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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, about half 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 4,000 different CTE program offerings across the community college system.

Lincoln Trail College is joining with other community colleges in Illinois in celebrating CTE Month. "CTE Month is an important reminder of the significance of developing the workforce, the vocations, and the career-oriented workforce that is needed in this country," said Lincoln Trail College President Dr. Zahi Atallah. "Our country needs people for all sorts of careers, from factory to agriculture to business and industry in general."

LTC Dean of Instruction Brent Todd says career and technical education serves as a big part of what community

colleges do, and that's no different at Lincoln Trail. "We have our traditional students that are transferring to universities, but we also have many students right here at LTC that go directly into the workforce upon graduation."

One of the advantages of career and technical education is that students receive lots of hands-on education according to Todd. He says students in LTC's different programs get a chance to do some of the same things they'll do when they begin their careers. Todd says in some cases, they'll use the same tools and equipment they'll use in the field while in other cases, they'll be able to use simulators to perform jobs in a learning environment.

Atallah says one of the things students can expect is to have a quick pathway to a fulfilling career. "Our programs are intended to be a quick path to employment. You won't need to spend years and years in school just to get basic training. We'll prepare you to get an entry-level job for which you're training and qualified. This includes things like certification and licensing exams."

Todd says LTC's programs strive to keep up with the demands of industry. "One of the things that's great about our career and technical education programs is we work hand-in-hand with industry to make sure what we're teaching are the skills that these employers need now. Our advisory councils provide feedback on our programs as to what we need to incorporate, and we make changes based on what the industry wants."

Projections show that areas seeing the most demand for employees in the coming years are in career and technical careers. "There was a big buzz in the 80s about people going to college and then it moved into a STEM buzz," said Atallah. "The US is still the leading manufacturer in the world and the leading IT country in the world and the leading health care country in the world. We need those workforces and we need individuals coming into the workforce. LTC is a great place to serve as a springboard for all people."



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT LTC OPPORTUNITIES



Lincoln Trail College welcomed high school students from the area to learn about different programs on campus. Close to four dozen students came on separate days to learn about LTC's Sport Management, Health Careers, Broadband Telecom, Process Technology, and Welding Programs.

The first group of students came on January 14 to learn about the Sport Management and Health Careers programs. The students from Robinson High School started their day with a College Knowledge information session. From there, they toured the campus and heard from LTC students and instructors. The students also got the opportunity to have hands-on demonstrations while learning about the Nursing, Certified Medical Assisting, Electronic Medical Records, and Pharmacy Technician Programs.

The second group of students came on January 19 to learn about Broadband Telecom, Process Technology, and Welding. They also had a chance to dine in the Statesmen Grill and learn about the FAFSA process and scholarships. Students came from Crawford County high schools as well as Newton and Cumberland.

Students had several hands-on opportunities while visiting Broadband Telecom and got to see LTC's Process Technology and Welding labs. All of the visits gave an overview of the programs and the kinds of career opportunities that exist for students.

The students visited ranged from sophomores to seniors. Tona Ambrose, who organized the event, said the events showed the students what was available to them both now and in the future. "We had a request from the guidance counselors to help expose students to exactly what these programs include. The hope is after seeing them, students will want to sign up for an applicable dual credit course."



LTC student Mallory Mundy talks with RHS students about the college's Sport Management program.

LTC ANNOUNCES FALL ACADEMIC HONORS

Lincoln Trail College has released its academic honor lists for the Fall 2021 Semester. Three lists have been established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges to indicate students who have achieved academic excellence. They are the Chancellor's Honors List, the President's Academic Honors List and the Dean's Academic Honors List.

To qualify for any of the honor lists, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 hours or more) and must be taking college-level classes.

To be named to the Chancellor's Academic Honors List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.90 or greater on a 4.0 scale; between 3.75 and 3.89 for the President's Academic Honors List; and between 3.50 and 3.74 for the Dean's Academic Honor's List.

CHANCELOR'S LIST

Annapolis, Ill.: Marah Matthews, Trenton Matthews, Sheldon Myers

Brazil, Ind.: Whitney Hill

Casey, Ill.: Rebecca Geffs, Noah Jenkins

Flat Rock, Ill.: Zachary Buttolph, Caleb Fisher

Flora, Ill.: William Lehman

Geff, Ill.: Alex Barnfield

Hutsonville, Ill.: Stephanie Rinard

Lawrenceville, Ill.: Brandon Blackwell, Zane Crossen

New York, NY: Benjamin Schlipf

Newton, Ill.: Noah Frohning

Oblong, Ill.: Caleb Black, Abby Bradbury, Emily Bradbury, Nicholas Brown, Carson Fancil, Morgan Gill, Hannah Janes, Micah Janes, Mackenzi McIntosh, Harlei Myers, Kaleigh Walin

Olney, Ill.: Samuel Berger

Palestine, Ill.: August Biernbaum, Brandon Miller, Travis Selby

Robinson, Ill.: Kody Ballew, Tyler Beard, Jonathan Beverly, Kinley Block, Ike Book, Sydney Byrley, Ezequiel Fernandez Carunchio, Fernando Gonzalez, Josh Green, Nicholas Harness, Dyana Hensley, Reese Johnson, Trista Koertge, Myles Land, Tyler Larginho, Paiton Mangrum, Coleton McMichael, Colby Morse, Mallory Mundy, Allison Nichols, Iyanuoluwa Olalere, Mykenna Osborn, William Palmer, Frederick Reeves, Mckenzie Rice, Georg Schoettle, Victoria Schopmeyer, Samuel Seeker, Juan Solivellas Garcia, Maximilian Steinhauer, Kylie Vermilya, Alex Wilzbach, Geon Yoon, Chanyoung Yun, Ethan Zakowski, Cathy Ziegler

Vincennes, Ind.: Ethan Edwards

West Union, Ill.: Drake Perry, Tucker Scott

West York, Ill.: Ditton Curl, Blake Girdner

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Annapolis, Ill.: Dustin Lassen, Elijah Upton

Claremont, Ill.: Crystal Stine

Hazel Dell, Ill.: Taylor Gray

Martinsville, Ill.: Samantha Parker

Oblong, Ill.: Callie Meadows

Robinson, Ill.: Emma Bogard, Charles Branch, Kaden Carter, Thomas Ditchfield, Alayasia Douglas, Gladys Duran Perez, Zacheriah Frasher, Ashlie Gaddis, Emily Inboden, Kaden Jacobs, Dawn Martin, Mathew McMahan, Hannah Meese, Zachary Nehlsen, Jonathon Popp, Tobias Thompson

Sumner, Ill.: Cassie Brinkman

Vincennes, Ind.: Kaden Winter

West Salem, Ill.: Trinity Lee

West Union, Ill.: Alexis Perry

DEAN'S LIST

Flat Rock, Ill.: Michael Johnston

Hutsonville, Ill.: Hayden Radziwill

Jasonville, Ind.: Natasha Townsend

Lawrenceville, Ill.: James Bible, Abigail Metheny

Marshall, Ill.: Katie Wood

Martinsville, Ill.: Payton Propst

Oblong, Ill.: Alyssa Fielder, Hayden Sechrest

Robinson, Ill.: Emma Bailey, Shane Capela, Daniel Chavira, Blaize Dedrick, Dominick Dunham, Joshua Dunser, Kacee Fulkerson, Kyle Gibson, Edson Gonzalez, Rayne Held, Shea Hendrixson, Alisha Henry, Kaylee Irelan, Carter Jewell, Samuel Kestranek, Taylor Poling, Olivia Ridlen, Harrison Rudd, Abiodun Soneye

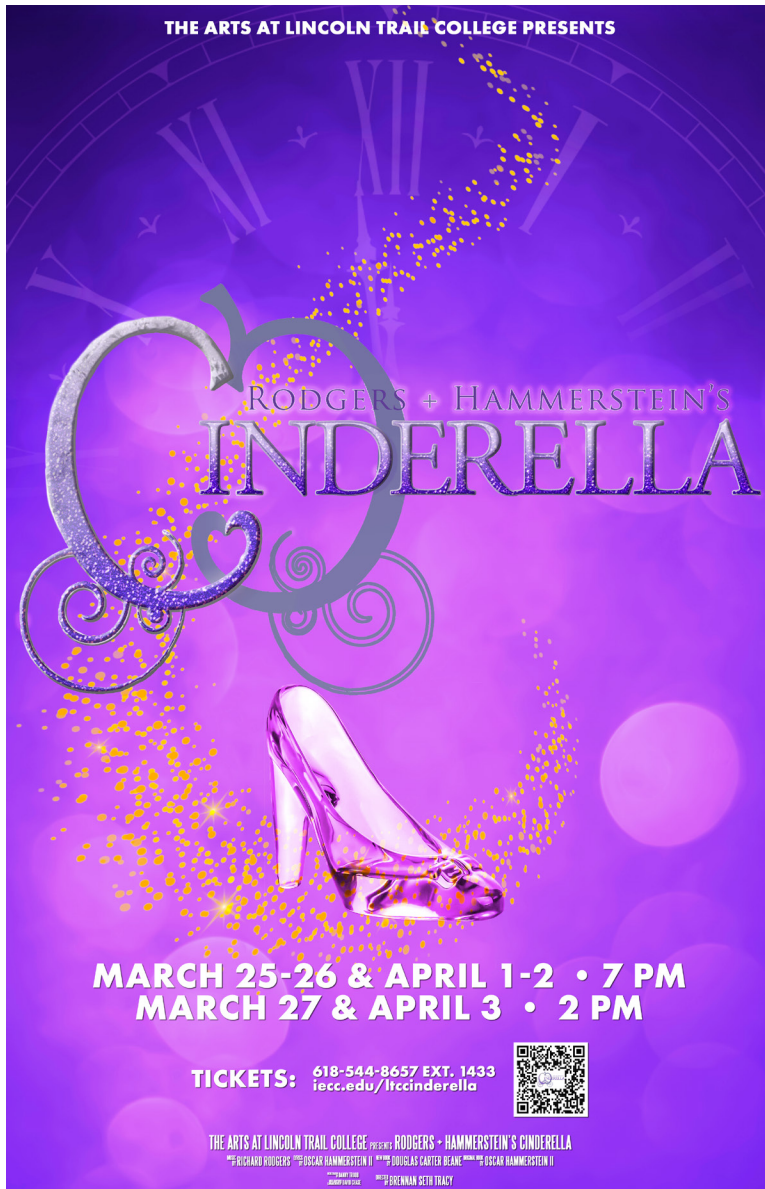
Sumner, Ill.: Melissa Sechrest

West Union, Ill.: Bryce Mehler



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CAST ANNOUNCED FOR LTC PRODUCTION OF CINDERELLA



Director Brennan Seth Tracy announced the cast for The Arts at Lincoln Trail College's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella.

Rebecca Geffs will be Ella, the young lady that dreams of escaping her endless chores so she might see the world. Ryan Pinkston plays Topher, the prince of the kingdom.

Madame, Ella's stepmother, will be played by Jamie Cox. Ella's stepsisters Gabrielle and Charlotte will be played by Taylor Gray and Rachel Carter respectively.

Tom Moore plays Sebastian, Topher's Lord Chancellor. Sebastian's second-in-command Lord Pinkelton will be played by Grae Drake. Revolutionary Jean-Michel will be played by Simon Wood.

Marie, Ella's Fairy Godmother, will be played by Mindy Evans.

The ensemble for the cast is made up of Abigail Bales, Anna Bales, Jessica Basile, Vickie Becker, Kinley Bradbury, Tessa Branson, Shelby Branson, Katrina Ferguson, Cien Gray, Grace Holmes, Sabrina Malone, Brian Manhart, Sicily Rawlings, and John Sutfin.

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella is the new Broadway adaptation of the classic musical. This contemporary take on the classic tale features Rodgers & Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible"

and "Ten Minutes Ago," alongside an up-to-date, hilarious and romantic libretto by Tony Award nominee Douglas Carter Beane. Originally presented on television in 1957 starring Julie Andrews, Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella was twice remade for television, first in 1965 for Lesley Ann Warren and again in 1997, featuring Brandy and Whitney Houston. The original Broadway production of Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella opened in 2013 and starred Laura Osnes, Santino Fontana, Victoria Clark, and Harriet Harris.

The Zwermann Arts Center Theater will host six shows. Opening weekend is March 25-27 with 7 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 matinee on the 27th. The second weekend of the show runs April 1-3 with 7:00 shows on Friday and Saturday and a 2:00 matinee on Sunday. Tickets will be available on showtix4u.com.

CORTNER, MUTH, RICE MAKE COLLEGE COMMITMENTS



Lincoln Trail College baseball player Kyle Cortner will continue his college baseball career at Indiana State. The left-handed pitcher and first baseman committed to the Sycamores in December.

Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers says Cortner exemplifies many of the characteristics he wants student-athletes to display. “He has distinguished himself on the field, classroom and community. Already an Academic All-American, Kyle was recently inducted into LTC’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter.”

Cortner broke into the lineup in his first year with the Statesmen at first base and led the team with ten home runs to go with a .293 batting average and 24 RBI. On the mound, he struck out 11 batters in seven innings of work.

“This season we look for Kyle to continue his dominance at the plate as well as contribute more quality innings on the mound,” says Bowers. “While being recruited to Indiana State as a pitcher, I have had lengthy discussions with their coaching staff about his ability to hit. With the growth he has shown on the mound, I have little doubt in his ability to have a positive impact at ISU.”



Lincoln Trail College catcher Kaid Muth will play for McKendree University after he finishes at Lincoln Trail College. He committed to McKendree in December.

“Kaid is a transfer and quickly integrated himself into the mix behind the plate,” says Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers. “He has shown the ability to lead a team and has the makings to be a great teammate.”

Bowers says Muth has one of the strongest arms and quickest releases he’s had at the catcher spot. He says Muth also has a gap-to-gap bat and above-average speed. “He has also shown to be an aggressive base runner and we look for him to steal a base when the opportunity shows itself.”

Bowers says that McKendree is a great situation for Muth. He says that they have a new coaching staff and they identified him early as a player they wanted in their first recruiting class.



Lincoln Trail College pitcher and outfielder McKenzie Rice will continue her athletic and academic career at Indiana University-Southeast.

“I’m so excited for McKenzie,” says Lady Statesmen Coach Erica Arnold. “I know she will be a tremendous asset to IUS. I believe McKenzie has the ability to go right in and be a difference maker for the Grenadiers. She is a phenomenal student-athlete and her drive alone will take her far. We will miss her next year.”

Rice is in her first year with Lincoln Trail College after graduating from West Vigo High School in 2021.



MARCH ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

10	at Olney Central	3:00
12	Olney Central	12:00
17	Kaskaskia	3:00
19	at Kaskaskia	12:00
24	at Wabash Valley	3:00
26	Wabash Valley	12:00
29	Rend Lake	3:00

Softball

3	at Shawnee	2:00
5	Southeastern	12:00
10	at John A. Logan	2:00
12	Southwestern	12:00
17	at Frontier CC	2:00
19	Wabash Valley	12:00
22	at Kaskaskia	2:00
24	Rend Lake	2:00
31	Lake Land	2:00

MUNDY COMMITS TO DEPAUW UNIVERSITY



Lincoln Trail College goalkeeper Mallory Mundy made her choice to continue her academic and athletic career. She committed to DePauw University where she'll play soccer and major in Communications with a focus on law.

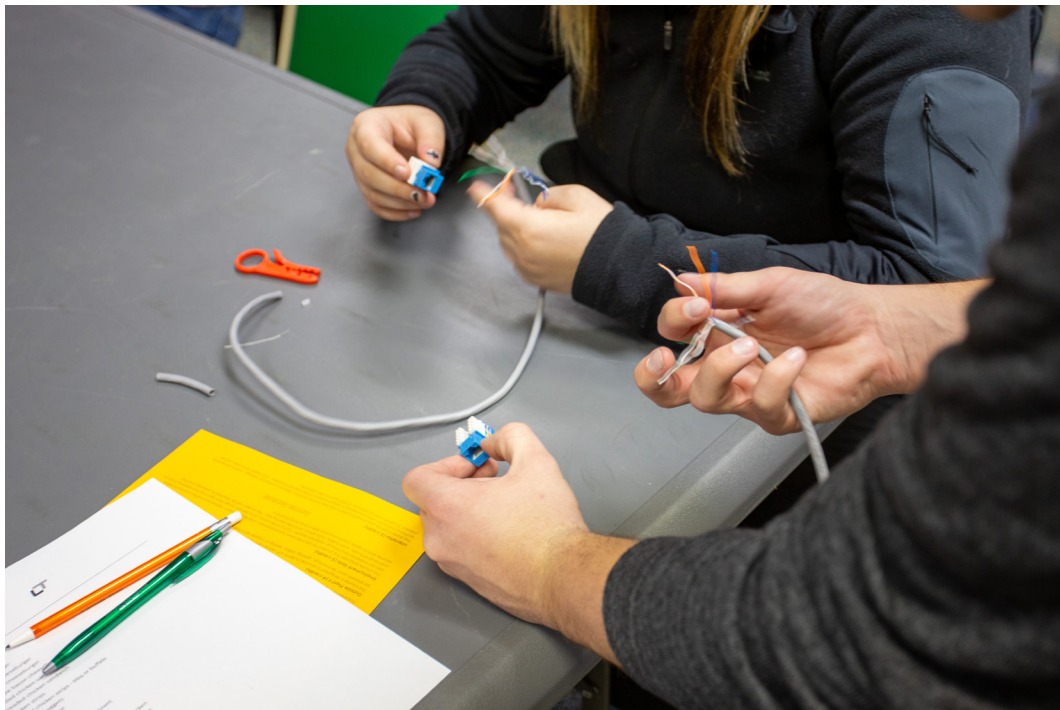
"I didn't initially know where I wanted to transfer," said Mundy. "I was trying to keep my options open. When I started visiting universities, I really wanted that at home feeling. My boss, Chris Forde, a DePauw alum, had always talked highly about his college experience. I booked a campus tour for DePauw which he joined me on. As soon as I walked on campus it felt right. After doing research on the academic success and high standard of excellence, I knew it was a perfect fit for me and my goals. The college search was over. From there, I reached out to DePauw's soccer coach and ended up committing to continue my athletic career as well which was just a bonus."

Mundy, who serves as the president of Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa at LTC and as the Regional Vice President for Illinois for Phi Theta Kappa, says she plans to bring her leadership experience to DePauw. She says she will also bring a different perspective to DePauw. "I think I have a different background than most of the students at DePauw which gives me the opportunity to really show what transfer students are capable of. I want to make the same impact on DePauw's campus as I have here at Lincoln Trail."

She also feels that LTC has prepared her well for DePauw. "Most importantly, it has taught me how to be academically accountable. Through my time at LTC I have learned time management skills, communication skills, and I have really narrowed down what I'm passionate about. If I hadn't chosen to come to LTC first I wouldn't be the same person walking into DePauw that I am now."

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Like most community colleges nationwide, LTC's students are predominantly first-generation and qualify for Title IV federal financial aid. Such data suggest that large numbers of our students likely have to work to afford living and college expenses. Additionally, it is not uncommon for a significant proportion of these students to be placed in developmental English and Math tracks. The outcome of such practices likely says to students that they are not good enough for college, a.k.a. Not prepared for higher



education. Rather than engaging students where they are and empowering them, this approach ends disenfranchising students and placing obstacles in their way.

It is essential to really consider that because some of us succeeded in the current model of higher education, it does not make it a welcoming and supportive environment. In my opinion, our success does not come despite our students, it comes from their success and because they chose to grow and develop their skills with us. Therefore, it is essential to acknowledge that there are as many roads to success as there are people and that everyone needs to be met where they are, and accompanied until they reach their intended point of success. The concept that college is only for a select few who have particular skills, is antithetical to the mission of LTC and IECC, as well as the spirit of community colleges.

To counter the mindset that college is running students through a gauntlet, at LTC we are interested in integrating the concept of a growth mindset. This concept was first described by Dr. Carol Dweck, who contrasted it with a fixed mindset in which the outcomes are predetermined by current abilities. The outcome is a total re-thinking of the college experience, ways of serving and teaching students, and views of student success. In turn, this translates into moving away from the model of a "sage on the stage". It is about meeting the students where they are at individually and focusing on the "power of the not yet", as opposed to the domination of the "you failed" model. It is our job to empower our students and to pave the way to their success. Currently, our retention and completion rates, especially for part-time students, suggest that this is an area of opportunity and growth for LTC.

LTC is a partner with the community, local businesses, organizations, and institutions. And we will continue to lead through innovative education and workforce development.

Dr. Zahi Atallah
President
Lincoln Trail College