



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

FEBRUARY 2018

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- 1 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 2 **Midterm**
- 5 **Casimir Pulaski Day - No Classes**
- 6-9 **Spring Break - No Classes**
- 7 **Twin Rivers Career Day**
- 8 **Celebrate Art!**
9 a.m., Theater/Library/Statesmen Grill
- 10 **SAT Exam**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 16 **Aida**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 17 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
Aida
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 18 **Aida**
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 20 **Health Awareness Day**
9-1, Sports Center
Spring Nutrition Series: Kitchen Safety
5 p.m., Library
- 21 **Phi Theta Kappa Induction**
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 22 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
CNA Exam
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 23 **Aida**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 24 **Pearson VUE Testing**
7 a.m., Williams Hall 119
Karate Testing
11 a.m., Sports Center
Aida
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 29 **Process Technology Advisory Council**
11 a.m., Lincoln Room
- 30 **COLLEGE CLOSED - Spring Holiday**

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LTC FOUNDATION APPROPRIATES \$165K TO COLLEGE



Big things are happening at LTC. Two weeks ago, the Lincoln Trail College Foundation appropriated \$165,000 for College projects that will be completed over the next six months. Lincoln Trail College Foundation Executive Director Rod Harmon is excited about the trajectory he sees the College taking. “The purpose of the Foundation is to support the College and its students. Because our community has been generous, we are in a position to help the College take some important steps in upgrading buildings and bringing new technologies into the classroom.”

Last year a small group of LTC faculty, staff, and administrators came together to develop a vision for where they wanted the College to be in the next decade. From there, a strategic plan was built that identified four primary goals and several key initiatives that will help the College achieve those goals.

Lincoln Trail College President, Dr. Ryan Gower, says early efforts will focus on the fundamentals. “Delivering a high-quality educational experience is our primary goal. We are modernizing our instructional spaces, incorporating new technologies and generally making our spaces more conducive to student learning. We are also making professional development funds available to our team to help them continue to find new ways to help engage student learners.” Due to the unique mission of community colleges, faculty at LTC have to be prepared to work with a variety of learning styles. “Millennials enjoy learning interactively and collaboratively,” says Gower. “We are bringing technologies to the classroom that will allow us to use multi-media and moving away from classrooms that are

designed for a traditional 'lecture' format.”

Although the College and Foundation are currently working on the fundamentals, they are also laying the groundwork for more ambitious projects in the future. “The first thing I want to point out is that we have not given up on the LTC Tech center that the state approved in 2009,” says Gower. “This center would provide us with the ability to be a regional magnet - pulling students from beyond Crawford County to engage in career and technical programs in a facility unlike any other in our area.” The College is also in the middle of a capital campaign to revitalize its theater, and area residents are excited about the prospect of a large county recreation complex that could be built at LTC.

“It takes time” says Gower “but with the support of Von [Meeks], Rod and the rest of the Foundation Board, I am confident the faculty and staff at the College will work hard to move Lincoln Trail College forward.”

AMONG THE ITEMS THE FOUNDATION APPROVED:

- ▶ \$61,500 to make improvements to STEM/Biology classroom spaces.
- ▶ \$4,000 to support an applied project for the LTC Construction Technology students.
- ▶ \$10,000 annually to support professional development activities for faculty and staff.
- ▶ \$17,074 to make modifications to the Industrial Annex that will allow the college to house a pre-K (ages 3-5) program on campus.
- ▶ \$35,000 to upgrade the light board and begin the conversion to LED stage lights in the Zwermann Arts Center.
- ▶ \$25,000 to pay for textbooks for LTC students



LINCOLN TRAIL CELEBRATES HOMECOMING 2018

Lincoln Trail College celebrated Homecoming 2018 January 29 - February 3. Students and faculty and staff participated in dress up days during Spirit Week. Tessa Laino and Haze Lemmon (pictured on the right) were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Mykiah Jones and Lawrence Williams (pictured on the left) were crowned Princess and Prince.

MCCULLOUGH HOPES TO PURSUE CAREER IN TEACHING MUSIC

Ben McCullough is hoping to one day share his love of performance with other students. The first-year student Lincoln Trail College student wants to eventually earn his Ph.D. and work in higher education teaching music theory and composition.

“I want to give other people the kinds of experiences that I’ve had. The performing arts and joining choir and joining theater really got me out of my shell and gave me the opportunity to be more than just who I am.”

McCullough got his start in the performing arts at Lincoln Trail College with the Children’s Summer Theater program when he was in eighth grade. Since then, he’s been a regular on the stage in the Zwermann Arts Center, performing in LTC productions and in ensembles like The Statesmen Singers and the Community Choir.



He says being involved in the performing arts has really helped him grow. “It definitely gave me the dedication and the drive to stick with something and see it through. It’s a lot of hard hours for something very short-lived, but it’s really worth it at the end.”

McCullough says when he started with his first production of *Annie*, he knew that performing was something he wanted to keep doing. One of his highlights was working with Dan Dix in *Into the Woods* because he got to learn from one of the greats at LTC.

He’s currently taking several classes related to the performing arts at LTC in addition to his regular slate of classes. He’s also involved in the TRIO program, which he says has been very beneficial to him for networking.

McCullough says he will likely attend Eastern Illinois University after he completes his degree at LTC. From there, he’d like to earn his Masters and Ph. D.



He says he’d highly encourage people to try taking a music lesson of some sort at LTC, whether it be in voice, piano, or another instrument because it can really help you grow. He says the individual lessons are great because you get the one-on-one attention that can help you succeed. He also encourages people to audition for a show or at least work on the crew.

“Friendships know no bounds in our theater. You’ll make friends with a wide variety of people. They’re some of the weirdest people you’ll ever meet, but they’re some of your best friends too.”

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: HEATHER MOORE



When Heather Moore ('14) came to Lincoln Trail College in 2016 as the Academic Counselor for TRIO Student Support Services, she was no stranger to the College. Moore started taking Performing Arts classes at LTC when she was about 14-years-old.

“That was one of the most important experiences for my adult life,” says Moore. “It taught me responsibility and basically everything I needed to be a well-rounded adult.”

Music and theater were not the only ways Moore took classes at LTC when she was in high school. She also took dual credit classes, focusing on sciences that were not available to her at her high school. She says that helped her figure out what she wanted to do when she moved on to university.

“I didn’t realize how much it meant to me until I actually got into university. A lot of the classes I took were very challenging or they pushed me beyond what a normal classroom might have already done. Even if I had taken them at a larger high school where they may have had those AP courses, the classes I was taking [at LTC] were harder, so they were more challenging, more enjoyable. When I got to university, I realized how far ahead I was of those students who took AP courses in high school.”

Initially, Moore didn’t begin her college education at LTC. After graduating from Oblong High School, she started at the University of Southern Indiana. She chose to change career and educational paths and recalled her time at LTC and chose to come back to take her extra classes.

“Lincoln Trail definitely helped me focus on what I wanted to do. When I came to Lincoln Trail, I had no idea... I was in the middle of changing what I wanted to be and who I wanted to be as a person. It was definitely an apex point of my decision-making process.”

Moore says she benefitted from instructors who took the time out of their schedules to spend time with her and helped her with her career search and finding internships. She says LTC has a staff that goes above and beyond any other school she’s seen.

After graduating from Lincoln Trail College, Moore earned her Bachelor’s of Arts in Interpersonal Communication at Eastern Illinois University. While there, she was heavily involved in Student Affairs and other organizations and was named their Student of the Year.

As the TRIO SSS Academic Counselor, Moore works with first generation, low income, and disabled students at LTC. Before taking the job, she was already pretty familiar with the program.

“I wasn’t in the TRIO program when I was a student, but most of my friends were, so I was always around the program and I knew generally what they did and I saw the difference and how it affected my friends. I didn’t realize how much of a difference that actually being in TRIO would bring to me when I actually stepped into the position. It has been amazing being able to walk side-by-side with students and that hands-on capacity that I’ve always wanted... it’s nice to make a difference and help students succeed, not by giving them a helping hand, but to give them a hand up to their next part of their life and career.”

LTC THEATER TO PERFORM ELTON JOHN AND TIM RICE'S *AIDA*



Theater director Barbara Shimer has announced details for the upcoming production of the Lincoln Trail College Production of Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida*. Winner of four 2000 Tony Awards, it is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal, chronicling the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility that she faces as the leader of her people. Aida and Radames' love for one another becomes a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity. With an unforgettable score, featuring soaring ballads and rousing choral numbers, *Aida* is a modern crowd-pleaser.

Under the musical direction of Sandra Nichols, Tara Gallion, acclaimed for her roles in *Into the Woods* and *Les Misérables*, will play the Nubian princess, Aida. Robinson High School senior Kelsey McDaniel, will play Amneris, the daughter of Pharaoh. A newcomer to the LTC stage, Justin Janney, will play Radames, the Egyptian captain, betrothed to Amneris but who finds himself falling in love with Aida. Ryan Mikeworth will play Radames' young Nubian slave Mereb, while Bailey Flath plays Nehebka, a Nubian slave who befriends Aida. The evil, manipulative chief minister, Zoser, will be played by Levi Whigham. Tom Moore will take on the role of Amonasro, Aida's

father and Ken Martin is the Pharaoh. Company roles will be filled by a group of strong performers including Taliyah Batchelor, Vickie Becker, Chuck Bennett, Tori Cheesman, Annily Condon, Kandle Dart, Amy Drake, Mindy Evans, Abigail Fathauer, Chris Forde, Sarah Kennedy, Leslie Loftis, Sabrina Malone, Brian Manhart, Ben McCullough, Abigail Metheny, Heather Moore, Jessica Moore, Ryan Pinkston, Emma Short, Dennis Steckley, Jade Tatom, Gracie Trowbridge, Lauren Wagoner, Isaac Wilson and Alan Wiseman.

Performances are scheduled for March 16-17 and 23-24 at 7 p.m. and March 18 at 2 p.m. Performing Arts Angels are invited to an opening night reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Room of the Zwermann Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and go on sale February 26. They can be reserved by contacting the Performing Arts office 618-544-8657 ext. 1433 between the hours of 12-5 Monday –Thursday and 12-4 Friday. However, the Performing Arts office will be closed March 5-9 for LTC's spring break.

SIX SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN CHORAL FEST

Forty-five students from six high schools participated in Lincoln Trail College's 2018 Choral Fest on February 3. The students spent the day working with LTC music instructors. That evening, the students performed under the direction of Music Director Rebecca Carmack. LTC's Statesmen Singers and Community Choir also performed during the concert.





MARCH SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball

2-4	Babe Howard Tournament	TBA
8	Southeastern	3:00
10	at Southeastern	12:00
15	at Wabash Valley	3:00
17	Wabash Valley	12:00
21	at Vincennes	3:00
22	John A. Logan	3:00
24	at John A. Logan	12:00
26	at Danville Area CC	4:00
27	Danville Area CC	3:00
29	Vincennes	1:00

Softball

1	at Lake Land	2:00
3-10	at Myrtle Beach, SC	TBA
15	Kaskaskia	2:00
18	at Frontier CC	1:00
20	at Olney Central	2:00
22	Shawnee	2:00
24	at Southwestern	12:00
27	Wabash Valley	2:00
29	Lake Land	2:00
30	Olney Central	2:00

Men's Basketball

2	at Lewis & Clark	7:30
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GIRLS FUNDAMENTALS CAMP



GIRLS FUNDAMENTALS BASKETBALL CAMP



FEBRUARY 11 • 10-11:30 AM
FEBRUARY 18 • 10-11:30 AM
FEBRUARY 25 • 10-11:30 AM
MARCH 4 • 10:30-NOON

BASIC RULES • PASSING • BALL HANDLING
SHOOTING • SCREENING • CUTTING
REBOUNDING • DEFENSE

COST: \$40 ON OR BEFORE 2/2/18
\$45 ON 2/11/18
\$20 PER ADDITIONAL SIBLING

The Lincoln Trail College Lady Statesmen are putting on a basketball camp for girls in second through sixth grades. The Girls Fundamentals Camp will work with the players on the basics of basketball. LTC players and coaches will lead the camp, which will focus on skills like passing, ball handling, shooting, screening, cutting, rebounding, defense and the basic rules of the game. The camp meets on Sundays from February 11 through March 4.

ALL STAR GAME RETURNS APRIL 6

The Spring Classic All-Star Game returns to Lincoln Trail College for its sixth edition April 6. The annual event pits all-star teams from Illinois against all-star teams from Indiana. The game also features future Statesmen and Lady Statesmen. The girls' game tips off at 6:00 followed by the boys' game at 7:30.