

# LTC NETWORK

January 2015

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- 12 *Spring Semester Classes Begin*  
*All Tuition & Fees Due*
- 15 *Phi Theta Kappa Meeting, 11 a.m., Student Union*  
*Alumni Association Meeting 6 p.m., Cafeteria*
- 17 *Winter Band Festival, 7 p.m., Theater*
- 19 *College Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*
- 21 *Alumni Association Meeting, 6 p.m., Cafeteria*
- 22 *LTC Foundation Meeting*  
*The Guthrie Brothers present Scarborough Fair: A Simon & Garfunkel Experience*
- 26 *Last Day to Register for Spring Semester Classes*  
*Last Day for Refund of Tuition/Fees*

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

## LTC Education Pays Off



Getting your education from Lincoln Trail College can pay off. A new study released by the Illinois Community College Board finds that an Illinois community college education increases earnings for workers, even during a recession.

The study found that the return on investment for Illinois community college graduates amounts to \$570,000 over a lifetime. The average annual rate of return is 14.2%. Taking classes can increase a student's earnings 25.3% over pre-enrollment wages.

"Graduating from Lincoln Trail College can really pay off," said Lincoln Trail College President Kathryn Harris. "The numbers don't lie. Investing in your education can give you better returns on your investment than the stock market or home ownership."

The study found that nearly 9 out of 10 Illinois community college graduates remain in Illinois after completing college.

"Attending Lincoln Trail College can give you the skills you need to be competitive in the workforce," said Harris. "We're able to respond to the needs of our local businesses and industries and provide our students with the skills they need to find good jobs."

Lincoln Trail College has been honored for its success with students. CNN Money named LTC the top public two-year college in Illinois for student success. The school has also been honored by the Aspen Institute twice as one of the top 120 community colleges in the nation for completion rates and workforce outcomes.

"It's easy to see why we say 'let the Trail be your path to success,'" said Harris.

# LTC Graduate Appears on *Elementary*



A Lincoln Trail College graduate is showing how the Trail can be your path to success by appearing as a guest star on an episode of *Elementary*.

Derek Grabner ('09) guest starred as Chris Stotz on the episode titled *Rip Off*, which aired Nov. 27.

Grabner was one of 35 people that read for the role. He auditioned for the role about a week-and-a-half after moving to New York City. "I was just happy to be there. I had kind of obsessed and stayed in my room for about two days going over the scene, thinking about it and wondering what I can bring

extra to it and really just diving deep," said Grabner.

It was his first audition for a role after moving to New York and he quickly booked the role after it was offered to him. "I didn't know what to expect. I had never been on a set before, but what I realized quickly is that there's no time to think about what you're doing while you're there, you just have to do it."

Grabner continues to audition for roles. Since mid-October, he's auditioned for about 20 different things ranging from TV shows, to web series to movies.

While at Lincoln Trail College, Grabner played baseball and was involved in theater productions. He says his time at LTC helped him learn a lot about time management and prepared him for his time at Ball State University, where he continued to act and play baseball. "Each place in life can be a stepping stone. You can learn from everywhere you're at. I took the schooling very, very seriously. I got my core (courses) out of the way so when I transferred, I was able to focus more on my acting."

He looks back at his time at LTC fondly. "Those friendships and knowing that I have a home base no matter what happens in my life. I honor LTC and I remember my time there and I really respect it," said Grabner.

## Forde Named New Coordinator of Marketing & Public Information

Chris Forde has been named the new Coordinator of Marketing and Information at Lincoln Trail College.

Prior to coming to Lincoln Trail College, Forde spent the last 15 years as the News and Sports Director at WTAY/WTYE Radio in Robinson, Ill. He is a 1999 graduate of DePauw University with a degree in Communications Arts and Sciences. In addition

to his time at WTYE, Forde is also a member of the Crawford County 911 ETSB Board, the Local Emergency Planning Committee and is a former member of the Leadership Crawford County board.

As the coordinator of Marketing and Public Information, Forde will be responsible for developing the college's marketing and publicity.

## LTC Offering Online Classes

Busy, but looking to advance your education? Lincoln Trail College can help you with a wide selection of classes available online.

Attended college, but didn't complete? Lincoln Trail College can help you with an Associate's Degree. Taking an online class can lead to your path to success.

Online classes can also help students currently enrolled in a four-year college degree program. Online courses from Lincoln Trail College offer high-quality education at an affordable cost.

Online classes offered in the spring semester include:

Business and Accounting: Applied Accounting (ACC 1101), Fundamentals of Accounting (ACC 1102), Office Seminar (BOC 210), Managerial Effectiveness (BUS 1102), Principles of Business (BUS 1103), Power Point (CIS 1275), Leadership Development (GEN 1110), Employment Skills (GEN 2297), Principles of Macroeconomics (ECN 2101).

Social and Behavioral Sciences: Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 2101), General Psychology (PSY 1102), Child Psychology (PSY 2105), Abnormal Psychology (PSY 2111), Sports Psychology (PSY 2112), Race and Ethnic Relations (SOC 1108), Principles of Sociology (SOC 2101), Death and Dying (SOC 2104) and Sociology of Aging (SOC 2108), Introduction to Ethics (PHI 2101), Philosophy of Religion (PHI 2121).



## Brown Bag Lunches Continue

Humanities and Fine Arts: Cinema Appreciation (ART 1141), Understanding Art (ART 2101), History of American Music (MUS 1102).

English and Literature: Composition and Analysis (ENG 1121), American Literature (LIT 2112), Mythology (LIT 2181).

Math: Geometry for Elementary Majors (MTH 1122), Technical Mathematics (MTH 1201).

Medical: HIPAA Compliance (HEA 1209), Intro to Human Pathophysiology (LSC 2114), Ethics in the Medical Community (PHI 2141).

Science: Introductory Meteorology (GEG 1103), Survey of Physics (PHY 1110), Introduction to Physical Science (PSC 1101), Introduction to Astronomy (PSC 1111) or Introduction to Astronomy with a Lab (PSC 1112).

### Secret Santa Helps LTC Students

Once again, the elves at Lincoln Trail College helped families through the Secret Santa program. Each year, LTC, the LTC Foundation and local businesses team up to help students with unmet needs give their families a good Christmas.

This year, 14 families were selected, helping 21 children. Families selected provided information like their child's interests, favorite toys and clothing sizes. Shoppers used that to get gifts for the children. The students were able to pick up the gifts for their children during the week of finals.



Lincoln Trail College's Brown Bag Lunches series continued Nov. 21. The November luncheon gave the community a chance to meet student-athletes at LTC. The Brown Bag Lunches give members of the community a chance to see what's happening at the college and give their input on what they'd like to see.

"Lincoln Trail College wants to be part of the community and we want our community to be a part of the Trail," Harris said. "Join us as we discuss ways we can grow our community."

The series will resume Jan. 23 with a focus on the Performing Arts at LTC.



### Trail Talk Debuts on WTYE

Lincoln Trail College has a new weekly home on the radio on 101.7 WTYE. The new *Trail Talk* program airs each Saturday morning at 10:00. The hour-long program features Lincoln Trail College coaches talking about what's happening in their current seasons. Each program also features a special guest coach. Past guests include Indiana State University men's basketball coach Greg Lansing, former Lawrenceville High School head coach and Indiana University assistant Ron Felling and Butler University assistant coach and LTC alumnus Terry Johnson. There's also a segment highlighting people and events at Lincoln Trail College.

Archived shows are available at [wtiefm.com/trailtalk](http://wtiefm.com/trailtalk).



## Six Statesmen Sign with Colleges



Six LTC baseball players signed to continue their careers at Division I schools. Shortstop Cody Hall and first baseman Jack Hranec will play at Murray State University. Righthanded pitcher Damon Olds and lefty Weston Rivers signed with Indiana State University. Catcher Chris Deaville signed with McKendree University and lefthanded pitcher Nick Cumpston will play at Eastern Kentucky University.

“To have guys move on like that is a great feather in the cap for the program, but it’s a testament to the guys and how hard they work. All those guys were very lightly recruited. They came in, they busted their tails and they put themselves in position to move on, which is kind of what we’ve done here for a long, long time.” said baseball coach Kevin Bowers.



*LTC games streamed live at [ihigh.com/ltcathletics](http://ihigh.com/ltcathletics)*

## LTC Basketball Schedule

### January 2014

- 3 Men at Three Rivers
- 7 W&M vs. Southeastern
- 10 W&M at Kaskaskia
- 14 W&M vs Olney Central
- 17 W&M vs Wabash Valley
- 21 W&M vs John A. Logan
- 25 W&M at Rend Lake  
(Women: 1 p.m.,  
Men 3 p.m.)
- 28 Men at Lewis & Clark
- 31 W&M vs Lake Land

Women’s games start at  
5:30 p.m.

Men’s games start at  
7:30 p.m.



**Come  
Support  
the  
Statesmen!**