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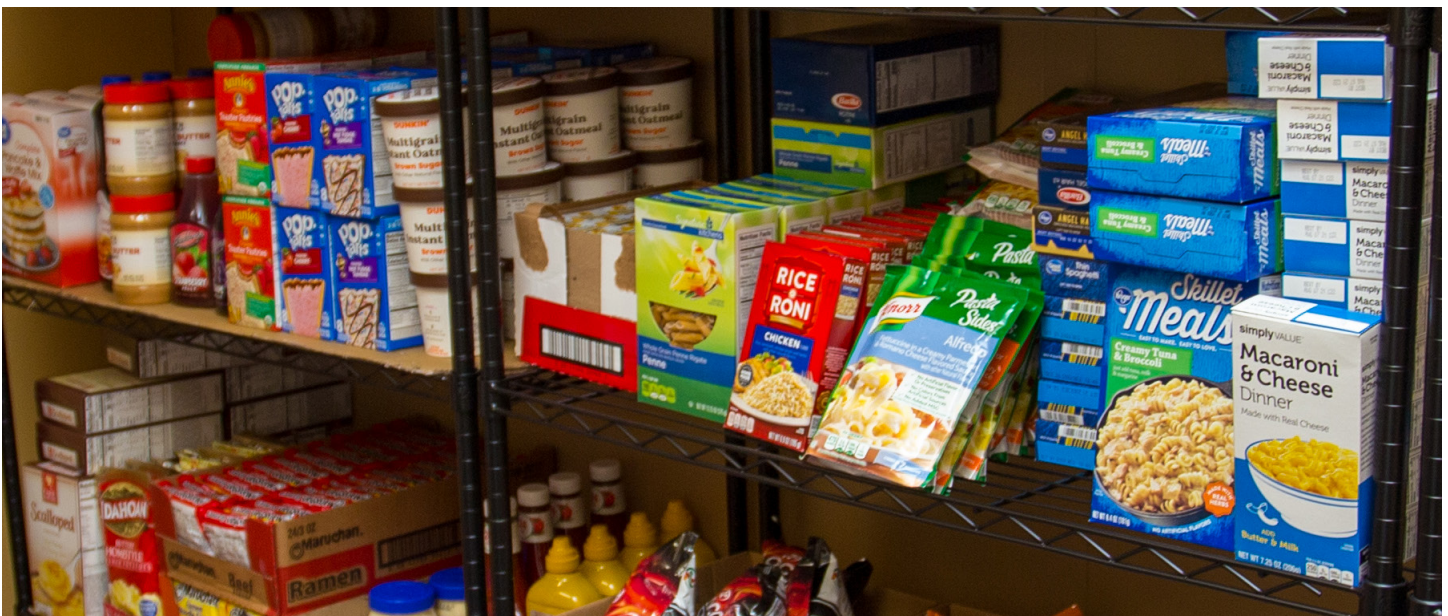


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LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

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UNITED WAY MAKES DONATION TO LTCARES



The United Way of Crawford County voted to support the LTCares Initiative with a \$4,000 donation. LTCares is Lincoln Trail College’s food pantry that’s designed to help with the food needs of students.

“The reality is that about 40 percent of community college students in the United States have experienced food insecurity over any 30-day window,” said LTC President Dr. Zahi Atallah. “Student success is not only about academics and tutors. It is also finding a way to make sure that students have all of the tools that they need. A student that doesn’t know where their next meal is coming from is not as likely to succeed.”

LTCares opened in March of 2021 as a joint project between Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa. It provides students with food, household items, and personal care items. LTCares is open throughout the day and students can take what they need, no questions asked.

“We started this to improve the quality of life for our students who experience food insecurity,” said Interim Dean of Instruction Cyndi Boyce, who helped start the venture while serving as a co-advisor for Student Senate. “We heard the need from our students and we knew we needed to do something to help them.”

While donations have helped stock the pantry, there’s also a need to buy items regularly, including things like eggs and meat. “This donation is incredibly important,” said Atallah. “Our faculty and staff have been incredibly generous to help make sure LTCares is a success, but their donations alone are not enough to meet the needs of our students.



UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

- 3** **Karate Try It Night**
6 p.m., Activity Annex
- 4** **IECC District Workshop**
7:30-4:30, LTC Campus
- 5** **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
10-1, Williams Hall Welcome Wall
- TEAS Test Prep: Math**
5-8 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 10** **COLLEGE CLOSED: Columbus Day**
- 12** **TEAS Test Prep: Math**
5-8 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 19** **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
10-1, Williams Hall Welcome Wall
- 20** **Psychology of a Serial Killer**
6-8 p.m., DeMent Auditorium
- 19** **TEAS Test Prep: English & Reading**
5-8 p.m., Williams Hall 112
- 22** **TEAS Test Prep: Science**
8-3, Williams Hall 111
- 26** **TEAS Test Prep: English & Reading**
5-8 p.m., Williams Hall 112
- 27** **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- Trunk or Treat at the Trail**
4-6 p.m.

We're incredibly grateful of the support of the United Way. Their generosity is going to make sure that students have one less thing to worry about as they try to succeed in college."

GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR CCRC



Work is about to begin on a new 25,000-square-foot building on the campus of Lincoln Trail College. A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at Lincoln Trail College on September 23.

The building will be the future home of the Crawford County Recreation Center, a facility dedicated to the physical and social health of all residents of Crawford County. It will include a 6,000-square-foot fitness center with free weights and strength and cardiovascular machines. It will also have three rooms for fitness classes like yoga, spinning, and dance and a dedicated child watch room. The large indoor walking track will allow year-round access to a safe and controlled environment for exercise. The two indoor multipurpose sport courts will host basketball leagues, pickleball, and volleyball tournaments and will be available for after-school programming. The new building will connect to the existing indoor swimming pool at Lincoln Trail College, which will also have new recreational features, including waterslides and an indoor party room. Once complete, the entire facility will be over 36,000 square feet. Naming and advertising rights for key spaces in the facility are still available.

Some of the preliminary groundwork has already started for the project. Construction of the facility should finish next summer, and the Crawford County Recreation Center will open to the public in the Fall of 2023. Those interested in future updates are invited to follow the Crawford County Recreation Center Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/crawfordcountyreccenter/>.

STUDENT JOURNALISM RETURNS TO LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE



NEWS BY STUDENTS, FOR STUDENTS

Student journalism is returning to Lincoln Trail College after a long absence. Instead of a yearbook or a student newspaper, the College is using new media to help students spread news about what's happening to their peers. LTC is relaunching *The Lincoln Logue* as a digital media platform that will be found on a variety of social platforms.

The concept comes from a Phi Theta Kappa project. They saw a need to provide students more access to news that affected them. They also wanted to deliver that news in a way

that would easily be found by students by using popular social media platforms. The students also chose a touchpoint to the past for the name, *The Lincoln Logue*, which was the name of the College's yearbook when it was published in the 70s and early 80s.

The Student Journalism class started this fall with eight students. Director of Marketing Chris Forde is serving as the executive producer of *The Lincoln Logue*. "This is going to be very different in terms of what it looks like," said Forde. "We're planning to use social media platforms to get the news out there to students because that's where they go to consume it. In doing so, we have to be very mindful of content expectations for the various platforms."

The news is going to be in video format and Forde is encouraging students to think outside of the box. "A traditional TV-style report isn't going to work well in this format. That's not to say that we won't honor traditional parts of journalism, but we also need to make sure that this is content that is engaging for our traditional student demographic."

Forde says one of the great things about *The Lincoln Logue* is that it will be student-generated content. "That's a huge key to success for platforms like TikTok. There are many colleges trying to figure out how to make use of the platform that is extremely popular with teens. Part of that is there's a strong expectation of the kind of content they see and why they go there. They want to be entertained and that's what we're going to strive to do. With that, some of the news may look very non-traditional for people used to seeing news delivered in a certain way. This is news by students for students and that is going to come with a different look and feel."

Students are also going to learn some other skills as they do this according to Forde, who spent 15 years as a professional journalist prior to joining Lincoln Trail College. "A big part of journalism is talking to people and getting them to talk to you, so there's a huge interpersonal communications part of this. They're also learning some aspects of communication and public speaking by recording and producing their videos. What I like most is this is a way for them to have some deeper engagement in our own campus community."

Forde believes this will also help prospective students see what happens at Lincoln Trail College. He says they plan to make sure the recruiters have information on how prospective students can find *The Lincoln Logue*.

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 28

Frontier Community, Lincoln Trail, Olney Central and Wabash Valley colleges are encouraging high school seniors to apply before the October 28 Priority Deadline to ensure they are first in line for scholarship dollars.

Last year, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges awarded more than \$272,000 in Success Scholarships to 408 local students.

IECC Director of Financial Aid Krystle Riggle says, “Applying for the priority deadline gives local students the opportunity to receive a scholarship for any of the four IECC colleges. We are excited to help students find different avenues to afford a top-rated education close to home.”

Initiated in 2020, the tuition awards are made available to Community College District 529 students who have committed to attend the IECC colleges by completing the admissions application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the Priority Deadline date. The Success Scholarships are renewable for up to four semesters — Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, not including summer courses.

“The awards demonstrate IECC’s ongoing commitment to seeing area students successfully achieve their higher education goals,” said IECC Director of Enrollment Management Andrea Loll. “We encourage all our area students to complete the necessary documents and see how much they can save by attending one of the IECC schools.”

Students can go to www.iecc.edu/priority to begin the application process now and file their FAFSA starting October 1. The FAFSA must have school code 001742 – Illinois Eastern Community Colleges listed.

Loll says this year students will receive additional assistance in applying as each college now has a dedicated admissions representative. During September and October, these recruiters will visit IECC District high schools on a weekly basis.

“We are looking forward to partnering with our area high schools,” Loll said. “Our recruiters will be available to answer questions and guide students in the application process. They also will be working with Financial Aid to help students create their FAFSA IDs, expediting the process and making it easier to walk parents and students through the FAFSA application. We really encourage students to complete their FAFSA — the earlier the better. Even if students know they are going to a four-year school, we still want to help them with the process. As community colleges, we are part of the community, and we want students to know we are here to serve them.”

Success Scholarship awards will be announced prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

“IECC is very affordable. We want to show students how affordable the IECC colleges can be and to let them know money is available to assist them financially,” Loll said. “We want to help our students and their families by providing the best option for them. With the priority deadline, families can see just how much money they can save by attending FCC, LTC, OCC or WVC.”

Students or parents with questions regarding the Success Scholarships or the FAFSA, should contact FCC, LTC, OCC and WVC Financial Aid, or visit www.iecc.edu/financial.

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG



THE **ONE-ACT** PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG
BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS

Brooke Olaivar, the director of The Arts at Lincoln Trail College's production of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*, has announced the cast for the show.

The show, slated for late October, is a comedy. The fictitious Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society has received a substantial bequest and is putting on a performance of *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. During the performance, a play within a play, a plethora of disasters befall the cast, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls, and floors collapsing. Cast members are seen misplacing props, forgetting lines, missing cues, breaking character, having to drink white spirit instead of whisky, mispronouncing words, stepping on fingers, and being manhandled off stage. The climax is a tribute to a scene in Buster Keaton's film *Steamboat Bill, Jr.*, when virtually the whole of the remaining set collapses.

Annie, who serves as the company's stage manager will be played by Abigail Metheny. Technical director Trevor will be played by Matthew Woodard. The role of Chris, the company's director and Inspector Carter will be played by Rowan Gray. Jonathan, who plays Charles Haversham, will be played by Gil T. Wilson. Robert plays Thomas Colley Moore and will be played by Tom Moore. Jessica Basile will play the role of Dennis who is Perkins the butler. John Sutfin will serve in the role of Max, who plays Cecil Haversham. Grae Drake was cast as Sandra, who plays Florence Colley Moore. The cast is rounded out by stage crew characters Vickie Becker, Brian Manhart, Tom Compton, and Sophie Kershaw-Patilla.

Performances of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* are October 20, 21, 22, and 28 at 7 p.m. and October 30 at 2 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater at Lincoln Trail College. Ticket sales begin October 1.

GUITAR AND FLUTE CONCERT PLANNED FOR LTC



The Arts at Lincoln Trail College will present an evening of guitar and flute music featuring Michael Patilla and Sophie Kershaw-Patilla. The concert takes place September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

The concert features music by William Beauvais, Mauro Giuliani, Nikita Koshkin, Manuel Ponce, Andrew York, and others.

It is the first of three concerts the duo is performing. They are playing at Michael Patilla's alma mater, The University of Montevallo, on October 6. The final concert is for the Rochester Music Guild in Rochester, Minn. on May 19, 2023.

Michael Patilla is a 1993 graduate of the University of Montevallo. After graduating with the Bachelor of Music degree from Montevallo, he received a Master of Music degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He has been active as a classical guitarist for over 35 years, performing throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. As a Fulbright Scholar, he served as a guest lecturer at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, performed concerts throughout the country, made various

radio and television appearances, and collaborated with Honduran composers to publish a collection of works for guitar. He created the guitar program at Mississippi State University, where he was on the faculty for 18 years, and currently serves as Director of The Arts at Lincoln Trail College.

Sophie Kershaw-Patilla holds a Bachelor of Instrumental Music Education degree from Mississippi State University and Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from Tennessee Technological University. She has been active as a flutist and piccoloist with over 25 years of experience as a regional performer and private instructor. She is a former member and board member of the Tennessee Wind Symphony in Knoxville, Tennessee. During her tenure, the TWS was recipient of the John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Silver Scroll, North America's most prestigious award for community concert bands. A member of Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education, she enjoys teaching applied music lessons, directing and performing with various ensembles, and teaching psychology courses at Lincoln Trail College.

Admission for the September 23 concert at Lincoln Trail College is \$5 at the door.



OCTOBER ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

1	King City Royals	12:00
8	at Memphis Fall Classic	12:00
	at Memphis Fall Classic	5:15

Golf

7	LTC Invitational	
14	vs. Vincennes at Lawrenceville, IL	

Men's Basketball

9	at Vincennes Jamboree	TBA
16	Midwest Jamboree at Carterville, IL	TBA

Men's Soccer

2	Oakland City University	3:30
8	at Heartland	2:00
12	at Parkland	2:00
15	at John Wood	2:00

Softball

1	ISU/Danville (at Terre Haute)	TBA
2	at IUSE	TBA
7	College Gameday (at Evansville)	TBA
8	IECC Classic (at Mt. Carmel)	TBA
14	Red Wolf Howl (at Jonesboro, AR)	TBA
15	Red Wolf Howl (at Jonesboro, AR)	TBA

Volleyball

4	Vincennes University	6:00
5	at Wabash Valley	6:30
8	Heartland CC	11:00
	Southeastern Illinois College	3:00
10	Kaskaskia	6:30
12	at Southeastern Illinois College	6:30
17	Rend Lake	6:30
19	at Southwestern Illinois College	6:30
22	Spoon River College (at Parkland)	7:00
23	at Parkland	10:00
23	John Wood (at Parkland)	3:00
24	John A. Logan	6:30
26	St. Mary of the Woods	6:00

Women's Basketball

8	at Illinois Central College Jamboree	TBA
21	Mineral Area College (Scrimmage)	5:00

Women's Soccer

2	Southwest Tennessee CC	1:00
6	Wabash Valley College	3:00
10	Lincoln Land College	3:00
15	at John Wood	4:00

LTC JOINS THETA CHI ALPHA



Lincoln Trail College will have a new way to recognize student-athletes that excel in the classroom. LTC is one of 13 colleges in the country offering a Theta Chi Alpha chapter.

Formed in 2021, Theta Chi Alpha is a nonprofit honor society that recognizes student-athletes from two-year institutions of higher education who excel both on and off the field of competition.

Theta Chi Alpha recognizes college student-athletes who participate in a sport at the varsity intercollegiate level, complete three full-time semesters (or four trimesters), and earn a 3.4 or higher cumulative grade point average. Selection for membership is by an athletic department designee in consultation with the individual's head coach and is based on outstanding scholarship, earned athletic letter winner, and excellent character and citizenship.

"We're committed to the success of our student-athletes at Lincoln Trail College," said Athletic Director Kevin Bowers. "We want our teams to be competitive and we want to prepare our student-athletes for their futures. We have a strong tradition of academic success at LTC in our athletic department and this is one more way that we can recognize the hard work done by our student-athletes in the classroom."

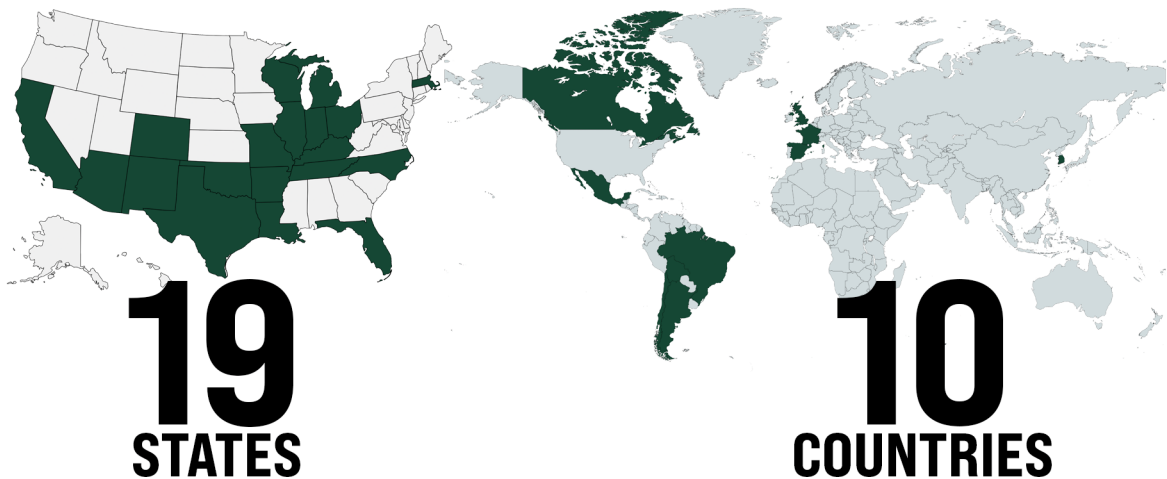
After the 2021-22 academic year, the NJCAA recognized 35 LTC athletes by naming them to their All-Academic Team. Five LTC teams earned Academic Team of the Year honors with the baseball and men's soccer teams both finishing in the top ten in the nation for their team GPAs. Additionally, the baseball team was honored as a Team Excellence Award Winner by the American Baseball Coaches Association while the Women's Basketball Team was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Academic Team Honor Roll.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At LTC we have been blessed with a significant increase in enrollment year to year. This Fall 22 semester we saw 11.8% increase in credits enrolled. Although a massive boost to the morale of the LTC community, the road ahead will include efforts to expand our enrollment base. Currently, around 16% of the population of Crawford County holds a bachelor's degree, which means that LTC has great opportunities to serve a broader population base than fresh high school graduates. In turn this means that we need to grow our career technical education offerings, not just as individual classes for the community, but as workforce development opportunity for local and regional employers.



WHERE THEY'RE FROM



A growth in the draw of LTC beyond Crawford County means that housing will be quintessential. IECC chancellor, Dr. Gower, has offered a vision for what the growth of student housing may look like. The census data show that between 2010 and 2020 Crawford County lost 6% of its population, while the percentage of the population over 65 years old or older went from 16.5% to 19.5%. This means that, in effect, the most significant population loss is associated with the loss of 16- to 64-year-olds. In turn, this means that for the local employers to thrive and the local economy to grow, we need to retain the youth and attract new ones. This means opportunities for LTC to be a driving force for that retention of local working age folks, and for the attraction on incomers. Both efforts may not happen without student housing, a broadening of the college offerings, and improvements in LTC's instructional and facility quality.

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