



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

# Network

NOVEMBER 2015

## Upcoming Events in December

- 2 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1 Williams Hall Foyer
- 4 **Student Recital**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center
- 5 **Santa Day**  
1-4 p.m., Student Union
- Tuba Christmas Concert**  
3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center
- Fall Concert**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center
- 6 **Youth Recitals**  
1:30 & 3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center
- 7 **Smart Grid Information Available**  
10-1, Cafeteria
- 8 **IECC Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Cafeteria
- 9 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- Compass Testing**  
2 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 10 **Evening of Scenes**  
7 p.m., Theater
- 11 **Last Day of Classes**
- Compass Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- TEAS**  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 12 **ACT Testing**  
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 13 **Holiday Concert**  
3 p.m., First United Methodist Church
- 14-17 **Final Exams**
- 14-15 **Music Juries**
- 17 **LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 18 **Last Day of Fall Semester**
- TEAS**  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 21 **Winter Break Begins**
- 1/4 **College Opens**

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## LTC STUDENTS WORK ON SERVICE PROJECTS

Lincoln Trail College students are using the leadership skills they're learning to put together a variety of community service projects.

The students are in Cora Weger's Pathways to Success Leadership classes.

One group of students is working to help the Humane Society by starting a donation drive at Robinson High School Nov. 16-20. They are collecting cleaning and grooming supplies, bleach, cat food and old newspapers. The drive is open to both students and the community. A different group of students plans to conduct fund raisers at local restaurants and schools to raise money for the shelter.

A group of students visited Hutsonville Grade School Nov. 9 to help kids make cards for veterans in the Heritage. They wanted to help the kids realize the sacrifice veterans make to protect the country and keep our freedom.

On Nov. 18, a group of students will go to Palestine Grade School to talk to students about the importance of going to college. They'll show the students salary comparisons of college graduates versus high school graduates. They'll also talk to them about the importance of knowing career goals when selecting college courses and they'll tell the students what to look for on college tours. They targeted grade school students because they do not usually get that kind of information until they reach high school.

A group of students is collecting medicine bottles for Malawi, Africa, where those are a limited resource. They say that often, people in Malawi have to carry medication home wrapped up in pieces of paper. The old prescription bottles they collect will be cleaned and then shipped to Malawi. They're hoping to collect at least 500 bottles. They have a collection drop off location at the Highland Church of Christ in Robinson.

One group of students is helping Operation Christmas Child. They plan to take boxes of donations to the churches from Palestine Schools. They also plan to donate their time to help load the packages.

A group of students is helping SWAN by collecting donations. SWAN is a non-profit organization that helps battered women by giving them a safe place to live while helping them find a job. They've placed donation boxes in the buildings at Lincoln Trail College to collect items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hair care products, soap, sheets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths. They'll be collecting items through Nov. 25.

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## PHI THETA KAPPA CELEBRATES C4 WEEK



# COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETION CORPS

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Lincoln Trail College is encouraging fellow students to finish college and earn a degree or certificate.

Phi Theta Kappa is celebrating Community College Completion Corp week Nov. 16-21. Members of the honor society have asked businesses to display banners to support the mission of completing degrees and certificates at Lincoln Trail College. Members are also planning a Commit to Completion signing event.

The signing event is part of a national movement to get students to pledge to complete their associate degrees or certificates before leaving community college for transfer or to enter the job market. Administrators, faculty and staff around the country are also being encouraged to sign the pledge, committing themselves to do whatever they can to help students complete their student credentials.

LTC's signing event is planned for Nov. 19.

There's good reason for students to complete their degree or certificate. Students that complete their degrees or certificates will earn an average of \$500,000 more over the course of their careers than their peers who did not complete. In addition, individuals with credentials are less likely to become unemployed than their co-workers who did not earn credentials.



*More than 400 students from area high schools and Lincoln Trail College attended LTC's annual College Fair on Nov. 4. The event gave students the chance to learn about the programs available at Lincoln Trail College and about other colleges and universities in the Midwest.*

# LTC CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN



Lincoln Trail College celebrated Halloween with several events.

Students, faculty and staff dressed up for the annual costume contest on Oct. 29. Three students won prizes for their costumes. A traveling trophy is awarded to the employee with the best costume.



Nearly 2400 visitors from around the area came for the annual Trick or Treat at the Trail event.



LTC's campus is transformed for the event. Different parts of the campus have different themes for Trick or Treat at the trail. Students and employees hand out thousands of pieces of candy to the children.

Many people and organizations help make Trick or Treat at the Trail possible:



- Ameren
- Anderson Buick GMC
- Bailey's Travel
- Biernbaum's Garage
- Casey's General Store
- Crawford County Mental Health Association
- Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Colliflower
- Connor & Connor, Inc.
- Country View Inn & Suites
- Crawford County Real Estate, Inc.
- Eagle Theater
- Roger & Becca Eddy
- Farmer's & Merchants Bank
- First Financial Bank
- Green Construction
- Hayden Glass
- Hershey Chocolate
- Hutsonville Foods
- Lawrence/Crawford Enterprise
- Lincolmland Agri-Energy
- Lincoln Trail College Foundation
- Dr. Pat & Stacie McMillan
- Monical's Pizza
- Perfect Nails
- Regions Bank
- Robinson Daily News
- Robinson Office Connection
- SENCO Construction
- Schaefer Family Dental
- Thought Talk Life Coaching
- Tuscany Grill
- Village of Hutsonville
- LTC Faculty, Staff, and Students



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT PLANS CONCERTS

Lincoln Trail College's Music Department will hold several concerts during the month of December.

The Student Recital on Dec. 4 will feature student soloists from the music department. Vocal and instrumental solos from great classical works of the past to Broadway and contemporary tunes of the present will be performed. In addition, LTC's premier vocal ensemble, the Statesmen Singers, will present their fall concert as part of the recital. Student soloists come from the studios of Don Correll, Jeshua Franklin, Brenda Harris, Teresa Hoecherl, Kyle Lutes, Jonathan Matthews, Yvonne Newlin, Ken Strieby, and Krista Wilhelmsen. Under the direction of Jeshua Franklin, the Statesmen Singers perform a diverse repertoire and this concert will feature the extremes of the Medieval canon "Sumer is icumen in" to Katy Perry's hit song "Roar." Tucked between those will be other choral works in English and one in French. The evening highlights the skills, talents, dedication, and hard work of LTC's traditional college student population. Admission is by freewill donation.

Sponsored by Crawford County Arts, TUBACHRISTMAS on Dec. 5 is a seasonal celebration of holiday music for low brass players. Featuring your favorite holiday tunes performed on tuba, trombone, and euphonium, the concert is free and coincides with LTC's annual Santa Day, so you can include snacks, crafts, and meeting Santa along with the musical holiday spirit of TUBACHRISTMAS. Yvonne Newlin returns to conduct this

annual musical treat for the whole family. For low brass players interested in participating in the concert, there is no fee to participate. Registration/rehearsal begins at 1 pm on Dec. 5.

LTC's Fall Concert on Dec. 5 features the college's main instrumental ensembles, the Concert Band and Jazz Band. The Concert Band, under the direction of Kyle Lutes, will perform traditional works from the band repertoire as well as some of the band's pep tunes featured at home LTC basketball games. Ken Strieby directs the Jazz Band, and their performance of classic jazz standards and contemporary jazz works promises to captivate and inspire the audience. General admission is \$5 for adults but free for students and children.

This year's Holiday Concert on Dec. 13 combines LTC's Concert Choir with the Community Choir from Olney Central College to present Antonio Vivaldi's timeless Christmas masterwork, "Gloria." Accompanied by string and wind players from Indiana University, this combined choir of nearly 100 singers will put you in the holiday spirit from their very first notes sung. Also featured on the concert will be the LTC Children's Choir, and the brand-new advanced choral ensemble Camerata Illiana. The performance will take place in the brand new and beautiful sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Robinson. Tickets are \$10 general admission, but students and children may be admitted free of charge.

## "THE NERD" DELIGHTS AUDIENCES

Cast members perform an impromptu ritual in an effort to exorcise the pig from Willum Cubbert in Lincoln Trail College's performance of *The Nerd*.

From left to right, Rachel Carter plays Tansy McGinnis, Steven Bruce plays Willum Cubbert, John Sharma plays Rick Steadman and Brennan Seth Tracy plays Axel Hammond.

Set in Terre Haute, Indiana, *The Nerd* details the hilarious dilemma of a young architect who is visited by a man he's never met but who saved his life in Vietnam—the visitor turning out to be an incredibly inept, hopelessly stupid "nerd" who outstays his welcome with a vengeance.



## MEET THE LADY STATESMEN

Lincoln Trail College Lady Statesmen Coach Scott Sparks says he's ready to keep the team growing this season.

"We have a good group of sophomores returning this season and we have some very talented freshmen that will play for us this season."

**#3 Alicia Wilson:** Home town: Gosport, IN

Favorite NBA team & player: Golden State Warriors & Steph Curry  
Favorite Food: Steak  
Hobbies: Basketball

**#4 Marcee Williams:** Home town: Memphis, TN

Favorite NBA team & player: Lakers & Derrick Rose  
Favorite Food: Everything  
Hobbies: Eating, singing, taking care of her son

**#10 Jasmine Miller:** Home town: Cleveland, OH

Favorite NBA team & player: Cavs & Jimmy Butler  
Favorite Food: Chicken Alfredo  
Hobbies: Sleeping, eating, listening to music, basketball

**#11 Lauren Elliott:** Home town: Detroit, MI

Favorite NBA team & player: Chicago Bulls & Derrick Rose  
Favorite Food: Cheesecake  
Hobbies: Playing the keyboard, drawing, listening to music

**#12 Kourtney Walton:** Home town: Memphis, TN

Favorite NBA team & player: Golden State Warriors & Kevin Durant  
Favorite Food: Hot wings  
Hobbies: Basketball

**#14 Nia Thomas:** Home town: West Chester, OH

Favorite NBA team & player: Golden State Warriors & Stephen Curry  
Favorite Food: Chinese Food  
Hobbies: Having a good time with family & friends

**#23 Brittani Rizzi:** Home town: Bedford, IN

Favorite NBA team & player: Cleveland Cavaliers & LeBron James  
Favorite Food: Mexican  
Hobbies: Hanging with family

**#24 Bennita Drain:** Home town: Chicago, IL

Favorite NBA team & player: Chicago Bulls & Allen Iverson  
Favorite Food: Pizza  
Hobbies: Running, Poetry

**#25 Ashton Carrasco:** Home town: El Paso, TX

Favorite NBA team & player: OKC & Kevin Durant  
Favorite Food: All Foods  
Hobbies: Mudding, hunting, eating & basketball

**#31 Gianni Parra Perez:** Home town: Puerto Rico

Favorite NBA team & player: Miami Heat & Allen Iverson  
Favorite Food: Pizza  
Hobbies: Going to the beach & basketball

**#32 Isabel Arias Garcia:** Home town: Puerto Rico

Favorite NBA team & player: Chicago Bulls & Kobe Bryant  
Favorite Food: MoFongo  
Hobbies: Surfing

**#34 Justice Burdin:** Home town: Charlestown, IN

Favorite NBA team & player: Chicago Bulls & Derrick Rose  
Favorite Food: Chinese  
Hobbies: Hanging out with friends & watching movies

**#50 Aubrey Evans:** Home town: Shelburn, IN

Favorite NBA team & player: Not a fan  
Favorite Food: Chinese Food  
Hobbies: Working at Texas Roadhouse, listening to music & hanging out with friends

## MEET THE STATESMEN

Lincoln Trail College Statesmen Coach Mike Ray says he's excited about this year's team, both on the court and in the community.

"We've worked hard to bring quality men to Lincoln Trail College. We looked for leaders on the court and men that would be willing to put in the work in the classroom and the community."

**#0 Ferlandis Penny:** 6'7" freshman from Memphis, Tenn. Ray describes Penny as a long, shot blocker and says he runs the floor hard. He can face the basket or play with his back to the basket. Ray says Penny has to work on his overall skill set.

**#1 Cornelius Reynolds:** 6'5" freshman from Daytona Beach, Fla. Ray says Reynolds is quick and long and sprints the floor. He's very active on the glass. He's also working hard to improve his shooting.

**#2 DeVonte Carter:** 6'7" sophomore from Liburn, Ga. Ray describes Carter as a blue-collar player that's a good rebounder. He says Carter is working to improve his mid-range and post moves.

**#5 Devin Thomas:** 6'8" freshman from Richmand, Ind. Ray describes Thomas as a skilled player that can play on the perimeter or with his back to the basket. He has a nice jumper and can extend to the arc.

**#10 Damon Gomes:** 6'3" freshman from Providence, R.I. Ray says Gomes is very quick and who is great on the ball defender. He says Gomes is a tremendously hard worker and plays as a combo guard.

**#11 Nick Vazquez:** 5'9" freshman from Brooklyn, N.Y. Vazquez serves as one of the captains for the Statesmen. Ray says he's a good ball handler with a solid basketball IQ. He says Vazquez makes very good decisions.

**#12 Jared Mayhew:** 6'6" freshman from Oblong, Ill. Ray says Mayhew is a blue-collar worker that's working hard to improve his offensive skills. He describes Mayhew as a real hustler with a good defensive understanding.

**#13 Tyler Truesdel:** 6'2" sophomore from Bloomington, Ind. Truesdel serves as a captain for the Statesmen. Ray says Truesdel has tremendous range and is a good three point shooter. He says he's also a good leader.

**#15 Mike Beaty:** 6'2" freshman from Indianapolis, Ind. Ray says Beaty is strong with good fundamentals and a great basketball IQ. He says he's a good shooter, slasher and finisher.

**#20 Dexter Thompson:** 6'3" freshman from Providence, R.I. Ray says Thompson is a tremendous athlete who is strong and a great leaper. He says he is a tremendous finisher at the rim and he's working to improve his jumper.

**#21 Logan Worthington:** 6'5" freshman from Evansville, Ind. Ray says Worthington is very athletic and a good shooter who has a good understanding of the game. He's working on being more assertive.

**#22 Traveon Johnson:** 6'2" freshman from South Bend, Ind. Ray describes Johnson as very athletic, a very good shooter and a player that can finish at the rim. He says Johnson must improve his ball handling and decision making.

**#23 Shelby Rose:** 6'8" freshman from Louisville, Ky. Ray says Rose has a herniated disc in his back and might redshirt. He describes Rose as a strong, blue-collar player that needs to develop his skill in the post.

**#30 Atticus Felling,** 6'3" freshman from Palestine, Ind. Ray says Felling is a good shooter with tremendous range who has a good understanding of the game. He's working on his quickness. Felling is the grandson of former Lawrenceville head coach and Indiana University assistant coach Ron Felling.

**#32 Nathan Ladson,** 5'9" freshman from Lawrenceville, Ill. Ray says Ladson developed Horner's Syndrome and might redshirt. He says Ladson is a hard-worker with good fundamentals and a good understanding of the game.

**#40 Zach Cuthbertson,** 6'6" freshman from New Bern, N.C. Ray says Cuthbertson had meniscus surgery prior to the season, but has been cleared to return. He describes Cuthbertson as a tremendously hard-worker with a high basketball IQ. He says he has great range and is a great finisher.

## TWO STATESMEN SET FOR D-I

Two Lincoln Trail College baseball players will continue their playing careers after finishing at LTC.



Left-handed pitcher Austin Batka will continue his playing career at the University of Michigan. Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers says Batka had an immediate impact for the team on the mound. "He has the stuff to dominate hitters. He possesses a 90 plus miles per hour fastball to go along with a good breaking ball and change."

Bowers says Batka is a tireless worker and a bulldog on the mound. He says Batka is also the true definition of a student-athlete. In addition to playing baseball, he serves at the president of the Student Senate.

"I am confident he will have success on the field and in the classroom for the University of Michigan."



Outfielder Jack Holden will continue his career at Eastern Illinois University. "Over the span of a year-and-a-half, Jack has been one of the hardest working kids on the team," says Bowers. "He is a true five-tool player, having the ability to drive the ball over the fence as well as steal a base for us."

Bowers says Holden will be a two-year starter in center field. He says he'll likely be in the middle of the lineup, but he says Holden has the ability with his speed to hit leadoff.

Bowers says Holden is also a very good student, who holds a 3.7 GPA and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

"Eastern Illinois will be getting a quality young man on and off the field."

## LTC HONORS LATE ASSISTANT COACH

A plaque in the Lincoln Trail College Sports Center will honor and memorialize the late Wendy Beard.

Beard was an assistant coach with the Statesmen basketball team. He passed away Oct. 17, 2015.



LTC President Kathy Harris presented the plaque to Beard's family during a concert featuring The Ashes on Nov. 1. The family donated the plaque back to the college so it could be placed in the hallway of the Sports Center.

"Lincoln Trail College is a special place," says Statesmen Basketball Coach Mike Ray. "But it was made even more special by the presence of Wendy. He touched many lives here and has been a great inspiration to all of his LTC family."

In addition to the plaque, the team has marked a spot on the sideline with a "W" in the place on the bench where Beard would sit. They're also selling wristbands in the coach's memory.



### December Schedules

#### Men's Basketball

2	Southwester	7:30
5	at Olney Central	7:30
8	at Parkland	7:00
10	Greenville	7:30
12	Wabash Valley	7:30
13	Illinois Central	3:00

#### Women's Basketball

2	Southwestern	5:30
5	at Olney Central	5:30
7	Rose Hulman	6:00
9	at Ivy Tech	5:00
12	Wabash Valley	5:30
13	at Rose Hulman	11:00



Home basketball & volleyball games stream live at:  
[iecc.edu/ltc/youtube](http://iecc.edu/ltc/youtube)

[ltcathletics.com](http://ltcathletics.com)