



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

NOVEMBER 2016

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 2 **Student Recital**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 3 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- Santa Day**
1-4 o.m., Student Union
- Merry Tuba Christmas Concert**
3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- Fall Concert**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 **Fall Youth Recital**
1:30 & 3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 5 **Accuplacer Testing**
1 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 7 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- Accuplacer Testing**
1 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 9 **Last Day of Classes**
- Nursing Information Session**
2 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 11 **Holiday Concert**
3 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 12 **Final Exams (Through Dec. 15)**
- 15 **Last Day of Semester**
- Fall Graduation Applications Due**
- 20 **Holiday Break Begins (Through Jan. 2)**

LTC HOSTS ANNUAL SANTA DAY



Santa Claus will visit Lincoln Trail College during the annual Santa Day event Dec. 3.

Santa Day runs from 1-4 p.m. in the Student Union. Area children can enjoy free seasonal games, activities and craft projects. They can also share their holiday wish list with Santa Claus in the LTC Library. You can bring your camera and get a picture of your children with Santa.

Santa Day also features music. The annual Tuba Christmas concert begins at 3 p.m. in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. The free concert features area low brass musicians playing songs of the season. All tuba, sousaphone, euphonium, baritone and trombone players are invited to participate. They can register beginning at 1 p.m. Once again, Yvonne Newlin will direct the Tuba Christmas Concert.



The day wraps up with the Lincoln Trail College Fall Concert at 7 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. It features performances by the Concert Band and Jazz Band.

LTC STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADUATION RATE 97%

Lincoln Trail College had 97 percent of its student athletes graduate in 2016.

“I’m very proud of what our student athletes achieve in the classroom,” says Lincoln Trail College Athletic Director and Baseball Coach Kevin Bowers. “I also have to give a lot of credit to our coaches and assistant coaches because they work incredibly hard to make sure our student athletes are able to succeed the way they do.”

Baseball, golf, men’s basketball, women’s basketball and volleyball had 100 percent graduation rates for 2016.

“We set our students up for success at Lincoln Trail College,” says President Dr. Ryan Gower. “We have faculty and staff that truly care about how all of our students are performing and when I see statistics like this, I know they are reaching our students.”

Over the last four years, 96 percent of LTC student athletes graduated.

LTC saw 88 percent of the sophomore student athletes in 2016 transfer to a four-year college or university. The four-year average for the college is 96 percent.

“We’re trying to set up our student athletes for success in a lot of ways at LTC,” says Bowers. “We want them to excel in their sports, but we also want them to be leaders, so we emphasize the importance of their studies, community involvement, and on campus involvement. All of that helps us develop successful young men and women.”

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'16 ATHLETICS GRADUATION RATES

BASEBALL	100%
GOLF	100%
MEN'S BASKETBALL	100%
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	100%
VOLLEYBALL	100%
SOFTBALL	88%
OVERALL	97%



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Percentage of LTC student athletes that graduated in 2016 and chose to continue their education at a four-year college or university.



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ANDERSON TAKES ROLE IN FAST 8



Jeremy Anderson took an acting class with Barbara Shimer while he attended Lincoln Trail College. At the time, he probably didn't think that class would eventually lead to a "wow" moment featuring an entertainer he watched as a young boy.

Anderson came to Lincoln Trail College to play basketball and took the acting class as an elective. It was the first time Anderson ever took an acting class. He says Shimer told him he was a natural on the stage. "That really gave me a lot of confidence. I love her to death."

Anderson now lives in Atlanta and is acting professionally. He has a role in *Fast 8*, which arrives in theaters in 2017. The speaking role is Anderson's first part in a major motion picture.

He plays a prison guard and is in a scene featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Jason Statham. Anderson says he usually doesn't get star struck, but with Johnson, things were a little different.

"It was kind of crazy to be up close and personal with him. I've been watching him all of my life. I remember watching him all the time when he was wrestling. For me, this was like 'wow!'"

Anderson has been on television as a guest star on shows like *Game of Silence*, *Nashville*, *The Haves and the Have Nots* and *Necessary Roughness*. One of his acting goals is to have his own TV show someday.

As for his other goals, Anderson says he wants to excel at his craft. "I want to be known as a great professional with great range. I want to be the best actor I can be. I always want to stay motivated and stay hungry."

That motivation has its roots in Lincoln Trail College. "When I was at LTC, I learned how to deal with adversity and how to be mentally strong. I feel like it helped a great deal. I learned how to push through tough times with basketball and how to keep a level head. That stick-to-itiveness is very important in acting."

Anderson says he never would have been where he is today without Shimer. "She's a great motivator. She inspired me to look into acting and to keep going with it."

LTC STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT FALL SAFETY



Students in Lincoln Trail College's construction program got the opportunity to learn about fall safety from a global construction firm.

Instructor Clint Crossen arranged a visit from Zachry Construction on Oct. 18. The class had been talking about construction and Crossen used his ties in the industry to bring Zachry Construction and their fall harness lab to class.

"Anytime we get an opportunity to come out and talk to the local community college, trade classes and things of that nature, we always make time to do that because, in our business, it's important that we get an opportunity to not only talk to the students and hopefully have an impact on them, but also to provide support to the

community colleges because of what they're trying to do," says Zachry Midwest Regional Manager Percy Good. "It's important that we have that communication because we have an opportunity to coach and help them understand what we need in the industry."

Midwest Regional Safety Manager Matt Jones says the topic of fall safety is incredibly important because it is the leading cause of fatalities in construction.

"Way too many people don't go home to their families. We like to educate our folks not only in the classroom but also with our fall harness lab. We want them to go through the hands-on and make sure they understand it and what it means to be tied off when they're five feet off the ground or 150 feet off the ground. That way they don't second guess themselves and we can be comfortable putting them out there on the job sites."



Crossen believes hands-on demonstrations like this are important to help students truly understand safety. "I can tell about how serious it is and what an employer might expect, but when an employer actually talks to them and tells them 'this is what we expect,' it makes them more alert and makes them realize that what the teacher is saying is true."

"This is another example of how we work together with companies," says Lincoln Trail College President Dr. Ryan Gower. "There's a great benefit to our students when they get to learn from industry leaders like the Zachry Construction Company."

A video of this story is available on LTC's YouTube channel.

LTC PLANS FALL CONCERT SERIES

Music Director Rebeca Carmack announces a number of events to close out the fall semester and celebrate the holidays. The Lincoln Trail College Concert Band and Jazz Band will present a Fall Concert at 7 p.m. December 3, in the Zwermann Arts Theater.

Both bands are under the direction of Ken Strieby, and the concert will feature a wide variety of pieces from the fun and familiar to the seasonal and sacred. General admission tickets are \$5 for adults and free for students. The following afternoon, December 4, our youngest musicians will take the stage in a pair of recitals at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Finally, Rebecca Carmack will direct the Concert Choir and Camerata Illiana December 11 at 3 p.m. as they present their holiday concert, *Christmas Night by Candlelight*, featuring Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*. A children's chorus will join the choirs in a program filled with familiar carols and new favorites. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and free for students.

Tickets for all Music Department events can be purchased in advance by calling the Performing Arts Office at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1433. Tickets are also available at the door the evening of the concert.



STUDENT SENATE SPONSORS FOOD DRIVE

Lincoln Trail College's Student Senate is sponsoring a food drive. They are collecting donations of non-perishable food items from Nov. 1 to Dec. 2. The items will be donated to local food pantries.

LTC is also competing against Wabash Valley College to see which college can collect the most donations. The losing college will make a donation to a food pantry of the winning college's choice.



TRIO UPWARD BOUND RECEIVES GRANT

The Walmart Foundation recently selected the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) TRIO Upward Bound program to receive a grant through its Local Community Contribution Program. Upward Bound East (UBE), located at Lincoln Trail College, received a \$1,000 grant from the Robinson Wal-Mart. The grant money will be used to provide essential items necessary for college bound seniors to be successful in post-secondary education.



DECEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

3	Shawnee	3:00
10	Southeastern	3:00

Women's Basketball

3	Shawnee	1:00
7	at Mineral Area	5:00
10	Southeastern	1:00

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TWO STATESMEN MAKE COMMITMENTS



Brad Busald pitches against Frontier Community College



Jared Wilson pitches against Lewis & Clark at Busch Stadium

Two Lincoln Trail College pitchers have already made plans to continue their baseball careers once they finish at LTC.

Right handed pitcher Jared Wilson (Louisville, Ky.) will return to his home state of Kentucky. He committed to Western Kentucky University.

"Jared was a transfer from WKU and will return to them next fall, except this time he's on scholarship," says Statesmen Coach Kevin Bowers. "Jared has seen his fastball climb from 85 miles per hour to 90 miles per hour in the six weeks he's been on campus and that's what caught the coaches at WKU eye. He is a big time arm with an unlimited ceiling."

Left handed pitcher Brad Busald (Rushville, Ind.) will also return to his home state, committing to Indiana University. Busald is the third Statesmen pitcher in the last two years to commit to a Big 10 university.

"Brad falls in that line of high ability high character kids that this program has been fortunate to have throughout the years," says Bowers. "He possesses a fastball that sits in the 89 to 91 miles per hour range with great life and movement, but his curve ball is the pitch that will set him apart this spring. He worked very hard this summer to refine his delivery and it has shown this fall. He is a 3.8 student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa."