districts, restoring historical buildings and lodging facilities, establishing sporting venues, and developing wineries and orchards.

From 2006 to 2010, Jobe served as leader of the Peoples Economic Development Corporation. Jobe was reunited with Topinka in 2011 when he became the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, where he served until he was appointed as the Director of the Illinois Office of Tourism.

Jobe is now responsible for leading the state's tourism industry marketing and development efforts.

"I'm excited to lead an industry that's an economic engine all across the state. It's an exciting time to be in Illinois. We're setting record numbers in terms of domestic visitors and international guests to our state. Our hotel-motel tax numbers are up for the eighth straight quarter across the state, so it's really exciting to lead an industry that is vitally important to the state's overall economy."

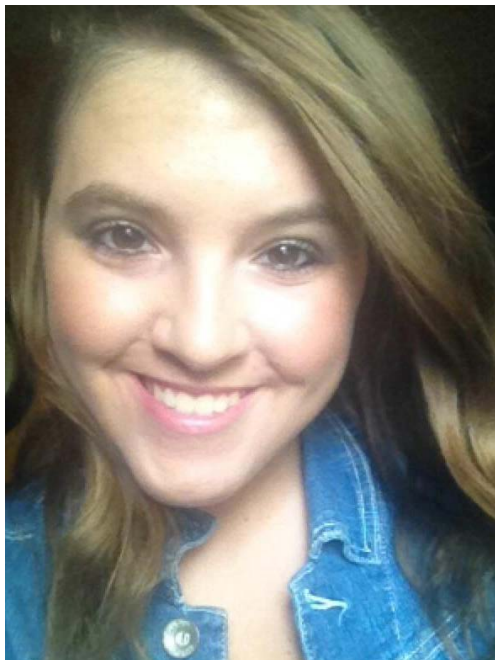
Jobe does look back fondly at his experience at Lincoln Trail College and sees the importance of the community college system.

"It was just a unique, tremendous learning opportunity. I've always said this about community colleges; I think they're really the backbone of our education system. I think it's a quality education system that's needed and helps students prepare themselves for the future and that's what Lincoln Trail did for me."



ILLINOIS
MILE AFTER MAGNIFICENT MILE®

MUSGRAVE PARTICIPATES IN YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER



Lincoln Trail College is participating in a statewide program designed to boost volunteerism across Illinois. Year of the Volunteer is designed to showcase how volunteers can help communities and to increase volunteerism.

Illinois is partnering with Generations Serving Generations, which is a project that shows the importance of volunteerism and civic engagement to educators, retirees, employers and the public.

Lincoln Trail College is spotlighting some volunteers in an effort to help people learn more about the volunteers and to show examples of some of the ways people can give their time.

Kayla Musgrave (Oblong, Ill.) is a student at LTC. She volunteered with the ACE Summer Success Program. The ACE Program is housed on the LTC campus and is designed to help kids in grades 3-12 who come from low-income families.

Musgrave helped as the kids participated in a number of activities like dance classes, movies, swimming, study skills, singing and video games. She also helped with the annual Summer Showcase, which allows the kids to show off their

activities.

Musgrave volunteered with the ACE Program for two years. She says it means a lot to her because of the opportunities it gives to kids. "These are simple activities that most kids get to enjoy on a daily basis, but the ACE Program allows kids who do not get these opportunities to be a part of a solid support system."

The Year of the Volunteer initiative is urging colleges to participate in the movement. Colleges have been asked to consider how service, civic engagement and volunteering benefits their campuses.

Community involvement is also an important part of Lincoln Trail College.

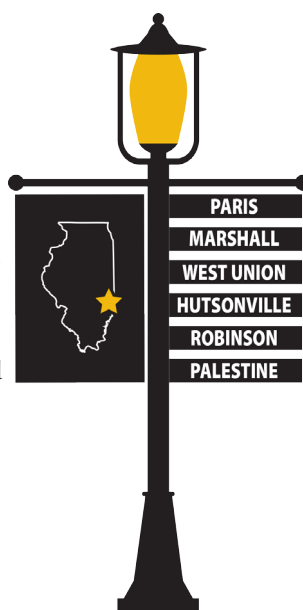
"Part of our mission statement is to improve the lives of our students and to strengthen our communities. We're proud of our students, faculty and staff that give back to our community," says LTC President Kathryn Harris.

LTC HELPS WITH AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES GRANT SUBMISSION

Lincoln Trail College helped a coalition of six communities apply for the America's Best Community Contest sponsored by Frontier Communications, DISH Network and CoBank.

The partnership includes Robinson, Palestine, Hutsonville, West Union, Marshall and Paris. The "6 Communities – 1 Route" team was also supported by the East Central Illinois Development Corporation (ECIDC), University of Illinois Extension, Marathon Petroleum Company, Yargus Manufacturing Inc., and a number of additional economic development and community organizations.

Lincoln Trail College contributed a video in support of the grant. The video was shot and edited by LTC Coordinator of Public Information and Marketing Chris Forde. He traveled to each of the six

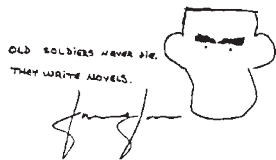


communities to get footage of the things that define each of the towns. Forde also wrote and narrated the script for the nearly six-minute long video.

The 6 Communities – 1 Route team is competing for a first round prize of \$35,000. The second round of the competition is worth \$100,000 and the final round of grants will go to three communities. The top prize is worth \$3,000,000, second place is \$2,000,000 and third place is \$1,000,000.

The competition, conceived by Frontier and co-sponsored by DISH and CoBank, is designed to stimulate growth and revitalization in small cities and towns across 27 states in Frontier's footprint. The contest will identify and invest in innovative ideas communities can use to build and sustain their local economies.

JJLS CREATIVE WRITING AWARD



Area residents with an interest in creative writing have an opportunity to win \$500 as a part of the James Jones Lincoln Trail Creative Writing Contest.

The James Jones Literary Society works with LTC each year in an effort to honor James Jones for his own short stories collected in *The Ice-Cream Headache* and to encourage local residents with an interest in creative writing.

Original stories have to be at least 1500 words in length, typed and include the required cover page. The author's name should only appear on the entry form and the title of the story should be at the top left of every page.

To be considered for the award, applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- Be at least 18-years-old and officially reside in Crawford or Clark County, Illinois
- A graduate of Lincoln Trail College
- Anyone who has already earned credits from Lincoln Trail College
- High school seniors graduating this spring who will attend LTC at least part-time this year
- Current LTC students

Applicants cannot have been published professionally (meaning received payment) and previous winners cannot enter the competition again.

Entries are due to the LTC Marketing Office no later than June 30, 2015. Entry forms are available from LTC's Eagleton Learning Resource Center and online at iecc.edu/ltc and james-jonesliterarysociety.org.

The JJLS reserves the right not to award the \$500 should there be an insufficient number of entries or not entry is judged acceptable.

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR BOT BATTLE

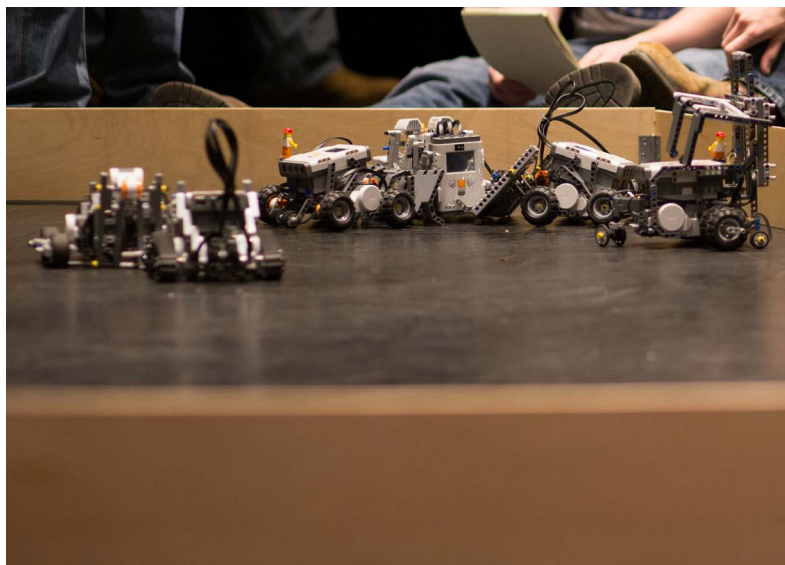
Some students at Lincoln Trail College are preparing for a robot battle as a part of one of their classes.

The students are enrolled in a Technical Reading, Writing and Reporting class taught by Lisa Maple. The students constructed the robots from the Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics kit.

The students team up and compete with their robots in a small area set up in the Lincoln Trail College Sports Center. The competition takes place April 23 at 3:15 p.m. The winning team is recognized on a trophy displayed by the Process Technology Classroom in Williams Hall.

The Technical Reading, Writing and Reporting Class (PTT 1205) teaches students the basic principles of reading and writing technical documents and reports in industry settings. Students receive training and practice in the preparation, writing and revision of technical reports. They also develop skill in the comprehension of industry documentation like reports, procedural plans and blueprints.

The annual Bot Battle gives the students a chance to engage in hands-on learning in the course.



Process Technology students take part in the 2014 Bot Battle

STUDENT HONORS NIGHT

Lincoln Trail College will host its annual Student Recognition Program at 7 p.m. April 29 in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

Students will be recognized for their academic excellence, outstanding performance in the classroom and club participation. Foundation scholarship recipients for the past school year will also be honored during the event.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION BANQUET

Lincoln Trail College faculty and staff will be recognized for their dedication during the annual Service Awards Recognition Banquet.

This year marks the 36th year for the event, which recognizes employees for their years of service to Lincoln Trail College. This year, 12 people will be recognized. Two retirees will also be honored at the banquet.

LTC HOSTS LEADERSHIP EVENT



Judge Mark Shaner talks to 7th Graders about the consequences of using drugs.

Lincoln Trail College hosted Leadership Crawford County's Pathways to Success program on April 9. The event brought 7th grade students from all four school districts in Crawford County to the LTC Campus.

The event addressed various issues adolescents are facing today and promoted positive behaviors and choices. Speakers talked about suicide awareness and prevention, drug and alcohol abuse, and health and fitness.

Two Lincoln Trail College employees are participating in Leadership Crawford County. Assistant Dean Megan Scott and Director of Academic Advising Tyler Browning are members of the latest Leadership Crawford County class.

TRIO PROGRAM LOBBIES IN WASHINGTON

The Federal TRIO Program ("TRIO") assist first-generation and low-income students access and succeed in higher education. Through programs like Upward Bound and Talent Search, TRIO equips students with the tools necessary to access higher education. Through the Student Support Services program, TRIO allows college students to persist and complete their undergraduate studies.

As students from high income families are eight-times more likely than their low income peers to complete college degrees, TRIO is a worthy investment in our nation's future. TRIO alumni easily "repay the federal investment as their increased earnings yield greater tax revenues.

At Lincoln Trail College, there are two TRIO grants serving the students. Upward Bound, a pre-college program, and Student Support Services work with students to access, persist, and complete higher education.

Contact Representative John Shimkus, Senator Mark Kirk, and Senator Dick Durbin and express your support for the federal TRIO programs! And remember, TRIO WORKS!!!



Pictured above is a group of TRIO professionals from Illinois who recently traveled to Washington D.C. to advocate on the behalf of TRIO students across the nation.

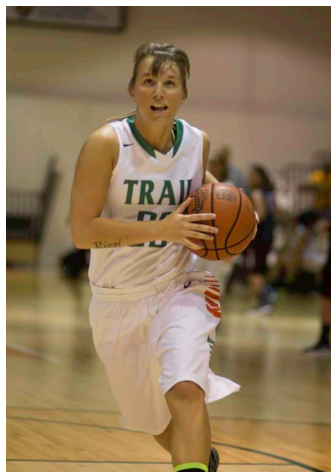
THREE BASKETBALL PLAYERS EARN POSTSEASON HONORS



Darryl Baker



Aaron Siler



Brittani Rizzi

Three Lincoln Trail College basketball players earned postseason honors.

Freshman Darryl Baker (Jeffersonville, Ind.) was named to the All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference First Team. Baker averaged 16 points, 5.7 rebounds and 3.5 assists, and 1.6 steals per game in 21 games for the Statesmen.

Sophomore Aaron Siler (Robinson, Ill.) earned Second Team All-GRAC honors. Siler scored 14.3 points per game in 28 games for the Statesmen. He added 2.5 assists and 1.9 rebounds per contest.

Siler and Baker were also among the 13 players selected to the All-Region 24 Team.

Lady Statesmen freshman Brittani Rizzi (Bedford, Ind.) was selected to both the All-GRAC and All-Region 24 teams. Rizzi averaged 16.4 points, 2.3 assists, 2.2 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game in 27 games for LTC.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLANS CAMPS

Area volleyball players will get a chance to enhance their skills during two upcoming camps put on by the Lincoln Trail College volleyball team.

The first camp takes place May 9 and players will be broken down into three age groups.

Students entering 7th and 8th grades in the fall of 2015 have their camp from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Trail College Sports Center. The camp will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball and players will get to use their skills in games at the end of the session.

Students entering 9th and 10th grades in the fall of 2015 have their camp from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The camp will cover some of the fundamentals along with volleyball strategy. It also features the chance to play at the end of the session.

Students entering 11th and 12th grades in the fall of 2015 have their camp from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The camp will mainly focus on volleyball strategy and includes a chance to play at the end of the session.

The second camp is scheduled for May 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the LTC Sports Center. It is for students entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades in the fall of 2015. The camp will focus on the fundamentals of volleyball.

Lincoln Trail College volleyball coach Kristin Selph and Lady Statesmen volleyball players will run the camp.

The camps cost \$20 per player and players that bring two or more teammates will get a \$5 discount per player.

For more information on the camps, contact Selph at 618-544-8657, ext. 1160.

