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LTC SPORT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE WHILE HELPING IN THE COMMUNITY



THE CAST HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

Network



A Construction Technology student works on a building project in class



Health Careers students learn about taking blood pressure from instructor Laurie Jenkins



A Broadband Telecom student works on a lab project in class

LTC CELEBRATES CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares individuals for high-skill, in-demand employment that furthers Illinois' global competitiveness. Last year, roughly two-thirds of all Illinois community college graduates earned a CTE degree or certificate. CTE programs offer flexible scheduling, work-based learning, and stackable credentials that provide a pathway from education to employment not only for recent high school graduates, but also for returning adults, veterans, and workers wanting to update their skills. To ensure that students acquire the skills and knowledge they need to be successful, programs contextualize instruction to the application of skills in the workplace and offer access to state-of-the-art technology. Student success in CTE programming is amplified by academic support services, work-based learning opportunities, and business engagement. CTE's reach in Illinois' workforce continues to be expansive; currently, there are over 4,200 different CTE program offerings across the community college system.

Lincoln Trail College joins with community colleges throughout the state to celebrate Career and Technical Education Month. "Lincoln Trail College realizes that in the 21st Century there are careers out there that don't necessarily require a Bachelor's degree or higher, but they

need something in addition to a high school diploma," said Lincoln Trail College Dean of Instruction Brent Todd. "These are careers that are highly technical and for me, that is the importance of career and technical education. We are promoting these good-paying jobs to our students and they can go directly into the workforce after earning a credential here at Lincoln Trail College."

"Career and technical education programs are at the core of the community college's mission to provide educational opportunities tailored to local business and industry needs. These programs lead students into high demand careers in growing fields such as healthcare or cybersecurity that pay very well," said ICCB executive director Dr. Brian Durham.

Todd says one of the ways Lincoln Trail College stays up-to-date with providing what businesses and industries need is through the use of advisory councils. The advisory councils provide the College feedback as to what they need from students. Todd says the College uses that feedback to adjust classes and curriculum.

Many Lincoln Trail College students also take advantage of internships. Todd says that's a great way for students


**UPCOMING
MARCH
EVENTS**

- 1 **Midterm**
- 2 **Pearson Testing**
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 4-8 **Spring Break**
- 5 **Elder Care Series**
5:30 p.m., Williams Hall 112
- 6 **Twin Rivers Career Day**
- 7 **Celebrate Art!**
9 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- Nutrition Series: Growing and Cooking with Herbs**
5:30 p.m., Library
- 9 **LEAD Awareness Class**
7 a.m., Williams Hall 111
- SAT Exam**
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 105/108
- 12 **Elder Care Series**
5:30 p.m., Williams Hall 112
- 16 **First Aid Class**
8 a.m., Professional Annex 403
- 19 **SIUE Visit**
10 a.m., Williams Hall Foyer
- Elder Care Series**
5:30 p.m., Williams Hall 112
- 20 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony**
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 21 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 22 **Beauty and the Beast**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 23 **Beauty and the Beast**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 24 **Beauty and the Beast**
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 26 **Summer/Fall Registration Begins**
- 28 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 29 **Beauty and the Beast**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 30 **Beauty and the Beast**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 31 **Beauty and the Beast**
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater



A Process Technology student works on a simulator in class.

to take what they've learned in the classroom and apply that in the workforce. He says the on-the-job training is an incredibly important part of the education students receive while they're at Lincoln Trail College.

Todd says one of the reasons why students have been so successful at Lincoln Trail College is because of the vast amount of industry experience instructors have. "We have faculty that have been out in the field. They've worked in the industry. They bring all of this experience into the classroom because we want our students to go into the field prepared and we get great feedback from our industry partners because our students are prepared. I do believe that the experience our faculty brings into the classroom is part of the reason that we've had such success."

Todd says the experience of the instructors combined with the success of many students has given Lincoln Trail College a good reputation. For example, the Broadband Telecom program has been used to provide corporate training.

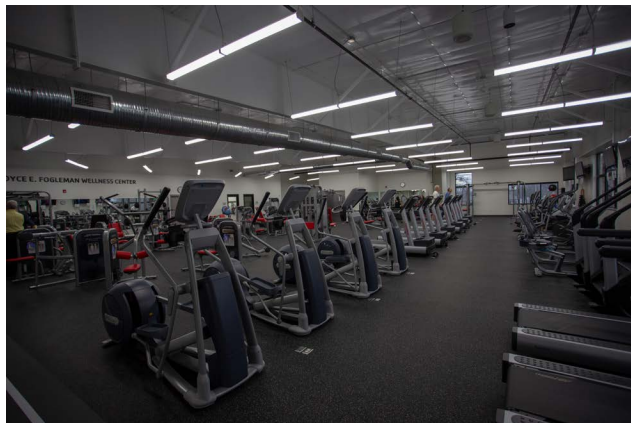
Todd says there's a large need for people with the skills to work in these highly technical fields. He says these are high-paying and gratifying careers.

One of the reasons I would recommend students to consider career and technical education is because the careers are out there. We have great placement rates. In one of our programs, we have 100 percent placement of graduates into the workforce upon graduation. These are high-paying positions. They're careers that people may not know about or may not have considered in the past. So, if you're a student that's undecided, but you want an exciting, well-paying career, Lincoln Trail College can help you obtain that goal.



See how LTC students are getting hands-on training in their CTE programs. Watch the LTTV video:
<http://www.youtube.com/LincolnTrailCollege>

REC CENTER BOARD VISITS TOLEDO YMCA



With the opening of the Neal Family YMCA in Toledo, IL, residents of Crawford County are getting a good sense of what the Crawford County Recreation Center (CCRC) at Lincoln Trail College will do for local communities. “One of the challenges we have encountered as we have cast a vision for the CCRC is helping people understand the scope and scale of the project,” says Bill Sandiford, CCRC President. “Unless you have been to a community that has a facility like this, it is hard to imagine what a 35,000 square foot facility will look like and what it can do for area residents.” The Board of Directors of the CCRC recently traveled to Toledo to visit with the CEO of the Neal Family YMCA Blake Fairchild. “The community here views this as kind of a once in a lifetime opportunity for the City of Toledo. They

just absolutely love the facility, excitement is sky high,” says Fairchild. “I don’t know how to tell you how busy we’ve been. It’s been overwhelming at times with the number of people that have been through our door, especially in the evening hours. I don’t think we could ever have expected the number of visits that we’re having over the weekend and in the evening. It’s truly been incredible.”

Like the proposed construction at Lincoln Trail College, the Neal Family YMCA sports an indoor pool for recreational and wellness-based activities, multipurpose rooms for spinning, aerobics, yoga and Zumba classes, large open spaces for free weights and exercise machines, equipment to support cardiovascular exercise and a large indoor multi-sport court that has an elevated walking track above it. “Obviously Toledo had a special level of support from the Neal Family Foundation,” says Chris Forde, President of the Robinson Chamber of Commerce. “But when you see what a place like Toledo, a town of 1,700, has accomplished, it certainly raises your level of confidence and excitement about the prospect of bringing a similar feature to Crawford County.” The Neal Family YMCA in Toledo was a vision of Burnham Neal who founded Neal Tire in Toledo, Illinois. Sadly, Mr. Neal passed away before his vision could be realized. Upon his death, the Neal Center Incorporated was founded for the purpose of building a community center for Toledo. While the funds necessary for construction were readily available, they soon realized they needed help in the planning and administration of their center. The group reached out to the Mattoon Center YMCA who helped them turn their vision into reality. The 35,000 square foot facility cost just over four million dollars to build and equip with equipment and other “soft” costs like desks, tables, chairs, and technology. By their second week of operation, the Neal Family YMCA exceeded their first-year membership goal of 500 units.

LTC President Ryan Gower sees the construction of the CCRC at Lincoln Trail as a tremendous benefit to the college. “This will certainly help prospective students, including non-residents of District 529, see Lincoln Trail College as a place where they want to attend,” says Gower. “Beyond that, part of our mission is to strengthen our communities. Yes, we do that by making sure that we have a well-trained workforce for industry to employ, but we also do that by creating jobs, helping area employers recruit new talent, and developing classes and opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds to improve their quality of life. This facility is going to help make Lincoln Trail College the hub of Crawford County.” Blake Fairchild agrees. “We’ve been able to help revitalize the [Toledo, Ill.] square. Traffic is coming to the facility, and I’ve heard many members say that they have never seen the square so busy thanks to the Neal Center YMCA.”

The Crawford County Recreation Center currently has just under three million dollars in pledges or cash donations which is about 60% of the way to the final goal of five million dollars. Public fundraising efforts are expected to begin in the next few months. In the meantime, an advisory board of key community constituents has been formed to help with fundraising and to provide input on facility design and programs. “We should always be striving to be more tomorrow than we were yesterday,” says Gower. “The CCRC is just one of the ways we are pushing to move Lincoln Trail College forward.”

LTC SPORT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS INTERN WITH FLOOR HOCKEY PROGRAM



Parrish Hutchens helps a goalie get in his gear before play begins

Two students in Lincoln Trail College's Sport Management program are getting on-the-job experience through an internship with the floor hockey program at Lincoln Grade School.

Brady Clampet and Parrish Hutchens help the program in a variety of ways each day. The two LTC students help set up the gym for the games, handle administrative tasks like checking the kids in each day and making sure they have equipment, and help during the games by serving as coaches and referees.

"It's preparing me, it really is," says Clampet. "It's preparing me to do what I want to do. I'm really interested in working in an arena or with a team and this is preparing me for the same kinds of daily operations I'd be doing."

The program has been in place for a few years and it has been growing each year. Reggie Truitt is a 5th grade teacher at LGS and works with the floor hockey program. He says as the numbers grew, they approached LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower to see about getting interns from the College to help. "There was just a need for a little bit more help and LTC was

happy to help us out and it is really working out well."

There are more than 200 kids participating in the program this year. The students play hockey each day after school in the months of January, February and the beginning of March.

The program has also given Clampet and Hutchens the chance to work with kids. "Being with kids is really a learning experience," says Hutchens. "There are all kinds of different kids, so you have to learn how to manage that and make sure the kids are happy and not get mad at each other or get down on themselves."

For Hutchens, working at LGS is a chance for him to return to where he went to school when he was in grade school. "It's a great program and how they're running it is really great. I wish I was able to play when I was in school. It's really great how they're doing this for kids and giving them a chance to do something after school."

One of the benefits the floor hockey program got with its partnership with LTC is the chance to work with the Chicago Blackhawks' GOAL program. That led to a donation of 30 hockey sticks, 30 floor hockey balls, 30 jersey, and two goals to support the floor hockey program. Truitt says the donations really helped the program a lot.

Truitt says the idea of the floor hockey program is for the kids to have fun, but he says it also promotes fitness. "We try to have fun, play hard, and we try to get a workout out of them. A great night is when they take their helmets off and they're sweating, and their faces are red or they come to the bench and you can hear them breathing and they're tired. That's a great night for us. We're also teaching kids to overcome some of their fears and to not be afraid to get in there and compete and go run around."

Clampet says he would recommend the internship to other students because he's learned so much from it, especially working with the kids. "I've just learned so much from them and they're learning from us too."



Brady Clampet gets ready to drop the puck while serving as a referee



See how Clampet and Hutchens are helping the floor hockey program. Watch the LTTV video:
<http://www.youtube.com/LincolnTrailCollege>

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



The "Be Our Guest" ensemble works on their music during a rehearsal for LTC's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast

LTC Theater is pleased to announce the cast for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Music director Rebecca Carmack debuts on the LTC stage as Belle, the smart, plucky heroine who longs for more than her provincial life. John Sharma will bring the prince transformed into a hot-tempered Beast to life. Samuel Mikeworth returns to LTC as the as the egotistical, manipulative yet charming villain, Gaston. Brennan Seth Tracy appears as Belle's eccentric inventor father, Maurice. Gaston's sidekick LeFou will be played by Ryan Mikeworth. Daniel Dix is Cogsworth, the tightly wound mantle clock, and Chris Jansen is Lumiere, the suave, debonair enchanted candelabra, Mrs. Potts, the warm-hearted enchanted teapot will be played by Becky Miller, while Sicily Rawlings is her teacup son, Chip. Jamie Cox in her first LTC show plays the feather duster, Babette. Amy Drake is the opera diva turned wardrobe, Madame de la Grande Bouche. Ryan Pinkston is the sinister Monsieur D'Arque.

They are supported by an extremely talented company including Kody Ballew, Jessica Basile, Taliyah Batchelor, Vickie Becker, Daniel Boatman, Jennifer Boatman, Roxanne Boatman, Ruth Boatman, Vincent Boatman, Amaya Brimberry, Xavier Brown, Ashley Butler, Victoriya Cheesman, Hudson Dix, Larry Dix, Carrie Drennan, Mindy Evans, Baylor Forman, Brynn Forman, Mikaila Graham, Braden Hook, Marty Kirk, Kelsey Ledermann, Sabrina Malone, Brian Manhart, Abigail Metheny, Jessica Moore, Tom Moore, Mallory Mosbey, Monroe Nethery, Emma Newlin, Kirsten Potts, Alexa Rank, Ashtyn Reid, Callie Reid, Hannah Reid, Spencer Roe-Weaver, Jordon Rutan, Nyah Schulte, Elie Schutte, Jasleen Sharma, Lyla Stewart, Isaac Wilson, Alan Wiseman and Rachel Wiseman.

Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The show will be under the direction of Barbara Shimer and music director Sandra Nichols. A veteran crew will bring the production to life including technical director Larry Quick, producer Robert Quick, costumers Cary Schiller and Mary Arabatgis, lighting designer Chris Blair and choreographer Jessica Cheesman. Steve Jenkins will oversee the Robinson High School Building Trades class as they construct the set.

Performances will be in the LTC Zwermann Arts Center March 22-24, and 29-31. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and go on sale March 11. Performing Arts Angels will have the opportunity to reserve tickets beginning February 25. Angels are also invited to the hospitality room open thirty minutes before each performance. Angel memberships are open, and new Angels are always welcome.

For more information on becoming a Performing Arts Angel, or to purchase tickets call the Performing Arts office at 618-544-8657 ext. 1433 between 12-5 p.m.



MARCH ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

1	Snead State (at Boaz, AL)	11:00
2	Snead State (at Boaz, AL)	12:00
5	Jefferson County (at Hillsboro, MO)	12:00
7	Wabash Valley	3:00
9	at Wabash Valley	12:00
12	Danville Area	3:00
14	at John A. Logan	3:00
16	John A. Logan	12:00
19	at Vincennes	4:00
20	Vincennes	3:00
23	Ivy Tech (at Grand Park, IN)	1:00
24	Ivy Tech (at Grand Park, IN)	1:00
26	at Frontier CC	3:00
28	Southwestern	3:00
30	at Southwestern	1:00

Golf

13-16 at Ron Marshall Spring Fling

Men's Basketball

1	Southeastern	7:30
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Softball

4	Macomb	9:30
4	Sinclair	12:00
5	Macomb	11:00
5	Eastern Florida	4:00
7	Monroe	9:00
7	Ridgewater	12:00
8	Spoon River	9:30
8	St. Cloud	11:30
14	Olney Central	2:00
17	at Frontier CC	1:00
19	at Wabash Valley	2:00
23	Southeastern	1:00
24	John A. Logan	1:00
26	Elgin	1:00
28	at Lake Land	2:00
30	Southwestern	12:00
31	Lindenwood JV	12:00

Women's Basketball

1	Southeastern	5:30
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Lincoln Trail College hosted its first Admitted Student Day on Saturday, February 9. The Admitted Student Day event is just one new way that LTC is working to improve enrollment. According to LTC President, Dr. Ryan Gower, relationship building with prospective students is critical to improving yield rates. "This

event gives us the opportunity to highlight one of our greatest strengths – the individualized attention students receive on our campus. The purpose of the event is twofold. First, it gives prospective students the opportunity to tour our campus and meet the LTC faculty, staff and students. Second, it engages the entire campus in our enrollment efforts and reminds them everyone in the organization is responsible for promoting the college and our programs of study."

LTC Student Services staff, led by LTC recruiter Kit Tracy, worked for two months sending postcards, letters, e-mails and making calls to invite students who submitted applications to attend the Admitted Student Day. "It is important for us to remember that just because they have applied to LTC, they may not end up enrolling here," says LTC Assistant Dean Julie Higginbotham. "We want them to enroll with the institution that is the best fit, but our job is to remind them of all the reasons why LTC might actually be that fit." The turnout for the event was high, with more than 70 people, some from as far away as Kentucky, coming to campus to learn more about the College.

Before arriving, students were encouraged to send a list of questions or things they would like to learn more about on their visit. These questions were then given to faculty and staff who addressed the students in small breakout sessions. Dean Brent Todd, along with faculty, alumni, and current students in Arts & Sciences, Business & Technology, Health & Wellness, and General Studies spent over an hour answering these questions with students and their families. "We made our best case for choosing Lincoln Trail College over other institutions," says Gower. "We talked about our academic rigor, student life at the college, the success of our graduates, the ease of transferring to four-year schools, the need for skilled labor in our area, and our generous Foundation and reasonable costs of attendance." After the breakout sessions, guests were treated to lunch and then took in the IECC rivalry basketball games between Lincoln Trail College and Olney Central College.

Lincoln Trail College plans to make the Admitted Student Day event a regular part of its enrollment activities. "It was a learning process," says Higginbotham. "We have a good idea of what worked and can already see ways we can do it better next year. The best news is that several of the students who attended have already told us they plan to attend LTC in the Fall term."