



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

Network

JULY 2015

Upcoming Events in August

- 3-4 **Summer Semester Final Exams**
- 6-8 **25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
7 p.m., Theater
- 8 **Hunter Safety Class**
9 a.m., Theater/Cafeteria
- Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 11 **Compass Testing**
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 13-14 **Faculty & Staff Workshops**
- 17 **Compass Testing**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 18 **IECC Board Meeting**
7 p.m., Cafeteria
- 19 **Orientation**
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Compass Testing**
10 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 20 **Fall Semester Classes Begin**
- 22 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 27 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 29 **Crawford County Triathlon**
8 a.m.

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PHI THETA KAPPA EARNS FIVE-STAR RATING



The Lincoln Trail College Phi Theta Kappa chapter earned several awards at the 2015 Illinois Region Banquet.

LTC's Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter earned recognition as a Five-Star Chapter. To achieve five-star status, LTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter had to complete numerous tasks including a college project. The work included things like research, writing and recruiting. They also worked on leadership development and used social media to promote chapter activities. The students created a project to promote community college completion and served as the co-host of the Illinois Region Banquet.

This is the first time LTC has earned five-star chapter status. LTC advanced from two-star status to five-star status.

"Our Phi Theta Kappa students worked very hard to get five-star status," said co-advisor Kim Stevens. "This was a long process and involved a lot of work, but our students rose up to the challenge."

Lincoln Trail College earned a regional award for its college project. The chapter promoted community college completion in Crawford County by asking businesses to display banners on community college completion. LTC faculty and staff also wore Community College Completion Corps in Crawford County buttons during 4C's Week.

LTC also earned the Outstanding Chapter Officer Team award at the Regional Banquet. Lisa Maple earned the Outstanding Advisor Award.

It's the second time LTC has earned the Outstanding College Project and Outstanding Chapter Officer Team awards.

"No one cares what you know until they know you care," said Maple. "We show everyday how much we care about our students at Lincoln Trail College and that shows. It's why we're number one in Illinois in student success. We're also very fortunate to have such great support from local businesses and the LTC Foundation."

"I'm very honored with what our Phi Theta Kappa chapter has achieved," said LTC President Kathryn Harris. "The students have worked very hard and that work has paid off in a big way. I'm incredibly proud of them."

TELECOM PROGRAM FACES UNIQUE CHALLENGE



Thomas Romine III is working at an internship with the Leaf River Telephone Company in Leaf River, Ill.

Lincoln Trail College Telecommunications Technology Lead Instructor Jesse Allen says his program is facing a unique challenge.

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“Right now, we’re finding that there are more jobs available than we have people in the program. This summer, I placed twelve students in internships throughout Illinois and Indiana, but I had to turn away companies that wanted interns because I didn’t have enough people to send them,” says Allen.

The Telecommunications Program at Lincoln Trail College is one of the few like it in the country. Students in the program learn the skills they need to work for telecommunications companies whether it is installing phone service to a home, running cables, setting up complex corporate telephone systems or even working on DSL projects.

“For us, we need our students to have basic knowledge in several different places like the outside plant, some on the inside plant, a little bit on the DSL. What we try to do is get as much of a well-rounded aspect of the whole industry. They’re not experts in everything, but they have the basics on several different aspects of the program.”

Allen says that many people just think of landline telephones when they hear telecommunications, but he says that’s far from the only thing they teach.

“There’s a large demand for fiber techs because consumers want to see more speed and bandwidth when it comes to the Internet. That means companies are looking for skilled employees that can upgrade equipment to make it happen.”

The program works with its Advisory Council filled with people in the industry to help keep up with the demands of employers. Many of the professionals that sit on the Advisory Council are graduates of the Telecommunications Technology program at LTC. Allen says the advice from the Advisory Council is crucial in how they instruct students.

“If we’re not sending out our students with what they want, there’s really no reason to even be here. Technology and equipment change all the time in the industry. Our Advisory Council helps make sure that we’re preparing our students for those changes in the industry so our graduates are well-prepared when they begin their careers.”

Allen says a big part of his job is trying to recruit new students to the program. Lincoln Trail College filmed a commercial to highlight the program. Allen says he’s also active on Facebook where he talks about the program and posts job openings in the industry. Allen also regularly attends college and job fairs to promote the program.

He’s also trying to get more students from outside the district to join the program. Allen says that some students from outside the district may be eligible for in-district tuition. There are also housing options available for students that move to Robinson to be a part of the program.

“If you’re looking for a good career, this is the place to come,” says Allen. “There are jobs in the field. We have jobs for people that like to work outside and work with their hands. We have jobs for people that want to work inside and work with their hands. There are jobs for men, there are jobs for women and they’re good-paying jobs with good benefits. These are also very secure jobs.”



Erin Swarens is working at an internship with Consolidated Communications in Mattoon, Ill.

LTC SPRING HONORS

Lincoln Trail College has released its academic honor lists for the Spring 2015 Semester. Three lists have been established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges to indicate students who have achieved academic excellence. They are the Chief Executive Officer's Academic Honors List, the President's Academic Honors List, and the Dean's Academic Honors List.

To qualify for any of the honor lists, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 hours or more) and must be taking college level classes.

To be named to the Chief Executive Officer's Academic Honors List, students must achieve a term grade point average of 3.90 or greater on a 4.00 scale; between 3.75 and 3.89 for the President's Academic Honors List; and between 3.50 and 3.74 for the Dean's Academic Honors List.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S LIST

Jessica Oakley, Casey, Thomas Romine III, Charleston, Preston French, Clay City; Allyson Bridgewater, Flat Rock; Todd Gibler and Ryan Wells, Hutsonville, Beth Wolfe, Linton, IN; Katie Gustafson, Wade Kibler, Ellen Melton, Marshall, IL; Randy Stoops, Newton; Natalie Summers, Noble; Erin Swarens, Oblong; Jeremy Walker, Olney; Philip Blank, Drew Halter, Palestine; Kyle Albaugh, Austin Best, Kirstyn Bowen, Cord Church, William Cooley, Jordan Cornett, Austin Dart, Dylan Dart, Jackson Dollahan, Lauren Elliott, Shelby Ferguson, Robinson, Dominic Gentile, Jason Goodwin, Leslie Goodwin, Kristi Ham, Sierra Henry, Christopher Lee, Sungho Lee, Bradley Maurer, Nicholas McCormick, Koert Mehler, Kishan Patel, Brittney Quick, Megan Rule, Morgan Stucker, Angelina Throckmartin, Quan Tran, Alex Vandevusse, Whitney Whitcomb, Fanny Wicky, Brody Wilt and Nicholas Wolfe, Robinson; Payton Lindley, West Union, Tyler Heflin, West York; Morgan Green, Wheeler, IL.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Javier Navarro, Effingham; Camdon Kuppler, Fairbanks, IN; Alexander Schulte, Flat Rock; Whitney McDowell, Hutsonville; Logan Danielsen, Katie Joles, Dennis York, Lawrenceville; Olivia Bender, Stacia Edwards, Marshall; Bridgett Russell, Newton; Jessica Moore, Oblong; Samuel Calvert, Scott Lewis, Emma Selby, Palestine; Jena Allen, Amy Brimberry,, Dustin Childress, James Greene, Jack Hranec, Quentin Jones, Austin Krause, Nathaniel Newton, Kenneth Ninness, Travis Poorman, Jay Prior, Jesse Richart, Seaton Sheldon, Katie Shipman, Tyler Thacker, Robinson; Shelly Huffington, Shelburn, IN; Lacey Williams, West Union; Rebecca Nethery,, Willow Hill.

DEAN'S LIST

Kenneth Glover, Calhoun; Neil Williams, Effingham; Dustin Ault, Autumn Hoalt, Flat Rock; Katelin Daugherty, Lynsey Stangle, Stephenie Weaver, Hutsonville; Jesse Courtney, Lawrenceville; Cheyenne Hutchens, Martinsville; Gabriel Alwardt, Kayla Meeks, Collin Meese, Kalyn Osborne, Kennedy Rawlings, Katlin Snider, Oblong; Chrystal Cavin, Logan Carr, Cade Fulling, Andrew Gray, Cody Sipes, Logan Wesner, Palestine; Akosua Adu, Jasmine Brooks, Gemma Challies, Christopher Crocker, Zachary Denney, Artem Epifanov, Garret Godwin, Mitzi Gray, Taylor Grove, Hannah Harness, Megan Herder, Landen Hoagland, Christy Kirkham, Katelynn Midgett, Candace Mullins, Justus Myers, Gracecyn Nuhring, Moreena Powell, Miranda Pruitt, Weston Rivers, Keith Rogers, Erynn Shaw, Tasker Strobel, Ashlyn Sullivan, Jeff Swope, Ruth Wolfe, Robinson; Nathan Menge, Terre Haute, IN.

TESKA NAMED POOL MANAGER

Amy Teska has been named the new Pool Manager at Lincoln Trail College.

Teska has been involved the aquatics field since 2007 when she became a lifeguard in Wyoming. She served as a head lifeguard in 2010 and earned her Lifeguard Instructor Certificate in 2013.

"I'm looking forward to being a part of LTC as Pool Manager," says Teska. "We are currently offering private swim lessons and I hope to incorporate some group lessons as well."

The pool at Lincoln Trail College is open to the public with daily hours for open swimming and lap swimming. The pool is also available for rental for private events like business and family gatherings and parties.

For the latest pool schedule, visit iecc.edu/ltcpool to view the pool calendar. If you wish to book an event, call 618-544-8657, ext. 1135.



LTC GOES TOBACCO-FREE



Lincoln Trail College was among the colleges around Illinois that went completely tobacco-free beginning July 1.

Former Governor Pat Quinn signed the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act last year. It prohibits smoking on the campuses of all state-supported colleges and universities, both indoors and outdoors. It also bans the use of tobacco in university-owned vehicles. The ban extends to students, faculty, staff and guests.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District 529, which includes Lincoln Trail College, is prepared to comply with the new state law. The Board of Trustees revised the District's Smoke Free Campus Policy in September in preparation of the new law.

“We’re fully prepared to comply with the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act,” says LTC President Kathryn Harris. She says the new law had health in mind. “The tobacco-free policy will help protect our students, employees and guests from secondhand smoke. This is also another step we can take to improve the health of our students and encourage healthier lifestyles.”

The tobacco ban covers things like cigarettes, cigars and pipes, but also includes electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco and devices that deliver nicotine electronically or simulate tobacco smoking.

LTC PERFORMING THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Lincoln Trail College will perform the Tony Award winning one-act comedy, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” August 6-8 at 7 p.m.

The musical one-act comedy premiered on Broadway in 2005 and won the Tony Award for “Best Book of a Musical.” It takes place at a fictional spelling competition at the Putnam Valley Middle School.

The cast is made up of six spellers and three adults. Grant Oxford will play Chip Tolentino, Lauren Wiseman will play Logainne Schwartzndgrubenniery, Jace Logan will play Leaf Coneybear, Will Devin will play William Barfee, Jennifer Vela will play Marcy Park and Amy Drake will

play Olive Ostrovsky. Tom Moore takes on the role of Vice Principal Douglas Panch. Mindy Evans plays Rona Lisa Perretti and Tara Gallion plays M. Mahoney. Brennan Seth Tracy will direct the musical.

FAST COURSE, STRONG COMPETITION

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRIATHLON

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE **AUGUST 29, 2015** ROBINSON, ILLINOIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRIATHLON AUG. 29

Area athletes are getting ready for this year's Crawford County Triathlon at Lincoln Trail College.

The August 29 event is a partnership between Lincoln Trail College and Illiana Multisport. The Crawford County Tourism Board, Ecton Hardware, Smile Center, and Pacesetter Sports are also sponsoring the event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email Nicole Woodard at illianamultisport@gmail.com or call 618-553-6798.

"We are pleased to be offering a multisport event in our community to bring beginners and advanced racers together in the love of an active lifestyle," says Woodard. "The goal of this event is to bring children and adults together to learn about multisport training, racing, and also to have role models in the community that promote activity. You can compete as an individual or on a relay team, meaning various people swim, bike, and run."

The adult super sprint triathlon features a 175-yard swim, a 12-mile bike ride and a 5K run.

The triathlon also features three different levels for children to participate. Children from 5-to-7-years-old will do a 25-yard swim, a one-mile bike ride and a quarter-mile run. Children from 8-to-10-years-old can participate in a 50-yard swim, a one-mile bike ride and a half-mile run. Children from 11-to-14-years-old have a 100-yard swim, a three-mile bike ride and a one-mile run.

CrossRoad Events will perform the timing for the triathlon and they'll also provide entertainment. Food and awards will be available after the race.

Registration for the adult triathlon is \$45 and participants can check-in at 6:30 a.m. on August 29. The race begins at 8 a.m. The kids triathlon begins at 11 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. check-in. Registration for the kids triathlon is \$30.

Participants can stay up-to-date with details on the triathlon on Facebook at [facebook.com/CrawfordCountyTriathlonLTC](https://www.facebook.com/CrawfordCountyTriathlonLTC). An online link for registration is also available on the Facebook page.



SILER TO WALK ON AT SIU

Lincoln Trail College guard Aaron Siler will continue his college basketball career as a walk on at Southern Illinois University.

"Good things happen to good people," says Lincoln Trail College Basketball Coach Mike Ray. "We're very enthused at Lincoln Trail College that Aaron will be able to continue his education and play basketball."

Siler started 27 games for the Statesmen in the 2014-15 season. He averaged 14.3 points per game, 2.5 assists per game and 1.9 rebounds per game. Siler shot 44.4% from behind the arc and 92.6% at the free throw line. He shot 43.5% from the field. Siler was an All-Region 24 selection and a Second Team All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference selection.

Ray says Siler will be a great fit for the Salukis because of his work ethic. "He's a great blue collar kid that puts in the hard work and does his job. He earned the ability to showcase his talents here and now he's going to be able to show his skills at SIU in a very elite conference, the Missouri Valley."

Ray says one of the things Siler brings to SIU is a great shooting touch. "He's a tremendous three-point shooter and I believe that his is one of the top free throw shooters in the country at any level."

ATHLETES RECOGNIZED BY NJCAA FOR ACADEMICS

Eight Lincoln Trail College student athletes were honored by the NJCAA for their achievement in the classroom.

Golfers Wade Kibler and Chris Lee were each awarded with the NJCAA's Superior Academic Achievement Award. The honor is given to athletes that earn a GPA of 3.80-3.99. Baseball players Cord Church and Alex VanDeVusse also earned the award.

Four baseball players were honored with the NJCAA's Exemplary Academic Achievement Award. It is given to athletes earning a GPA of 3.60-3.79. They were Jordan Cornett, Jack Hranec, KJ Rogers and Tasker Strobel.

"This is a great achievement for these eight athletes," says Lincoln Trail College President Kathy Harris. "It shows the dedication that they have in the classroom and in their sports. It takes a lot of work to balance the demands of being an athlete and being an exceptional student."

"Academics are incredibly important for our athletes," says Athletic Director and Baseball Coach Kevin Bowers. "Our coaches are looking for the kind of athletes that are going to excel in the classroom. We also make sure our athletes have the resources they need to perform academically."

Two Lincoln Trail College athletic teams ranked in the top ten nationally for overall grade point average.

Each year, the NJCAA compiles overall GPAs for teams across the country to select their academic teams of the year. The Lincoln Trail College baseball team had the fourth highest GPA among all teams in the county while the golf team finished eighth overall.

Three other teams made the national rankings. The women's basketball team was 27th, the volleyball team was 55th and the softball team was 68th.

"Our student athletes did a great job in the classroom this year," says Bowers. "It's a great accomplishment to have two teams in the top ten and three teams in the top 30. Our coaches work closely with our athletes to make sure that they are prepared to succeed not only in competition, but also in the classroom and as citizens."



Wade Kibler



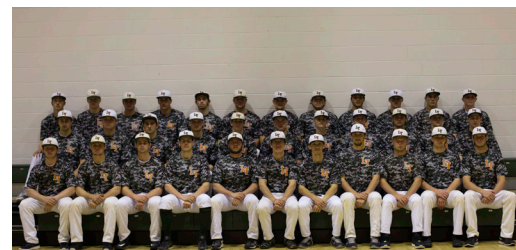
Chris Lee



Cord Church



Alex VanDeVusse



LTC Baseball Team



Jordan Cornett



Jack Hranec



KJ Rogers



Tasker Strobel



LTC Golf Team

August Schedule

24 Volleyball at Morthland
26 John A. Logan

29 Baseball ISU Scout Day

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