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**STUDENT TRUSTEE
ELECTION DAYS**

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22 & 23**

HIGHLIGHTS



LTC was recognized as the number five community college in Illinois.



Cyndi Boyce has been named LTC's Dean of Instruction



LTC is celebrating Career and Technical Education Month

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

Four Lincoln Trail College students are running to serve as the Student Representative on the Illinois Eastern Community College Board of Trustees. The position rotates between the four colleges in the district and this year is LTC's year. Guadalupe Amicone, Madisyn McIntosh, Sean Stone, and Abigail Vaughn are vying for the seat. The election takes place on February 22 and 23 in Williams Hall.

Candidates for Student Representative on the Board of Trustees must be enrolled full-time at Lincoln Trail College and have freshman status this year. The student elected to the position will serve on the Board for a year beginning in April.



Guadalupe Amicone

Guadalupe Amicone is from Buenos Aires, Argentina and is a women's soccer player for Lincoln Trail College. She made the Chancellor's Academic Honors List for the

Fall '22 Semester. She's also involved in the Future Business Leaders of America. One of Amicone's passions is learning and trying food from other countries.

"I've been here for six months, and I truly believe that this is my place in the world. I love the U.S., its culture, and its people. I've had incredible experiences in this country so far.

She is excited about potentially serving as the Student Trustee. "I have the energy, creativity, enthusiasm, and responsibility to do it. I want to return everything that LTC has given to me. I want to listen to all of you because each voice is important in my opinion. These are only words and I want to show them as actions."



Madisyn McIntosh

Madisyn McIntosh is from Oblong, Illinois and serves as the Vice-President of Lincoln Trail College's Future Business Leaders of America chapter. She made the Chancellor's Academic Honors List for the Fall '22 Semester.

"While obtaining my high school diploma, I took dual credit classes through Lincoln Tail College. I really enjoyed the classes and professors, so I quickly realized I wanted to transition to this school. Now that I am a student here, I am working for my associates in Science and Arts. Serving as the Vice-President of the FBLA has allowed me to gain real-world experience and build connections that are necessary to succeed in business. After my time here, I plan to transfer to a university to obtain a bachelor's degree in an undecided field of business."

"Becoming the student trustee has become a goal of mine in the past year. The idea of having a voice for out student body is important and exciting to me. As the trustee, I would be an asset to students by ensuring their welfare and achievement on the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges campuses."

UPCOMING

MARCH

EVENTS

- 6** NO CLASSES - Casimir Pulaski Day (Obs.)
- 7-12** NO CLASSES - Spring Break
- 8** Twin Rivers Career Day
- 9** Young Women Lead Conference
- 16** **Psychology of a Serial Killer IV**
6 p.m., DeMent Auditorium
- 18** **Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting**
8:30 a.m., Lincoln Room
- The Arts at LTC Scholarship Student Auditions**
10 a.m., DeMent Auditorium
- 23** **Student Senate Paint Night**
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 24** **South Pacific**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 25** **South Pacific**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 26** **South Pacific**
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 31** **South Pacific**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater



Sean Stone

Sean Stone is from Princeton, Indiana and is a baseball player for Lincoln Trail College. He made the Chancellor's Academic Honors List for the Fall '22 Semester. Additionally, Stone is involved in Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Future Business Leaders of America.

"Now in my second semester of college, I am more motivated than ever to succeed and make a positive difference in all that I do, whether on the baseball diamond, in the classroom, or hopefully as Student Trustee. I intend to give my absolute best effort to anything and everything that I encounter in life."

Stone says that from the time he was a young boy, he's chosen decisions through adversity and challenge that have molded him into the person he is today. Growing up, he moved seven times and endured through family financial struggles.

"Growing up, I often felt like an outsider, and while I often wanted to fit in with everyone else, I knew I was being called to be someone who stood out for the right reasons. Upon paving my own path in life, I have made many choices that have molded me into the person I am. I chose to be a multi-sport athlete through my childhood, as well as a self-taught pianist. These involvements gave me both a creative and competitive outlet in which to grow and thrive in building my self-confidence. Additionally, I have always worked to be the best student academically and set the example for my youngest brother that I did not quite have. I was honored to graduate third in my high school class in 2022 as a member of the National Honor Society."



Abigail Vaughn

Abigail Vaughn is from Lawrenceville, Illinois and is a volleyball player for Lincoln Trail College. She made the Chancellor's Academic Honors List for the Fall '22 Semester.

"'Just a small-town girl' may just be catchy lyrics to you, but in the past few years, I have begun to relate to them more and more. I am a small-town girl from Lawrenceville, Ill. with a heart for service, growth, and kindness. I believe that there is beauty in living in a small town, and I want to help enhance that beauty for students at LTC, WVC, OCC, and FCC. By attending LTC, I have been blessed with the opportunities to further my knowledge to pursue a degree in marketing, continue playing volleyball with an uplifting team, and meet several new friends and mentors. IECC brings together students from various backgrounds and geographical regions, but we are all united by our desire to expand our opportunities for future success! It would be a pleasure to serve the students and faculty of IECC by making sure that your voices are heard!"

"Vote for me and I will be a light for:
 I- Illuminating
 E- Every student's
 C- Concerns and
 C- College experiences"

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\$5 PER TICKET OR 3 FOR \$10

Winner drawn March 15
 Tickets available in Student Services Office

BASIC AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

THURSDAYS MARCH 2-23 | 6-8 PM

\$45 • INSTRUCTOR: TONY AUSTIN
 REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 18

Learn the basics of American Sign Language: ABC's, counting, days of the week, words, basic greetings, and phrases.

TO REGISTER, CALL: 618-544-8657

GROWING YOUR GARDEN FROM SEED

TUESDAYS FEB. 28-MAY 9 | 6-7:30 PM

\$65 • INSTRUCTOR: KRISTI RAWLINGS
 REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 21

Start your own vegetables or flowers from seed. This is a fun class for all gardeners or want to be gardeners.

TO REGISTER, CALL: 618-544-8657

CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS

MONDAYS MARCH 13-APRIL 17 | 6-8 PM

\$45 • INSTRUCTOR: RACHEL CARTER
 REGISTER BY MARCH 6

Enjoy sitting by the fireplace while learning a new skill

An introduction for beginners and a review of basic techniques for those wanting a refresher. Participants should bring a size H or I hook and Red Heart yarn in a solid color.

TO REGISTER, CALL: 618-544-8657

LTC RANKED AS #5 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ILLINOIS

College rankings agency Intelligent released its list of the best community colleges in Illinois and they rated Lincoln Trail College as number five. They also gave LTC the award of Best for Transfer Students.



"I'm proud to see this ranking and I'm not surprised," said Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Ryan Gower. "The faculty and staff at Lincoln Trail College are dedicated to the success of our students and it shows. Organizations like Intelligent recognize the quality of education available at LTC."

Intelligent evaluated each school on tuition costs, admission, retention and graduation rates, faculty, and reputation as well as the student resources provided for students. Using that, they calculated an Intelligent Score on a scale of 0 to 100. LTC's Intelligent Score is 95.87.

Intelligent praised Lincoln Trail College for its collaboration with universities in Illinois to help streamline the transfer process for students planning to springboard into a bachelor's degree program. They lauded LTC for providing students with an intimate setting with small class sizes and one-on-one instruction.

"This is something that we hear from students all the time," said Gower. "That personal attention is something that's very important to us. We always strive to put students first and we have instructors that give students lots of one-on-one attention to help them succeed. Our staff is always there to help students achieve their educational goals."

Overall, Intelligent says that a degree from a community college is a great way to invest in yourself. They cite the Bureau of Labor Statistics data showing that associate degree holders earn a median weekly wage of \$963, while high school diploma holders earn \$809.

"The high cost of a college education is a concern for many students, and many are concerned about college debt," said Gower. "Lincoln Trail College is a financially smart decision for students, especially those planning to earn a bachelor's degree. They can stay close to home and earn a high-quality education from instructors who are experts in their fields. Our tuition is a fraction of that of a four-year school, so you'll be able to save money."

The colleges on Intelligent's Top 34 Community Colleges in Illinois are all accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, an organization that examines objectives, quality, and overall effectiveness of education programs throughout the United States. Two other IECC colleges ranked in the top five on the list. Frontier Community College was number one and Olney Central College was number two.

BOYCE NAMED DEAN OF INSTRUCTION



Cyndi Boyce has been named the new Dean of Instruction at Lincoln Trail College. Boyce had been serving as the College's Interim Dean since the summer.

Boyce, who has been an instructor at LTC since 2006, says serving as the Dean of Instruction will help students, faculty, and staff at the College. "Serving as the Dean of Instruction gives me the opportunity to better the educational experience for our students while also providing the support that our faculty and staff need to excel in their positions."

She believes that her experience in the classroom will help as the Dean because she has a true understanding of the concerns of faculty, classroom needs, and of today's students. She feels that will help her better serve faculty and students.

"Cyndi will be an excellent addition to our leadership team," said Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Ryan Gower. "As a District, we are taking a step back to look at how we can best serve our students at all four Colleges. Having worked with her for seven years, I have found her to be someone

who embraces change personally and inspires others to do the same. She is a student-centered leader and that is precisely what IECC needs more of right now."

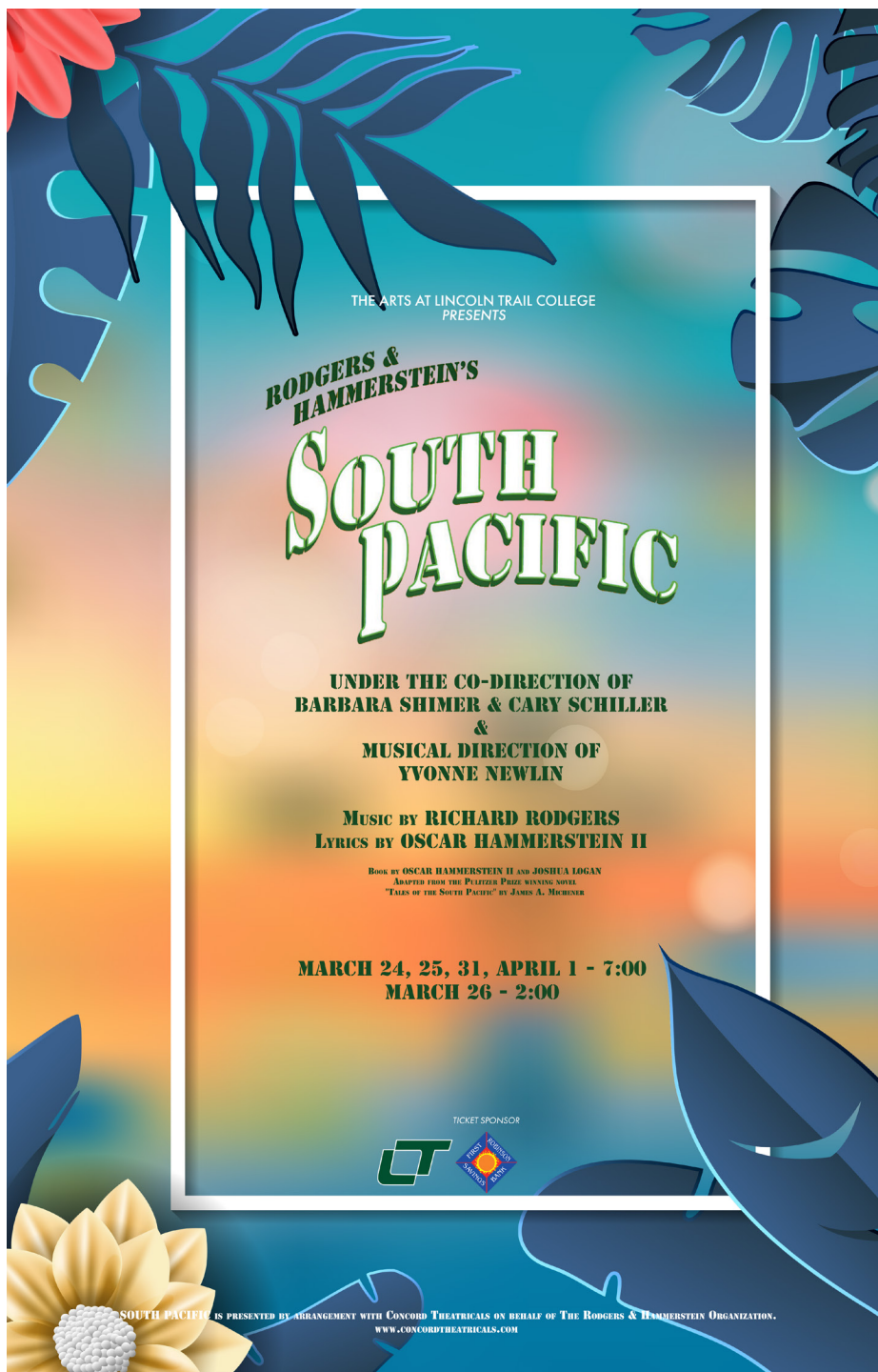
While at LTC, Boyce has taken on statewide leadership roles. She serves on the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and is the Chair of the Community College Caucus. She's served on the Dual-Credit, Mental Health, Equity and Inclusion, and Student Debt and Affordability working groups. Additionally, she was appointed to serve on the College Course Materials Affordability and Equitable Access Task Force.

Boyce's work at LTC includes serving as Student Senate Advisor and organizing and overseeing the LTCares Food Pantry. She's developed 20 online courses across six disciplines, two courses for transfer curriculum, and seven courses for career and technical curriculum. She's served on numerous committees and has been the Discipline Chair of Assessment, Social Sciences. She earned the College's Outstanding Teacher Award in 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, the Excellence in Online Education Award in 2021, and the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2021.

She says LTC has a strong reputation for academics and she wants to make it even stronger. "I am extremely proud of our institution and the quality of education that we provide for our students and our community. As we move forward, it is important to grow and adapt with student populations, provide our faculty with professional development opportunities, and continue to offer robust and high quality courses and programs."

She also wants to see LTC grow. "It is important to partner with business and industry in our communities and to keep in mind that the community is broader than Crawford County and Illinois. Which occupations is there a demand for? What skills are employers looking for? Answering these questions will help us know what types of programs we should be offering at LTC and IECC. In addition, I feel it important for community colleges to engage in community-based education. Learning and preparing for a career must go beyond the classroom. Active, engaged learning is essential to equipping students with the skills that employers want to see and the practical knowledge that students need to be successful."

CAST ANNOUNCED FOR LTC'S PRODUCTION OF SOUTH PACIFIC



Barbara Shimer and Cary Schiller, co-directors of the spring theater production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* at Lincoln Trail College, have announced the cast. *South Pacific* is adapted from the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Tales of the South Pacific" by James A. Michener and will be performed on the LTC Zwermann Theater stage March 24, 25, 31 and April 1 at 7 p.m. and March 26 at 2 p.m. The show is under the musical direction of Yvonne Newlin. Completing the production crew are Brooke Olaivar, Mary Arabatgis, Jessica Cheesman, Lincoln Jake Wright, Steve Jenkins and Colt Poettker, and Ken Martin.

On a South Pacific Island during World War II, Ensign Nellie Forbush (Rebecca Trivett), a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with French planter Emile de Becque (Jeremy Dix). When Nellie learns that Emile has children (Tessa Walton and Tyler Pleasant) with an island native, the relationship becomes complicated. Meanwhile, the strapping Lt. Joe Cable (Colby McGahey) falls in love with a Tonkinese girl named Liat (Makenzi Carlen), but he, too, has doubts about their future due to the same prejudices that Nellie is experiencing. The story unfolds with additional cast members Bloody Mary (Antje Phippen), Billis (Dan Dix),

Captain Brackett (John Sutfin), Cmdr. Harbison (Tom Moore), Marie (Vickie Becker), Stewpot (Samuel Mikeworth), Professor (Brennan Seth Tracy), Quale (Ryan Pinkston), and McCaffery (Rudy Nichols). The show will be brought to life by soldiers (Brian Manhart and Jonathon Murray,) and a vivacious group of nurses (Olivia Teska, Jessica Moore, Sydney Schottman, Katrina Ferguson, Sicily Rawlings, Al Crosley, Kinley Bradbury, Monroe Nethery, and Vickie Becker and Abigail Metheny.)

Tickets for *South Pacific* go on sale beginning March 1st. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Performing Arts Office at 544-8657, extension 1433.

LTC ANNOUNCES FALL '22 ACADEMIC HONORS



Lincoln Trail College has released its academic honor lists for the Fall 2022 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.

The following students have earned Fall 2022 academic honors:

CHANCELLOR'S ACADEMIC HONORS LIST

Guadalupe Amicone, Tomas Bascon Blacut, Caleb Black, Kaitlyn Boerngen, Jacie Bradbury, Addison Brasier, Treyton Brown, Sydney Byrley, Sandra Cooper, Lucas Davids-Badger, Thomas Ditchfield, Kyle Easton, Kendal Edmondson, Christopher Felix, Alyssa Fielder, Connor Fitts, Lilly Foster, Ana Guedes, Luke Hatfield, Isaiah Henriquez, Gary Higginbotham, Nolan Hillard, Presli Holmes, Reese Johnson, Samuel Kestranek, Brandon King, Macy Knight, Jackson Lorenz, Mackenzie Love, Brendon Luecke, Madison Martin, Madisyn McIntosh, Coleton McMichael, Brandon Miller, Curtus Moak, Colby Morse, Chance Moscardelli, Harlei Myers, William Palmer, Drake Perry, Krista Phillips, Jackson Pittman, Jonathon Popp, Curtis Richey, Hannah Saucerman, Katharine Schrader, Cliff Scott, Delainey Shorter, David Smothers, Juan Solivellas Garcia, Sean Stone, Abigail Vaughn, Chanyoung Yun, and Cathy Ziegler.

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC HONORS LIST

Caeden Bennett, Olivia Bright, Benjamin Brombaugh, Kaden Carter, Ditton Curl, Alexis Davis, Maycee Decker, Ethan Edwards, Carson Fancil, Evan Gower, Isabella Granja, Hannah Janes, Carter Jewell, Melodie Kershaw, Campbell McBride, Madison McKenzie, Mathew McMahan, Alexis Mendenhall, Abigail Metheny, Mateus Moura, Faith O'Handley, Tresten Radloff, Steve Reed, Faith Sanders, Victoria Schopmeyer, Dylan Shearer, Felipe Silva, Zharina Stephens, Jaceton Sweitzer, Keisha Watkins, Noah Wolf, and Spivey Word.

DEAN'S ACADEMIC HONORS LIST

Katie Arkulari, Joseph Bonds, Peyton Bugle, Lauren Clark, Haleigh Clayton, Nestlee Cook, William Davis, Victoria Denison, Laura Dollahan, Grace Dudley, KaCee Fulkerson, Haley Guyer, Jocelyn Hammond, Bailey Hartrich, Alexia Heafner, Rayne Held, Tyler Larginho, Jake Lynch, Hannah Meese, Sara Mills, Carson Musgrave, Jayden Pinkston, Graycie Poe, Liz Price, Tucker Pruitt, Dakotah Renshaw, Stephanie Rinard, Jordan Scroggins, Joshua Tyler, Clint Wickliffe, Nathan Wieber, and Ethan Zakowski.

LTC IN PICTURES



Lincoln Trail College FBLA-C students got the opportunity to tour Flying S and learn more about their operations.



Anatomy students don't skip leg day. The students studied the anatomy of a leg over lunch.



Telecom Instructor Dennis York speaks with Hutsonville High School students. They were touring the facility to learn more about the program.



Students in Amie Mayhall's class explore the inside of computers under the guidance of guest lecturer Travis Matthews.



Dr. Michael Patilla works conducts a choral masterclass with a group of students from Marshall Middle School.



Dominik Bauer leads a masterclass for brass students from Marshall Middle School. More than 100 MMS students visited LTC and participated in music masterclasses.



WTWO Assignment Manager and Reporter Nicole Krasean guest lectures in LTC's student publications class.



Student Publications students had the opportunity to tour WTWO/WAWV to learn about broadcast journalism.

LTC CELEBRATES CRITICAL WORKFORCE TRAINING DURING CTE MONTH



February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month and Lincoln Trail College is joining other community colleges across the state in celebrating the importance of preparing the workforce for in-demand jobs. CTE programs offered at Lincoln Trail College provide students with hands-on training and real-world experience in a variety of industries.

"CTE programs offer students an opportunity to receive hands-on training and a degree or certificate that prepares them for a career in one-to-two years," said LTC Dean of Instruction Cyndi Boyce. "This is a great alternative to a traditional four-year degree. Career and technology education can give students the technical skills, academic skills and employability skills that meet the needs of employers. These skills, however, can also help students succeed when deciding to continue their education."

According to the National Skills Coalition, nearly two-thirds of jobs in the U.S. economy are middle-skill jobs that require education beyond high school but not a four-year college degree. Many of these jobs are in CTE fields such as healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and IT which are among the fastest-growing occupations projected through 2029 according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Boyce says it is a myth that jobs in CTE fields are somehow less desirable. "As students face challenging economic times, CTE programs can be a lifeline. Students who complete a CTE program often receive higher paying jobs in a career that excites them."

She says one of the things students like about CTE programs is the opportunity to learn by doing. "Hands-on training is important because students completing our CTE programs are better prepared to begin their career, making them more desirable hires. Students can see how the knowledge and training they received applies to the needs of employers, thus making them more successful in today's labor market."

Some of LTC's programs have earned national recognition. College ranking organization Intelligent tabbed Illinois Eastern Community Colleges as the top Online Associate in Medical Assisting Program in the nation while a team of students in the Process Technology program finished in third place in the North American Process Technology Alliance's Troubleshooting Skills Competition.



MARCH ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

3	vs. Wabash Valley College*	1:00
4	vs. Kellogg Community College*	9:30
	vs. Vincennes University*	12:00
	vs. TBA*	2:30
5	vs. TBA*	12:00
9	at Kaskaskia College	2:00
11	Kaskaskia College (DH)	12:00
13	Univ. of Health Science and Pharmacy	2:00
16	Wabash Valley College	3:00
18	at Wabash Valley College (DH)	12:00
21	Vincennes University	3:00
23	at Rend Lake College	3:00
25	Rend Lake College (DH)	12:00
28	Southeastern Illinois College	3:00
30	at Southwestern Illinois College	3:00

* Vincennes University Spring Classic

Golf

5-7	at Goose Pond Spring Fling
10-11	at St. Mary of the Woods
16	Illinois Central College
28-29	at ICC Cougar Classic

Softball

6	vs. Northampton Community College*	8:00
	vs. Glen Oaks Community College*	12:00
7	vs. Gaston College*	12:00
9	vs. Delta College*	12:00
	vs. Harford Community College*	2:00
10	vs. Lackawanna College*	11:00
	vs. Henry Ford College*	12:00
14	Olney Central College (DH)	2:00
16	at Wabash Valley College (DH)	2:00
18	Southeastern Illinois College (DH)	1:00
19	at Shawnee Community College (DH)	1:00
21	Rend Lake College (DH)	2:00
23	Frontier Community College (DH)	2:00
25	at Kaskaskia College (DH)	1:00
28	at John A. Logan College (DH)	2:00

* Myrtle Beach, SC Fastpitch Dreams Spring Classic

For CMA Lead Instructor Dr. Jared Gullett, the ranking was an honor. "I'm honored to lead a program that is ranked highly among other similar programs. This shows that our graduates are more than prepared for patient care in the workforce. I think the flexibility of online and traditional face to face coursework makes our program stand out. We also start learning hands-on clinical skills right out of the gate, which I think students enjoy."

The Process Technology program has earned top-three finishes in each of the two years it has competed in the NAPTA competition and Instructor Tina Lindley says students are already preparing for the 2023 event. The event takes advantage of simulation software provided by Simtronics Corporation and students work together to troubleshoot a process upset. Lindley says the competition helps students learn how to be better team players, how to be safer employees, and gives them a better understanding of the industry, all traits employers search for.

Boyce says LTC works directly with industry leaders to make sure the college's education remains cutting-edge. "We work with business and industry through advisory councils and internship opportunities. Our CTE faculty and Perkins Coordinator Rob Jackman meet quarterly with representatives from our partner industries to discuss program enrollment, internships, industry needs, and programs needs."

CTE programs at Illinois community colleges offer a cost-effective way for individuals to pursue their career goals by costing a fraction of the tuition at four-year institutions, making it a more accessible option for many students.

"Illinois community colleges have a long history of working with local businesses and industries to provide students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in today's workforce," said Brian Durham, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board. "CTE programs at community colleges are an essential part of our state's workforce development strategy, and we are proud to be a part of preparing the next generation of workers."

For more information about the CTE programs offered at Lincoln Trail College, please visit www.iecc.edu/ltc. Students considering LTC for the Fall Semester have a scholarship deadline coming up in March. LTC's Priority Deadline is March 17 and prospective students can visit www.iecc.edu/priority to get started on the application process.