



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

APRIL 2018

## UPCOMING MAY

### EVENTS

- 1 **Student Senate Trivia Night**  
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 2 **Craze Daze**  
11-1, Miller Lake
- Volleyball Camp**  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 3 **CNA Exam**  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- Cake Decorating Class**  
6 p.m., Williams Hall 105
- 4 **Last Day of Spring Semester Classes**
- Nurse Testing**  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 5 **TRIO Recognition Night**  
5 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 7-10 **Finals**
- 8 **Intro to Gardening**  
6 p.m., Greenhouse
- 9 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 10 **Cake Decorating Class**  
6 p.m., Williams Hall 105
- 11 **Nurse Pinning Ceremony**  
5 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- Commencement**  
7 p.m., Sports Center
- 14 **Interession Classes Begin**
- 15 **IECC Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 17 **CNA Exam**  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 19 **Pearson Testing**  
7 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- Karate Tournament**  
11 a.m., Sports Center
- 21 **Nurse Testing**  
1 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 22 **Interession Midterm**
- 24 **LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 28 **COLLEGE CLOSED - Memorial Day**
- 29 **Children's Summer Theater Begins**

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

## SPORT MANAGEMENT VISITS U OF I, UNITED CENTER



STUDENTS IN LTC'S SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MEET CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS OWNER ROCKY WIRTZ WHILE VISITING THE UNITED CENTER ON MARCH 22.

Students in Lincoln Trail College's Sport Management program had the opportunity to meet the owner of the Chicago Blackhawks, the team's executive vice president, and two members of the Hockey Hall of Fame in a two-hour span.

The students were part of a trip that toured facilities at the University of Illinois and the United Center to learn more about topics like facility management and game day operations. "Our program values experiential learning where students can get some hands-on experience and network with people who are involved in the careers in which they are studying. It would be remiss if I did not first thank the University of Illinois and the Chicago Blackhawks for hosting our students and providing a quality learning experience," says LTC Sport Management instructor Tyler Browning.

The students toured the 340,000 square foot Activities and Recreation Center at the University of Illinois. They also toured the U of I's Ice Arena and the premium seating areas at Memorial Stadium. Students got the opportunity to learn what goes into the day-to-day operations of those facilities and they also heard about how those facilities plan for the future. The tours also gave the students an opportunity to learn more about the variety of different career opportunities exist in the field of sport.

"Visiting the University of Illinois recreation centers was a good experience,"

says student Dalton Hendrix. “Talking about the amount of money for the upkeep was very eye-opening, and it showed where the money you are paying for tuition goes and how much it really takes to keep the facilities open.”

In addition to touring facilities at the University of Illinois, the students met with Dr. Michael Raycraft and Dr. Kimberly Shinew with the Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism. They spoke with the students about career options and offered the students advice. Raycraft encouraged the students to take on difficult challenges early in their careers. “Look for a product people may not find interesting. When you take a product like that and build it up through creativity and hard work, that means something. Now you have something really interesting that you can talk about.”



After visiting the University of Illinois, the students traveled to the United Center to learn more about facilities and game day operations from members of the Chicago Blackhawks’ organization.

Blackhawks’ owner Rocky Wirtz offered the students words of encouragement before the students toured the United Center. After the tour, the students had the opportunity to watch the Blackhawks play Winnipeg.

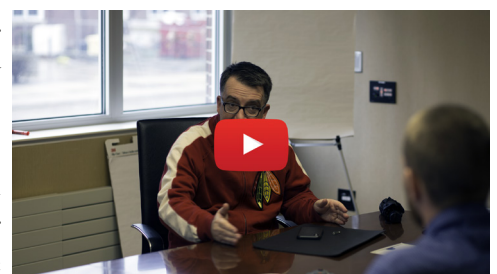


“When we went to Chicago to see the Blackhawks we not only had an unmatched experience but saw the inside scoop of how a game is planned out and different perspectives from jobs behind the scenes within the organization,” says student Evan Conner. “All in all, it was an amazing experience.”

During the game, the students had the opportunity to meet with Blackhawks executive Jay Blunk. Hockey Hall of Famers Bobby Hull and Denis Savard also visited with the students.

“The Chicago Blackhawks and United Center experience was first-class and nothing less,” says Browning. “Not many college students across the country can say they have met with an Owner of a professional sports franchise, the Executive Vice President of the franchise, and an all-time great player of the franchise all in the same evening. But, that’s exactly what our students got to experience by meeting and speaking with Rocky Wirtz, Jay Blunk, and Bobby Hull of the Chicago Blackhawks organization. Along with that, our students were able to experience a tour of the United Center, get an inside look at game-day operations and facility management.”

Browning says the Blackhawks have already invited students from the program to visit with the team again in the future. He says he’s also working on similar visits with other teams and facilities to give students the chance to experience other opportunities in the sport industry.



See a video of this story at:  
[youtube.com/LincolnTrailCollege](https://youtube.com/LincolnTrailCollege)

## LTC HONORS CRAWFORD COUNTY STUDENTS

Lincoln Trail College honored the top graduating seniors in Crawford County by presenting them with the Crawford County Award for Academic Excellence. This merit-based scholarship allows the students to attend Lincoln Trail College at no cost for two years.

“We want to make sure these students have an opportunity to attend one of the best community colleges in the nation,” says LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower.

The award was presented to Crawford County high school seniors that rank in the top ten percent of their class. Gower says students like these will help everyone at LTC. “We are confident that students like these will be leaders on our campus and we know that they will enrich the academic environment in our classrooms.”

### 2018 CRAWFORD COUNTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONOREES:

Allyssa Adams (Oblong High School)  
 Sophia Allen (Oblong High School)  
 Mindy Ault (Robinson High School)  
 Jared Bailey (Oblong High School)  
 Josh Bailey (Oblong High School)  
 Madison Bennett (Oblong High School)  
 Madysen Clark (Robinson High School)  
 Jacob Eckert (Palestine High School)  
 Shalyn Fear (Oblong High School)  
 Jayce Fielder (Oblong High School)  
 Jacob Hawkins (Palestine High School)  
 Alex Hermann (Robinson High School)  
 Kealie Jenkins (Robinson High School)  
 Kyndal Jobe (Robinson High School)  
 Sadie Belle Kemp (Oblong High School)  
 Chase Lawhorn (Palestine High School)  
 Kinley Ledermann (Hutsonville High School)  
 Chassey Lingafelter (Oblong High School)  
 Amy McGahey (Robinson High School)  
 Mekenna Meadows (Oblong High School)  
 Kaleigh Newlin (Hutsonville High School)  
 Trey Potts (Oblong High School)  
 Ian Quick (Robinson High School)  
 Kyran Roe-Weaver (Robinson High School)  
 Halley Steffey (Palestine High School)  
 Mallory Sutfin (Robinson High School)  
 Willard Waggoner (Robinson High School)



LTC STUDENT HALEY TOWLE SPEAKS TO CRAWFORD COUNTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONOREES AND THEIR FAMILIES ABOUT HER EXPERIENCE AT LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE



CRAWFORD COUNTY AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HONOREES SADIE BELLE KEMP, MADISON BENNETT, JAYCE FIELDER, ALLYSSA ADAMS, AND MEKENNA MEADOWS FROM OBLONG HIGH SCHOOL POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO.

## BROADBAND TELECOM HOSTING OPEN HOUSE



Lincoln Trail College will show off its Broadband Telecom program at an open house April 20 from 1-3 p.m. at the Crisp Education Center.

LTC's Broadband Telecom program has placed 100 percent of its graduates in the industry over the last three years. One of the reasons why the program has been so successful placing graduates in the industry is because of a robust internship program.

"All students that take the initiative are given a paid internship opportunity through our program," says lead instructor Jesse Allen. "We've built strong relationships within the industry and we continue to implement more

training opportunities for those businesses as well."

The Broadband Telecom program at Lincoln Trail College combines hands-on learning experiences like fiber splicing, working aloft, and backhoe use with fundamental IT courses.

The open house will give prospective students the opportunity to speak with instructors and students in the program and interact with some of the equipment used. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions about financial aid and learn more about attending Lincoln Trail College.

People that want to attend the open house should RSVP by calling Hannah Tuemler at 618-544-8657.

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## LTC HOSTS INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

Lincoln Trail College will offer people the chance to taste food from different cultures at an International Food Fair on April 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Statesmen Grill at LTC.

"All cuisines represented are cooked by international students or members of the community with an international background," says Lincoln Trail College international liaison Lynda Vaughn. "This opportunity allows people in the community to learn more about other cultures and possibly hosting an international student."

Lincoln Trail College has traditionally offered host families to international students who come to America to study, and this is appealing to international families. "It's important to parents and guardians that their child is living in a safe home while they are across the world from their families," says Vaughn. Countries represented at the International Food Fair include Jamaica, Thailand, Belgium, Germany, Albania, China, Filipino, and Korean.

Tickets are \$5.00 for LTC students, faculty and staff and \$6.50 for the community. To buy tickets to the LTC international Food Fair, please contact Lynda Vaughn or Hannah Tuemler at 618-544-8657.

## PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SPRING EVENTS

Performing Arts Coordinator Rebecca Carmack announces a number of events to close out the spring semester. On Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m., the Lincoln Trail College Concert Band and Jazz Band, with special guests, the Singing Seniors, will present a concert in the Zwermann Arts Theater.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Wade Baker, is honored to welcome guest conductor, Alex Tedrow as they perform three of his pieces, two of which will be world premieres: Astral Concepts, Whispering Winds and A Season's Exodus. Tedrow is a composer of contemporary arts music from Shoals, Indiana. His works range from solo, chamber, choral, and full wind ensemble to jazz as well as electronic music. Alex is a Lilly Scholar, IU Herbert Presidential Scholar, and a recipient of the Indiana Premier Young Talent Award. He is currently a student at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

The Jazz Band portion of the program will feature works by Thad Jones, Duke Ellington, Myles Collins. The Singing Seniors under the direction of Brenda Harris, will perform favorites from the 20's and the 50's. General admission tickets are \$5 for adults and free for students.

On April 22, the Concert Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Carmack, will join with the ensembles at Eastern Illinois University to perform Mozart's Requiem. The concert begins at 4 p.m. and will be held in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on the EIU campus. Tickets can be purchased from the EIU box office at 217-581-3110.

LTC's collegiate chamber ensemble, the Statesmen Singers, also under the direction of Rebecca Carmack, will give a spring concert on Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. In addition to Kirby Shaw's arrangement of the traditional spiritual, "Joshua!" and "This is Me", from The Greatest Showman, several soloists will perform. Admission is free.

On April 29, our youngest musicians will take the stage in a pair of recitals at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Admission is free for this event as well.

Tickets for all Music Department events can be purchased in advance by calling the Performing Arts Office at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1433. Tickets are also available at the door the evening of the concert.



**Registration opens May 1**  
Cast size limited to 60

**Students**  
1st - 8th grade  
Cost \$100

**Auditions**  
May 31 9 am

**Performances**  
June 29-30 at 7 pm  
& July 1 at 2 pm

**Elf JR.**  
The Musical

**Children's Summer Theater**  
June 1-29 9-11 am

### CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER PERFORMING ELF THE MUSICAL JR.

Registration for LTC's Children's Summer Theater program opens May 1. CST will perform Elf, Jr. June 29-July 1.

CST is open to students in first through eighth grades. Auditions are May 31 and the workshop meets 9-11 a.m. beginning June 4.



## MAY SPORTS CALENDAR

### Baseball

3	at Rend Lake	3:00
5	Rend Lake	12:00

## PASCO TAKES OVER GOLF PROGRAM



New Lincoln Trail College golf coach Jerry Pasco has had a number of opportunities to play golf with Arnold Palmer and he says he took something away from him, “Always leave the game better than how you found it.” Pasco says that’s what he wants his golfers to take away from LTC as well.

Pasco was a latecomer to the game of golf, but that hasn’t stopped him from having a very successful career. After working for Carnation, Dr. Pepper, and the Permian Oil Corporation, he took up golf recreationally at age 28. He earned a scholarship at the age of 30 at Mott Community College and turned pro at 32.

In 2010, Pasco won the Michigan Senior PGA Professional Championship and was the 2010 Michigan Senior PGA Player of the Year. While on tour, he won several other tournaments. He came to Quail Creek Country Club in Robinson in April of last year and it didn’t take long for players on the team to notice him.

Now that he’s taken over as the head coach of the program, he’s already setting short-term and long-term goals. “I want to create a recruiting process where the experience of playing at Lincoln Trail speaks for itself and we start to attract kids that will give us more national exposure,” says Pasco. “I also want to help kids find and experience their talent and abilities.”

In the next two-to-three years, Pasco says he wants to have players that will graduate and move on to play at the Division I level and he wants players that will earn first- and second-team All-American status.

In the long-term, he wants to build a team that will be able to play for a National Title and has five-to-seven players that could win a championship. “We’ll need to find players that can shoot in the high 60s and low 70s. We’ll also have to develop a belief system where the players have a certain amount of arrogance in that they know how good they are.”

As much as anything, Pasco says he wants to make sure the players have a sense of pride when they leave LTC. “When you talk with some of our alumni that were golfers under P.D. Highsmith, they have a tremendous sense of pride about their time at Lincoln Trail. They had a great experience here and I want our golfers to have a great experience and take away that same sense of pride.”

Pasco says right now, one of the ways he’s working on developing that pride is by challenging his players to leave things here a little better than how they found them.

Follow the Statesmen at  
[ltcathletics.com](http://ltcathletics.com)