



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

MARCH 2016

## UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- 1 **Godspell**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
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**Final Four Party**  
7 p.m., Cafeteria
- 3 **Godspell**  
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 **Final Four Party**  
7 p.m., Cafeteria
- 7 **Franklin University Visit**  
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 8 **Compass Testing**  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119  
**Godspell**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater  
**Illinois vs. Indiana All Star Games**  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 9 **ACT Test**  
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 108  
**Pearson VUE Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118  
**Godspell**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 10 **Godspell**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 11 **Trivia Night**  
6 p.m., Cafeteria
- 13 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 15 **Brown Bag Lunch: Summer & Fall Classes**  
12 p.m., Cafeteria  
**LTC Foundation Concert Series Presents:  
The Motorown All-Stars**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 20 **Broadband Telecom Advisory Council Meeting**  
11:30 a.m., Lincoln Room
- 21 **Safety Council Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 22 **Career Expo**  
7:30-12:30, Gym/Theater/Lincoln Room  
**Jazz Night**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 26 **Craze Daze**  
11-2, Miller Lake
- 27 **Student Honors Night**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 28 **LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room  
**Compass Testing**  
5 p.m., Williams Hall 119  
**Nutrition Series: Apps & Online Resources**  
7 p.m., Library
- 29 **John McCutcheon Concert**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 30 **Pearson VUE Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118

Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail  
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## BROADBAND TELECOM PARTNERS WITH METRONET



As part of its continuing commitment to serve both student and community needs, Lincoln Trail College of Robinson, Illinois will begin offering specialized training to employees of Metronet, an Indiana-based broadband communications company. The classes begin in April and will be taught monthly on the Lincoln Trail campus by faculty in the school's Broadband Technology program.

Dean of Instruction David Carpenter sees the collaboration as a natural fit. "The uniqueness of our broadband program, the only one of its kind among community colleges in Illinois, pairs nicely with the training requirements of an industry leader like Metronet whose 100% fiber optic network is equally unique. We believe this relationship will offer long-term benefits to all involved."

Kevin Stelmach, Metronet General Manager adds, "Metronet is very pleased and excited to enter into this partnership with Lincoln Trail College. We are extremely confident it will prove to be of great value to the students, school, as well as our company."

### ABOUT METRONET:

Headquartered in Evansville, Indiana, Metronet is a customer-focused company

that provides cutting-edge fiber optic communication services, including gigabit Internet, television, and full-featured phone. Metronet currently services 25 Indiana communities and will be expanding into Illinois in 2016. Metronet communities are among the first handful of cities in the U.S. to receive this state-of-the-art fiber technology. Please visit our website at [www.metronetinc.com](http://www.metronetinc.com) to learn more about our company as well as the benefits of a 100% fiber optic network.



## LTC CELEBRATES NATIONAL CTE MONTH



Lincoln Trail College joined other community colleges across the nation in celebrating National Career and Technical Education Month in February.

### Celebrating National Career & Technical Education Month

- Broadband Telecom
- Computer Security & Forensics
- Computer Telephony
- Construction Technician
- Corrections
- Electronic Medical Records
- Emergency Management Systems
- Horticulture
- Industrial Management
- Medical Assistant
- Office Management
- Paraprofessional Educator
- Petroleum Drilling Technology
- Pharmacy Technician
- Process Technology
- Welding

Career and Technical Education plays a vital role in meeting workforce demands by preparing individuals for high-skill, in-demand jobs. This spring, Lincoln Trail College has 186 students in CTE programs.



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“Career and technical education is at the heart of our mission at Lincoln Trail College,” said LTC President Kathy Harris. “We partner with local businesses and industries to make sure that our students are prepared for the workforce when they earn a degree or certificate.”

That contact with business and industry drives the programs. Advisory boards made up of business and industry leaders meet regularly to help make sure LTC’s programs are meeting the

demands of the industry.

One good example of the importance of the advisory boards comes from the Broadband Telecom program. That program rebranded based off of recommendations from the advisory council. “The industry has evolved beyond just telephone service,” said program lead instructor Jesse Allen. “High speed Internet really drives the industry and more phone providers have expanded their offerings into voice, video and data.”

The rebranding of Broadband Telecom also included some changes in classes. For example, students now take classes dealing with topics like cellular services and wireless Internet. There’s also more concentration on fiber optics.

Lincoln Trail College is also looking at other ways to partner with industry. “We’re constantly looking for different ways we can work with our community partners,” said Dean of Instruction David Carpenter. “We’re currently developing an apprenticeship program flexible enough to serve a number of different industry types but are also constantly seeking innovative approaches that serve both students and employers.”

“Our career and technical programs are geared toward success,” said Harris. “Our programs invest in our students in many ways. Our instructors are experts in their fields and bring a wealth of industry experience. We provide the latest technology and skills to our students to prepare them to become successful employees and future leaders.”

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN WELDING THROUGH DUAL CREDIT



Lincoln Trail College is giving area high school students the chance to learn welding skills through a dual credit class.

In addition to learning the welding trade, instructor Reno Bemont says the program helps make sure the students are more well rounded, and that makes them more employable in the future. “The world of employment is changing quite a bit. Companies are now looking for people that are well rounded. They want people that are able to do a lot of different things and that’s what we try to do.”

Bemont says while the students are in the program, he tries to expose them to every kind of welding and cutting process available at

Lincoln Trail College. That allows the students to get a lot of hands-on experience while they’re in the program. He also encourages the students to continue their education after finishing the one-year certificate program.

Students hone their skills by working on projects. They’ve been building small backhoes called Billy Hoes children can sit on and use in a sandbox. The students plan to donate what they’ve built to area daycare centers.

“In the class we do a lot of welding to practice welding,” says Oblong High School student Avery Inboden. “This project allows us to apply those skills and actually build something from the ground up. It’s taken a lot of teamwork and we’ve had some rough patches where we’ve messed some things up and we had to come back and fix those things and improvise. That’s been a great learning experience.”

Bemont says the project has helped teach the manufacturing process. Students worked on the design and then had to make each piece before assembling the final product. The project blends new materials with recycled materials like old disc blades. It also features a wooden seat. Students fabricated all of the pieces and used welds and bolts to assemble each new Billy Hoe.

Robinson High School student Cole Wesner says working in the program has been great for him. “It means a lot to be able to be trusted to use a lot of really expensive equipment and to learn a lot of different trades. Down the road, it’s going to help me decide what I want to do with my career.”

Inboden says the welding program has really influenced his career decision. “I’ve always been interested in welding, but now that I’ve been able to practice it and do it every day, I’ve really started enjoying it. I’m really thinking about pursuing a career in welding.”

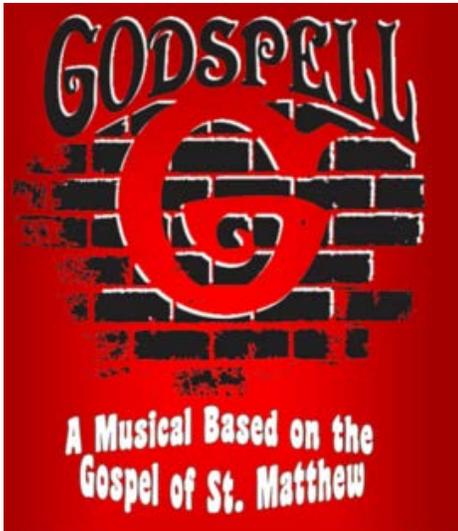
Bemont says even if students don’t pursue welding for a career, they walk away with a valuable skill. “This may not be what they want to do for a job, but maybe this skill they learn will help them fix and repair things they want to work on. They might be able to help a friend or a family member. In the long run, this is going to help them a lot.”



*Use a QR reader and your smart device to see these high school students in action building Billy Hoes.*

Learning a skill is why Oblong High School student Dawson Maus would recommend the class to other high school students. “It’s a big deal. You learn things here you’re not going to learn anywhere else.”

## GODSPELL PREMIERES APRIL 1



Lincoln Trail College's spring production of *Godspell* will premiere April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

*Godspell* will be performed a total of six times at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. There's a show April 2 at 7 p.m. and a matinee April 3 at 2 p.m. Performances are also scheduled for April 8-9 at 7 p.m. each night and April 10 at 2 p.m.

Directed by Rusty Ruth, the cast features Daniel Dix as Jesus and Brennan Seth Tracy playing the dual role of John the Baptist and Judas. The remaining cast features Ian Bruce, Kyra Bruce, Steven Bruce, MaryAnn Catt, Amy Drake, Resa Fuller, Susan Gubelman, Jace Logan, Ryan Mikeworth, Jessie Steele, and Jennifer Vela.

Tickets for *Godspell* are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more when purchased in advance. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Performing Arts Office at 544-8657, extension 1433.

## LTC PROVIDES SCHOOLS WITH TRAINING SERVICES



Lincoln Trail College is helping other schools in Crawford County with their training needs.

In January, LTC President Kathy Harris and Dean of Instruction David Carpenter talked with teachers at Robinson High School about dual credit during an in service.

In February, LTC President Kathy Harris and instructors Pauletta Gullett and Janice Aikman assisted Palestine Grade School faculty and staff in the American Heart Association CPR class. Approximately 40 employees were trained in Adult, Child and Infant CPR, obstructed airways and in the use of an AED.

LTC is also working with the Robinson Police Department to help train people how to be prepared for school and workplace shootings. Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde and Robinson Police Officer Chad Weaver are certified ALICE instructors.

Forde and Weaver worked with the faculty and staff at Nuttall Middle School in January. They brought the ALICE program to Lincoln Grade School in February. The two also worked with about 40 employees at Crawford Memorial Hospital in February.



## PROSSER NAMED MARCH TRIO SPOTLIGHT



Tony Prosser (Olney, Ill.) has been named the TRIO Student Support Services Spotlight Student of the Month for March at Lincoln Trail College.

Prosser was recognized for his leadership and willingness to go above and beyond to help in the TRIO program. He also serves as a mentor to other TRIO students.

“He’s been my go to person,” says TRIO Counselor Tiffany White. “He comes to my office and asks what I need and is then quick to pitch in and help.”

Prosser joined the military after he finished high school and held different jobs after that. He decided to start college at the age of 37.

“I wanted a career,” says Prosser. “I feel like I’m really showing that it’s never too late in life to start a college education.”

Prosser says the TRIO program has been very beneficial. “I think TRIO is the best thing that can happen to a student. The faculty, staff and students in the program go above and beyond to help.”

Prosser says he’s very honored to be named TRIO’s Spotlight Student.

## PHI THETA KAPPA HONORS MAPLE

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society honored Lincoln Trail College instructor Lisa Maple for her service to the organization.

Phi Theta Kappa honored Maple for her five years of service as an advisor to Lincoln Trail College’s Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

“We at Phi Theta Kappa owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our chapter advisors whose dedicated service is responsible for the success of our local chapters. Advisors are truly the lifeblood of our organization, and we are delighted to recognize them for their years of service,” says Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, Interim Executive Director of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Lincoln Trail College Dean of Instruction David Carpenter presented Maple her gift from Phi Theta Kappa.

LTC’s Phi Theta Kappa Chapter will hold its induction ceremony on March 23 at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria.





**APRIL SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Baseball**

2	at Shawnee	12:00
3	St. Joe's JV	12:00
7	Olney Central	3:00
9	at Olney Central	12:00
12	at Lake Land	1:00
14	at Southwestern	3:00
15	Southwestern	12:00
19	at St. Joe's JV	2:00
21	at Kaskaskia	3:00
23	Kaskaskia	3:00
25	at Kentucky Wesleyan JV	12:00
28	at Southeastern	3:00
30	Southeastern	12:00

**Golf**

1-2	at Oakland City Country Oaks Invitational
17-18	LTC Spring Invitational
24-25	at Rend Lake Spring Invitational

**Softball**

2	Shawnee	12:00
5	Rend Lake	2:00
7	at Wabash Valley	2:00
9	Kaskaskia	2:00
12	at Olney Central	2:00
14	Southwestern	2:00
15	at Frontier	4:30
16	John A. Logan	12:00
19	at Southeastern	2:00
21	Lake Land	2:00
23	at Shawnee	12:00
25	Frontier	6:00

**Volleyball**

11	Open Gym	6:00
25	Open Gym	6:00

**BASEBALL TEAM TRAINING WITH YOGA**



Lincoln Trail College baseball players are turning to yoga to help them stay limber during the season.

The athletes are getting their yoga sessions led by another student, Kennedy Rawlings. She regularly works with the Athletic Department and is also a Student Ambassador and a member of the Statesmen Singers.

Statesmen Coach Kevin Bowers says they've been using yoga for years, especially for pitchers, but they've always relied on DVDs for their instruction. Rawlings asked Bowers about leading yoga sessions with the team and he says that's worked out really well.

"She started doing it and it's worked out really well. The guys have responded to it and she provides them with different routines. It's always good at this time of year to change things up," says Bowers.

The team has been doing its yoga sessions in the Activity Annex, which was remodeled last year. "It's been an amazing room for us to get in and use for that."

Bowers says one of the benefits of the yoga program is not how it helps the team, but rather how it helps Rawlings, who has aspirations to be a yoga instructor. He says she's been great and the players have really responded to her.

Follow the Statesmen at [ltcathletics.com](http://ltcathletics.com)