



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

APRIL 2016

UPCOMING MAY

EVENTS

- 1 **Spring Non-Credit Recitals**
1:30 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 2 **Compass Testing**
10 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 3 **Career Expo & Hiring Event**
8:30-12:00, Sports Center
- 5 **Student Recital**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 6 **Final Day of Classes**
- 7 **LTC Edition Color Run**
9 a.m., Miller Lake
- 8 **American Sampler Concert**
3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 9-12 **Final Exams**
- 12 **Kathy Harris Retirement Reception**
3-5, Cafeteria
- 13 **Final Day of Spring Semester**

Final Day to Withdraw from Classes

Nurses' Pinning Ceremony
5 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 46th Annual Commencement**
7 p.m., Sports Center
- 14 **Pearson VUE Testing**
10 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 16 **Summer Intersession Classes Begin**
- 20 **Last Day to Register for Summer Intersession Classes**
- 19 **Safety Council Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 23 **Volleyball Open Gym**
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 24 **Intersession Midterm**
- 26 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- Compass Testing**
3 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 30 **COLLEGE CLOSED: Memorial Day**

Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail College & Lincoln Trail College Foundation

LTC RATED #2 IN ILLINOIS



USA Today has listed Lincoln Trail College as the number two community college in Illinois.

In the rankings, *USA Today* cited Lincoln Trail College's strong graduation rate and affordability as two of the college's strongest points. The average net price for students receiving federal financial aid is the best in the state. LTC also stood out as one of the best online community colleges in Illinois. LTC has the third-highest percentage of distance education students in the state.

USA Today also highlighted the fact that the average age of students enrolled during the fall 2014 semester was 30.5. They say that means other non-traditional students will find a number peers just like them.

"This is truly an honor," says LTC President Kathy Harris. "Our faculty and staff work hard every day to put our students first and this shows that is paying off. We're very proud to offer a high quality education at an affordable price and it is a wonderful feeling to see that our efforts are being recognized."

USA Today ranked 48 schools in Illinois belonging to the Illinois Community College System. The colleges were scored on a ten-point scale based on the percent of students enrolled in distance education, the cost of attendance, student-to-faculty ratio, average retention rate for full- and part-time students, graduation rate, transfer rate to a senior institution, and flexibility score. LTC's sister college, Olney Central, was ranked as the top community college in Illinois.

In addition to the ranking by *USA Today*, Lincoln Trail College is also an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Friends, faculty and staff will be able to wish retiring LTC President Kathryn Harris well at a retirement reception for her May 12. The event runs from 3-5 p.m. in the LTC Cafeteria. Harris is retiring after 35 years at LTC.

President Kathy Harris' Retirement Reception



May 12 • 3-5 PM • LTC Cafeteria
Help wish President Harris well in her retirement after 35 years at Lincoln Trail College.

BROADBAND TELECOM HOLDING PREVIEW DAY



BROADBAND TELECOM PREVIEW DAY
APRIL 29 • 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet with instructors • Tours • Hands-on Experiences



Quality education
Affordable costs



People interested in Lincoln Trail College’s Broadband Telecom program will have a chance to learn more about it during a preview day April 29.

Prospective students will get the chance to experience what LTC’s unique program is all about. Prospective students will meet with Broadband Telecom faculty and staff beginning at 10 a.m.. Current students in the program will give tours of LTC’s facility. Prospective students will also get a taste for the program with hands-on demonstrations of projects in the program. The day ends with lunch and student panels at noon.

Prospective students that want to participate in the free Broadband Telecom Preview Day need to RSVP by April 22 by contacting either Erin Volk at 618-544-8657 ext. 1168 or Tyler Browning at 618-544-8657 ext. 1122.

LTC PARTNERS WITH FLYING S FOR COMPOSITE PROGRAM



Are you tired of people asking, “what are you going to do when you graduate?” We get it - it’s a hard decision to know what you want to do with your life. Well here’s something new to consider. Flying S is a fast-paced, high tech business specializing in designing, building and testing various aerospace components.

If you enjoy building or fixing things and watching the TV Show “How It’s Made” or watching the live SpaceX launches - this may be what you’ve been waiting for.

This fall, LTC and Flying S Inc. are excited to be offering the first Composite Apprenticeship program in Crawford County. Two mornings per week would be spent at LTC doing classroom work. The rest of the time would be spent at Flying S receiving on-the-job training.

During this two-year program you’ll get paid to work in the aerospace industry while attaining an associate’s degree. Plus you can keep your options for University open because after earning your associate’s degree you can elect to go on and complete a four-year degree. This would be a fantastic way for someone seeking a bachelor’s degree to gain hands on skills before learning all the theory at a university.

Class Schedule

Semester One

- CIS 1104 Intro to Online Learning
- CTY 1275 Essential Computer Skills
- WEL 1201 Basic Welding
- IND 1210 General Safety
- TRA 1611 Aviation Ground School
- QAC 1204 Blueprint Reading

Semester Two

- ERG 1141 General Engineering Drawing
- ENG 1201 Communications (Bus. Writing)
- SPE 1111 Interpersonal Communications
- TRA 2299 Special Topic: Composites 1
- MTH 1201 Technical Math

Summer Semester

- IND 2212 Internship

Semester Three

- GEN 2297 Employment Skills
- IND 1201 Strategies for Success
- MAC 2203 Manufacturing Processes
- TRA 2299 Special Topic: Composites 2
- TQM 1201 Quality: An Organizational Study

Semester Four

- ENG 1212 Technical Writing
- SOC 1108 Race & Ethnic Relations
- TQM 1204 Process Improvement
- TRA 2299 Special Topic: Composites 3
- TQM 1206 Project Management

STUDENTS USE ROBOTS TO LEARN EMPLOYMENT SKILLS



Students in an English course at Lincoln Trail College are using robots to enhance their education.

The students are enrolled in the Technical Reading, Writing and Reporting class taught by Lisa Maple. The course is a part of LTC's Process Technology program. Each year, students construct robots from the Lego Mindstorms NXT robotics kit.

“The students learn to improve their writing skills through the hands-on work of putting together robots,” says Maple. “The hands-on work for a technical writing class is very important because it helps the students translate what they physically do in putting together the robots and their troubleshooting into a written report.”

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.

Maple says the preparations for the robot battle help give the students the real world skills they'll need for their careers. “They are learning skills that employers are looking for. It's teamwork, it's troubleshooting, it's thinking on your feet, and it's also a creative environment for the students.”

The students put their robots to the test in the annual Bot Battle on March 30. You can scan the QR code to see the students in action during the Bot Battle.



EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR SERVICE



Lincoln Trail College celebrated its employees during the annual Employee Service Recognition Banquet March 18 at Quail Creek Country Club.

This year's banquet recognized eight employees. Brian Bailey was honored for three years of service. Reno Bemont, Chuck Bennett, Molly Hardiman and Brittany Stone were honored for five years of service. Angie Williams received recognition for her ten years of service and Dr. Ann Wolven was honored for 15 years of service.

The banquet paid special tribute to LTC President Kathryn Harris. She was honored for 35 years of service to Lincoln Trail College. She was also honored as a retiree. Harris is retiring this spring.

HALTER REFLECTS ON BOARD EXPERIENCE



Lincoln Trail College sophomore Drew Halter is reflecting on the year he served as the IECC's Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.

Halter joined the IECC Board last April after winning a student election at Lincoln Trail College. His final meeting was in March at Lincoln Trail College. He says his year on the board was a fantastic learning experience.

"I was surrounded by great people that care about students and care about the well-being of the district. It taught me a lot about how a board truly functions and how it successfully operates. I got to see the successes of IECC and how well the district is running, functioning, and adjusting to the current situation in the state. The leadership in IECC is amazing to experience; very inspiring."

Halter says his experience on the board also changed his perspective as a student, something that he didn't initially expect. "I started to see the different aspects and components it takes to operate a district. I have a new awareness other than just from a student's point of view. Seeing how well the district efficiently operates helped me understand the significance of community colleges and their importance to students. It helped reassure my decision to attend LTC; by far one of the best decisions I have made with my education."

While serving on the board, Halter took time to visit with students at Frontier Community College, Olney Central College and Wabash Valley College. Halter says he did that because he wanted to hear from those students and also see how each college is unique. He calls that one of his best experiences from his year as Student Trustee.

Halter says one of the things he's going to miss is the time traveling to and from the meetings. He says he had a lot of fun talking with and learning from President Kathy Harris and Trustees John Brooks and Michael Correll.

Halter is due to graduate from LTC in May. He's going to enroll at Indiana University, where he plans to study law. He says his time on the board will definitely help with his future. "It gave me the knowledge of how a board properly works and functions, and insight into what it takes to successfully operate a district. The IECC board was especially beneficial; lead by very smart, caring people."

Overall, Halter says his experience is something he'll never forget. "I would also like to thank everyone again for the opportunity. It was truly an amazing experience that I will always remember and I will cherish my time with such remarkable people."



MILLER NAMED APRIL TRIO SPOTLIGHT



Allison Miller (Robinson, Ill.) has been named the TRIO Student Support Services Spotlight Student of the Month for April at Lincoln Trail College.

Miller says the TRIO program has been very beneficial for her college experience. “I’ve made tons of friends and I’ve been more active on campus. I’ve gone on trips that I couldn’t do on my own. I’ve really enjoy it.”

She says that she’s planning to transfer to a four-year school after completing her degree at Lincoln Trail College. She’s considering majoring in economics.

“Before TRIO, I was rudderless,” says Miller. “This has really helped me figure out who I am and what I want to do.”

Miller highly recommends the TRIO program. “This is a great way to meet friends and join activities. The TRIO grant can help you pay for your education. I’ve also really liked the classes and workshops and I’ve been able to get some really good advice thanks to TRIO.

WOLVEN PRESENTING AT OLC CONFERENCE

Lincoln Trail College English instructor Dr. Ann Wolven has been selected to present at this year’s Online Learning Consortium Innovate Conference in New Orleans.

Wolven will present “Faculty Metamorphosis Through Mobile Technology” in the conference’s research highlights and trends in innovation session.

Wolven’s presentation is about how mobile technology significantly influences students’ learning. “I will be identifying uses and the need for faculty to be trained using mobile technology both in and out of the classroom to increase student engagement and learning,” says Wolven.

The conference will be help April 20-22 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. The goal of the conference is to build foundations for stronger and better higher education environments. Various sessions at the conference explore emerging technologies and adapted teaching behaviors.

GRAMMY NOMINEE PERFORMING AT LTC



John McCutcheon, seven-time Grammy nominee, master instrumentalist, powerful singer-songwriter, storyteller, activist, and author will take the stage at the Zwermann Arts Center April 29 at 7 p.m. in an event sponsored by the Crawford County Arts Council.

As an instrumentalist, John McCutcheon is a master of a dozen different traditional instruments, most notably the rare and beautiful hammer dulcimer. His songwriting has been hailed by critics and singers around the globe. His thirty recordings have garnered every imaginable honor including seven Grammy nominations. He has produced over twenty albums of other artists, from traditional fiddlers to contemporary singer-songwriters to educational and documentary works. Johnny Cash called him, “the most impressive instrumentalist I’ve ever heard.”

People of every generation and background seem to feel at home in a concert hall when John McCutcheon takes the stage, with what critics describe as “little feats of magic,” “breathtaking in their ease and grace ... ,” and “like a conversation with an illuminating old friend.”

Reserved seating tickets for this event will be available at the door for a freewill donation or they may be secured in advance by contacting the Lincoln Trail College Performing Arts Office at (618) 544-8657 ext 1433 from 12-5 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS PLANNING CONCERTS

The Lincoln Trail College Jazz Band will present a Jazz Night concert April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

The concert will feature performances by the LTC Jazz Band and special guest jazz bands from Marshall and West Vigo high schools.

The Lincoln Trail College Concert Band, Camerata Illiana, Singing Seniors and a Jazz Combo will present a Spring Concert at 7 p.m. April 30 in the Zwermann Arts Theater.

The concert will feature a wide variety of musical styles. The Concert Band is directed by Kyle Lutes, the Camerata Illiana is directed by Jeshua Franklin, the Singing Seniors are under the direction of Brenda Harris and the Jazz Combo is directed by Ken Strieby.

Lincoln Trail College Music will present a program featuring student soloists as well the award-winning chamber vocal ensemble, Statesmen Singers, at 7 p.m. May 5, in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. The program will include students instructed by Jeshua Franklin, Juliet Gilchrist, Brenda Harris, Teresa Hoecherl, Kyle Lutes, Jonathan Matthews, Yvonne Newlin, and Krista Wilhelmssen.

The Statesmen Singers under the direction of Jeshua Franklin will perform selected pieces from their spring repertoire.

The Lincoln Trail College Concert Choir and Camerata Illiana will perform at a concert on May 8 at 3 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

The American Sampler concert will be a celebration of America's choral music.

Tickets for the April 22, April 30 and May 8 concerts are \$5 and will be available at the door or by calling the Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657, ext. 1433.



THREE BASKETBALL PLAYERS HONORED

Sophomore guard Brittani Rizzi (far left) was named All-GRAC and All-Region 24 for the second straight year. She led the Lady Statesmen with 14.5 points per game and also averaged 2.2 rebounds, one assist and one steal per game.

Freshman forward Zach Cuthbertson (far right) earned GRAC Freshman of the Year honors and was also named to the All-GRAC and All-Region 24 teams. He led the Statesmen with 17.2 points per game and added 8.0 rebounds per game.

Freshman forward Devin Thomas (center) earned All-GRAC and All-Region 24 honors. Thomas averaged 15.4 points, 8.4 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game.