



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

FEBRUARY 2016

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- 2 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 4 **Midterm**
- 5 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
Robinson AAU Shootout
Sports Center
- 6 **Robinson AAU Shootout**
Sports Center
- 7-11 **Spring Break - No Classes**
- 7 **Palestine HS Compass Testing**
12 p.m., Williams Hall 117/118/119/120
- 9 **Twin Rivers Career Day**
- 10 **Hutsonville HS Compass Testing**
7 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118/119/120
Celebrate Art
9 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 14 **Volleyball Open Gym**
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 15 **IECC Board Meeting**
7 p.m., Cafeteria
- 16 **Crawford County Arts Board Meeting**
6 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 17 **Safety Council Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 18 **Employee Recognition Banquet**
7 p.m., Quail Creek Country Club
- 19 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 23 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
Franklin University Visit
10-1 Williams Hall Foyer
- 24 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
Gluten Free Fads & Facts Workshop
7 p.m., Library
- 25 **Spring Holiday - College Closed**
- 28 **Volleyball Open Gym**
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 30 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
Bot Battle
3 p.m., Sports Center

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE NAMED AS ONE OF TOP 150 IN THE COUNTRY



Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program today named Lincoln Trail College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds, as well as Siemens Technical Scholars Program student scholarships.

The Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and access and success for minority and low-income students.

"We couldn't be more excited about this," says Lincoln Trail College President Kathryn Harris. "Our faculty and staff put our students first and their efforts are paying off. This is the third time Lincoln Trail College has been honored by the Aspen Institute and it just goes to show the continued hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff and this really reflects on the efforts of our students. This is just one more way to show that when you come to Lincoln Trail College, you can expect a high-quality education taught by instructors who are experts in their field."

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than seven million students – youth and adult learners – working towards certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

"Community colleges have tremendous power to change lives, and their success will increasingly define our nation's economic strength and the potential for social mobility in our country," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "This competition is designed to spotlight the excellent work being done in the most effective community colleges, those that best help students obtain meaningful, high-quality education and training for competitive-wage jobs after college. We hope it will raise the bar and provide a roadmap to better student outcomes for community colleges nationwide."

A full list of the selected colleges and details on the selection process are available at www.aspenprize.org. (Continued on Page 2)

Scholarship Opportunities

For the first time, the 150 Prize-eligible institutions are also invited to nominate exceptional students enrolled in their best middle-skill STEM programs for scholarships. Up to 50 Siemens Technical Scholars will be selected from programs that provide outstanding preparation for high-demand jobs in manufacturing, energy, health care, and information technology. A partnership between the Siemens Foundation and the Aspen Institute, the Siemens Technical Scholars Program intends to help our nation's community colleges and their business partners bridge the gap between projected shortages of skilled workers and the millions of high-demand jobs in these STEM industries. Scholarship winners and the programs that deliver rigorous training enabling their success will be announced in fall 2016. For more information and to view video profiles of 2015 Siemens Technical Scholars, go to: <http://as.pn/stscholars>.

Lincoln Trail College and 149 other community colleges announced today were selected from a national pool of over 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes in three areas:

- Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 full-time equivalent students)
- Improvement (awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time)
- Equity (evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students)

Lincoln Trail College has been invited to submit an application to the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence containing detailed data on degree and certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employment and earnings), and student learning outcomes.

Ten finalists will be named in fall 2016. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data. A distinguished Prize Jury will select a grand prize winner and a few finalists with distinction in early 2017.



LTC ANNOUNCES FALL HONORS

Lincoln Trail College has released its academic honor lists for the Fall 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 grade point average of 3.90 or greater on a 4.0 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 Honor's List.

The following students have earned Fall 2015 academic honors:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S LIST

Annapolis: Ronn Goodwin
 Bristow, Ind.: Lexi Aders
 Carmi: Abby Moore
 Clay City: Sarah Weiler
 DeWitt, Mich.: Keaton Sackett
 Fishers, Ind.: David Blanco
 Flat Rock: Dustin Ault, Shane Cutright
 Grand Rapids, Mich.: Austin Batka
 Greenwood, Ind.: Joslyn Leverett, Jay Prior
 Hutsonville: Shanglin Zou
 Lawrenceville: Logan Danielsen, Dennis York
 Maple City, Mich.: Thomas Waning
 Marshall: Olivia Bender, Deedra Morris
 Martinsville: Sydney Strange
 Newton: Justin Bergbower, Jacob Stone
 Noble: Hunter Kinkade
 Oblong: Koert Mehler, Katlin Snider, Cole Worthey
 Olney: Brent Phillips
 Palestine: Logan Carr, Drew Halter, Scott Lewis, Sydney Ogle
 Robinson: Jay Akins, Jena Allen, Paxton Bemont, Heather Clements, Christopher Crocker, Jackson Dollahan, Jason Goodwin, Leslie Goodwin, Wesley Harrison, Sierra Henry, Megan Herder, Nathan Ladson, Bradley Maurer, Katelynn Midgett, Allison Miller, Zachary Murphy, Jason Richart, Ethan Williams, Nicholas Wolfe, Wesley Wright, Connor York
 Seymour, Ind.: Gemma Challies
 Shelburn, Ind.: Alayne Street
 Terre Haute: Carlee McFarland
 Willow Hill: Rebecca Nethery

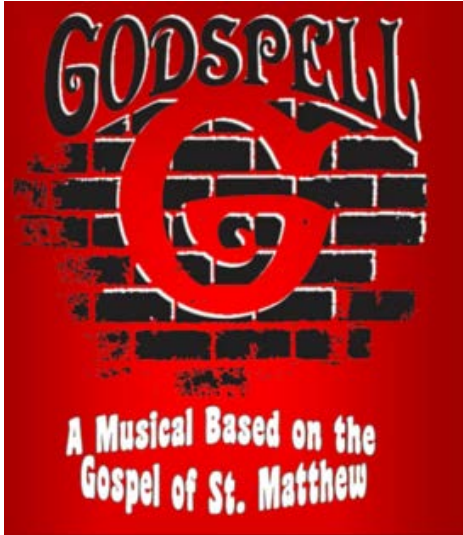
PRESIDENT'S LIST

Brooklyn, N.Y.: Nicholas Vazquez
 Charleston: Thomas Romine III
 Chicago: Adnan Sator
 Clinton, Ind.: Amy Dunegan
 Flat Rock: Lucas Decker, Riley Rich
 Homer, Ill.: Miranda Pruitt
 Huntingburg, Ind.: Charles O'Bryan
 Lansing, Mich.: Austin Krause
 Martinsville: Joshua Kenderdine, Brayden VanGilder
 Mt. Carmel: Morgan Ewing, Caitlin Lambert
 New Palestine, Ind.: Atticus Felling
 Oblong: Matthew Daugherty, Laura Purcell
 Palestine: Samuel Calvert
 Plainfield, Ind.: Hannah Kelly
 Robinson: Tori Courtney, Mikayla Cuenca, Sabrina Dellinger, Artem Epifanov, Alyssa Franklin, James Gibson, Taylor Goodwin, Logan Johnson, Jonathon Melcho, Lauren Schambach, Austin Stevens, Erin Swarens
 Rushville, Ind.: Bradley Busald
 Shelburn, Ind.: Grant Landis
 Shumway, Ill.: Alex Navarro
 Southfield, Mich.: Lauren Elliott

DEAN'S LIST

Annapolis: Benjamin Chapman
 Bridgeport: Taylor Hall, Trevor Lockhart
 Bowling Green, Ky.: Seaton Sheldon
 Brunswick, Ga.: Al'Kia Spaulding
 Claremont: Brooke Schmidt
 Columbia, Ky.: Colton Back
 Daytona Beach, Fla.: Cornelius Reynolds
 Effingham: Neil Williams
 El Paso, Texas: Ashton Carrasco
 Farmersburg, Ind.: Darby Tierney
 Flat Rock: Kiley Rariden, Blake Rinsch
 Frankfort, Ky.: Zachary Barker
 Graysville, Ind.: Brooks Weszely
 Hope, Ind.: Erynn Shaw
 Hutsonville: Todd Gibler, Cody Hout
 Lawrenceville: Christopher Russell, Brandon Vessels, Bryce Weger
 Louisville, Ky.: Shelby Rose
 Marshall, Ill.: Chelsea Brockett, Stacia Edwards, Kaysi Hilbert, Anissa Jones, Megan Seaton
 Marshall, Mich.: Alexander Walton
 Martinsville: Ethan Bowen
 Mayfield, Ky.: Austin Jones
 Mt. Carmel: Ashley Magee
 Newton: Courtney Boyd, Garrett Hall
 Oblong: Gabriel Alwardt, Brittany Keeler, Connor Smothers, Tyler Woods
 Olney: Anthony Prosser
 Palestine: Lendzy Gordon, Andrew Gray, Cody Herrington, Dalton Murdock, Sarah Reinbold, Cody Sipes
 Robinson: Kyle Albaugh, Karnell Bowen, Yewon Choi, William Cooley, Jonathan Chapman, Brittney Fuller, Preslie Hutchens, Farrah Kearby, Kylie Meeks, Phillip Salesman
 Russellville, Ky.: Zachary Dennis
 St. Francisville: Jeffrey Baxter
 Shelburn, Ind.: Shelly Huffington
 Sumner: Joshua Young
 West York: Kienan Knecht
 Willow Hill: Karsyn McCoy

GODSPELL CAST ANNOUNCED



Rusty Ruth, Director of Theater at Lincoln Trail College, has announced the cast for the spring production of the 2012 revival of *Godspell* to be performed on the LTC Zwermann Theater stage April 1, 2, 8 and 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. and April 3 and 10 at 2 p.m.

Daniel Dix returns to the LTC stage as Jesus, while Brennan Seth Tracy plays the dual role of John the Baptist and Judas. Supporting these two is a talented group including Ian Bruce, Kyra Bruce, Steven Bruce, MaryAnn Catt, Amy Drake, Resa Fuller, Susan Gubelman, Jace Logan, Ryan Mikeworth, Jessie Steele, and Jennifer Vela.

Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from 3-time Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*, *Children Of Eden*); and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day By Day," *Godspell* features a parade of beloved songs including "Prepare Ye The Way Of

The Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All For The Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

A small group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs ranging in style from pop to vaudeville is employed as the story of Jesus's life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus's messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life.

Boasting a score with chart topping songs, a book by visionary playwright John-Michael Tebelak, *Godspell* is a sensation that continues to touch audiences.

Tickets for *Godspell* are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students and go on sale March 14. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more when purchased in advance. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Performing Arts Office at 544-8657, extension 1433.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION DAY

Lincoln Trail College announces its annual Scholarship Audition Day on Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other dates and times are available by appointment.

Audition requirements for vocalists and instrumentalists include bringing a prepared piece of music to perform. Thespians are welcome to prepare a short monologue, no more than two minutes in length, but will also be asked to do a cold script reading. For further details or to schedule an audition, contact the Performing Arts office at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1433, or via email at wisemanp@iecc.edu.

Each year Lincoln Trail College awards over \$25,000 in scholarships and tuition waivers to deserving students in the performing arts. All performing arts tuition waivers are performance based. Scholarships are administered by the Lincoln Trail College Foundation and have a variety of criteria. To be considered for either a scholarship or a tuition waiver, you must schedule an audition with Performing Arts faculty and submit the appropriate scholarship applications by March 1. Forms for admission to the college, and applications for financial aid, including scholarships and tuition waivers, are available online at www.iecc.edu/ltc. Tuition waivers may be awarded for a full academic year or for one semester. Waivers are available with music, musical theater or theater specializations.

Lincoln Trail College provides a comprehensive music transfer program and theater preparatory program. Music ensembles include Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Pep Band and the award-winning chamber vocal ensemble Statesmen Singers. In addition, the theater department stages a play and a musical annually. Easy access to Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville and even Chicago and Nashville provides students with frequent off-campus field trips and tours.

LTC CELEBRATES HOMECOMING



Lincoln Trail College celebrated Homecoming with a week’s worth of activities.

Students, faculty and staff used dress up days during Spirit Week to get ready for Homecoming. Each day had a theme like Pajama Day, Jersey Day, Hawaiian Day, 80’s Day and Spirit Day. In addition, faculty and staff were encouraged to decorate their doors to spread school spirit. LTC’s cheerleaders decorated the buildings to get the campus ready for Homecoming.



Game Day kicked off with a chili supper tailgate in the Cafeteria along with a reception for alumni.



Students voted for their Homecoming Court. Colton Back was named Prince while Salomé Pandard was selected Princess. Students crowned Tyler Truesdel King and Kirstyn Bowen Queen.



The basketball teams split their games against Olney Central College with the Statesmen winning 126-106 and the Lady Statesmen falling 60-45.

LTC HOSTS CHEER CLINIC



The Lincoln Trail College Cheerleaders held their annual cheerleading clinic for area youth on February 6.

Nearly 150 children from four-years-old to students in sixth grade participated in the event. The participants learned the fundamentals of beginning cheerleading at the clinic. They learned a cheer, a sideline routine, a dance, jumps, motions and basic stunting. The participants performed during halftime of the Lincoln Trail College Statesmen’s game against Olney Central College.



MARCH SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball

3	Iowa Central	4:00*
4	Lakeland (OH)	2:30*
	Southeastern Iowa	7:30*
5	Southeast Nebraska	10:00
	Muscatine	
	* at Millington, TN	
7	Lindenwood-Belleville	1:00
10	at Rend Lake	3:00
12	Rend Lake	12:00
17	Wabash Valley	3:00
19	at Wabash Valley	12:00
22	at Danville Area CC	3:00
24	at John A. Logan	3:00
25	John A. Logan	12:00
28	Vincennes University	1:00
29	Lake Land	3:00
31	Shawnee	3:00

Softball

7-11	at Cocoa Beach, FL	TBA
15	at Rend Lake	2:00
17	Wabash Valley	2:00
19	at Kaskaskia	12:00
22	Olney Central	2:00
24	at Southwestern	2:00
25	at John A. Logan	2:00
31	at Lake Land	2:00

Follow the Statesmen at lctathletics.com

LTC ATHLETES SERVE COMMUNITY



Lincoln Trail College athletes are active in the Crawford County community. One of the projects the athletes regularly help out with is the Robinson Area Food Pantry.

The food pantry hands out food each Monday and Thursday. LTC athletes help put together food for the people that go through the line at the food pantry. They also help carry the food to their vehicles.

In addition to that, the athletes regularly help unload delivery trucks that stock the food pantry. They'll also help clean up and organize the storage area for the food.

“Community service is a very important part of being a Statesmen,” says Lincoln Trail College Athletic Director Kevin Bowers. “Our coaches work to develop quality young men and women that will work hard in the classroom, in the community and on the field.”

LTC athletes do far more community service than just at the food pantry. Among other things, athletes have helped with community festivals,



worked with school children and even helped decorate Robinson for Christmas.

