

# LTC NETWORK

## DECEMBER 2012

- 1 **Santa Day**, 1-4 p.m.,  
Student Union  
**Merry Tuba  
Christmas Concert**,  
3 p.m., theater  
**Fall Concert**, 6 p.m.,  
theater
- 2 **Fall non-credit  
recitals**, 1:30 and  
3 p.m., theater
- 3 **Celebrate Art  
reception**, 9-11 a.m.,  
cafeteria
- 3-5 **Performing Arts  
Juries**
- 4 **High School Art  
Exhibit opens**,  
library
- 5 **Women's and men's  
basketball host  
Lewis and Clark**,  
5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- 7 **Fall semester  
graduation  
application deadline**  
Last day of fall  
classes  
Last day to  
withdraw with a W
- 9 **Concert Choir  
performance**, 2 p.m.,  
theater
- 10-13 **Fall semester  
exams**
- 11 **Compass testing  
and advising**,  
8-10 a.m., WH

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



## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE TRAIL

More than 2,300 youth and their escorts made the trek through Lincoln Trail College's annual Trick or Treat at the Trail Oct. 25. The event, co-sponsored by the LTC Foundation, features free community trick-or-treating in a safe environment. It is supported by community businesses and industry.

# College reps converge on LTC

Area students learned more about Lincoln Trail College programs and those of area colleges, universities and branches of the military during the annual College Fair conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 7 in the LTC Sports Center.

Among the institutions scheduled to attend this year's event were: Lincoln Trail College, Frontier Community College, Olney Central College, Wabash Valley College, Benedictine University at Springfield, Blackburn College, Corinthian Colleges/Wyotech, Eastern Illinois University, Eureka College, Greenville College, Illinois College, Illinois Institute of Art, Illinois State University, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, Lake Land College, Lakeview College of Nursing, Lawrence Technological University, Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln



Christian University, Lindenwood University – Belleville, Linn State Technical College, McKendree University, Millikin University, Northern Illinois University, Olivet Nazarene University, Quincy University, Ranken Technical College, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, U.S. Military

Academy West Point, University of Evansville, University of Illinois at Springfield, University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, University of Southern Indiana and Western Illinois University.

Other organizations attending included Illinois Army National Guard, Illinois Student Assistant Commission and U.S. Air Force ROTC.

For more information, contact Student Services at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1122.

## *LTC rings in the holidays Dec. 1*

Lincoln Trail College will ring in the holiday season with several activities Dec. 1 on the college's main campus.

Santa Day will kick off the activities from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union. The community is invited to enjoy free seasonal games, activities and craft projects. Santa will meet with children in the LTC library. Those attending are invited to bring a camera for photos

with Santa.

Merry Tuba Christmas, a free performance by area low brass musicians, will be presented in the theater at 3 p.m. Merry Tuba Christmas concerts will be presented in more than 250 cities throughout the United States and abroad to honor the late tubist/educator William Bell.

Capping off the day will be the LTC music department's fall concert at 6 p.m.

in the theater. For tickets, call the Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657, ext. 1433. For more information on LTC, visit [www.facebook.com/lincolntrailcollege](http://www.facebook.com/lincolntrailcollege) or [www.twitter.com/ltc\\_il](http://www.twitter.com/ltc_il). LTC was recently recognized for the second consecutive year as one of the top 120 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute for its completion rates and academic and workforce outcomes.

- 13 **Compass testing and advising,** 12-2 p.m., WH
- Defensive Driving,** 6-10 p.m., Harry L. Crisp Educational Center Room 106
- 14 **Last day of fall semester**
- 15 **Women's and men's basketball host Danville,** 4 and 6 p.m.
- 19-Jan. 1  
**College closed for winter break**

## *Author visit*

Author J.T. Hartke will give a free presentation on writing and getting published at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 in the LTC library.

The former Dieterich resident is the author of "A Balance Broken: Book I of the Dragonsoul Saga," an epic fantasy saga.

Hartke is making appearances all over the country, including Comic-Con International in San Diego, GenCon Indy, DragonCon Atlanta, as well as several high schools, book stores, and libraries.

His presentation will emphasize both storytelling and the craft of writing, as well as a discussion on how he got published.

## MOCK ELECTION

LTC students, staff and faculty participated in a mock presidential election Nov. 5. The last 32 years, the LTC election has served as a predictor for the real presidential election. This year's race ended in a dead heat, with both candidates netting 38 votes.



## LTC celebrates art

In an effort to share local art with the community, LTC will host three annual art shows.

The first is the LTC 2012 Fall Celebrate Art! High School Art Show Competition. Area students in grades 9 through 12 have been invited to share their works of art ranging from drawing and painting, to computer-generated art, 3D artwork and photography. Following judging, eight works of art will be selected for display in the LTC Library. There will be a local artist presentation and an artists' reception will be at 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 3 in the LTC cafeteria. Artwork will be on display from Dec. 4 through March 1.

The second high school art show competition will be conducted in the spring. Entries are due May 6, 2013. The LTC 2013 Spring Celebrate Art! Day local artist presentation and artists' reception is planned for 9 to 11 a.m. May 13 in the LTC theater and cafeteria, with artwork on display May 14 through Oct. 11 in the LTC Library.

The final art show is the Children's Art Show Exhibit in March. Area grade school teachers are invited to select and prepare artwork for the exhibit which runs from March 11 to May 3 in the LTC Library. An artists' reception is scheduled for 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 11 in the library.

## *Defensive driving offered districtwide*

Several National Safety Council Defensive Driving courses (DDC-4) will be offered throughout the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District during November.

Classes will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 26 at Frontier Community College Foundation Hall; Nov. 27, Wabash Valley College Science Building Room 58; Nov. 28, Olney Central College Wattleworth Hall Room 114; and Nov. 29, Lincoln Trail College Harry L. Crisp Educational Center Room 106.

The DDC-4 course is a classroom "face-to-face" course. It is accepted as an assigned driving course as required for traffic-related court supervision. Some insurance companies will provide a discount for successful completers of this course. Participants successfully completing the one-night course will receive a National Safety Council, DDC-4 Certificate. The cost for this class is \$50. Special rates are available to seniors wishing a refresher on safe driving skills.

To register, contact Donna Boyd at Lincoln Trail College, (618) 544-8657, ext. 1165.



## VICTORY JUMP

Area participants in the first LTC Tri-Kids event jump for joy at completing the event. Lincoln Trail College offered area youth ages 6 to 12 a taste of triathlons during the fitness event, which featured swimming, biking and running on the LTC campus. The purpose of the Oct. 14 event was to promote healthy habits.

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# Wine-tasting series begins in November

LTC will offer community members an opportunity to learn about wine and seasonal wine pairings with a series of courses offered this winter.

Instructor Joy Neighbors will kick off the series with *What to Serve with the Bird: Selecting Thanksgiving Wine* on Nov. 20. The workshop, which meets from 6 to 8 p.m., will emphasize the basics of wine tasting, wine and food pairing techniques, and a brief history of the grapes used in each wine.

The second workshop in the series, *Celebrating with Holiday Cheer: Selecting a Holiday Wine*, will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 11. During this workshop, participants will taste six wines perfect for holiday get-togethers.

*Ring in the New Year: Selecting the Perfect Bubbly*, from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 18, will address the perfect wines for toasting your celebrations. Again tasting techniques, pairings and history will be addressed.

A four-week Wine Appreciation workshop will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays Jan. 8 through 29. Students will try several different wines from various regions of the world in their quest to develop a working knowledge of wine, wine tasting techniques, pairings, wine storage, and grape history. Cost of the four-week workshop is \$50.

A Special Wine for Your Valentine: Red, White, Sparkle or Chocolate will conclude the wine series from 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 5.

No previous wine knowledge is required, though the class is designed for those with a serious interest in wine. All participants must be 21 years of age or older. Please bring ID to class.

Unless otherwise noted, each workshop is \$25. All wine workshops will meet at Tuscany Grill restaurant in Robinson.

To register, or for more information, contact Community Service at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1130.