



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

DECEMBER 2017

## UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 COLLEGE CLOSED - New Year's Day
- 2 College Reopens
- 3 Faculty/Staff Workshop
- 4 Process Technology Advisory Council  
11 a.m., Lincoln Room  
**CNA Exam**  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 5 **CNA Orientation**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Williams Hall 112, PA 403
- 8 First Day of Spring Semester
- 9 Spring Nutrition Series: Hearty Soups  
5 p.m., Library
- 13 Bluegrass Night at LTC  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 15 COLLEGE CLOSED - MLK Day  
**Kid's Zone Day**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sports Center
- 16 **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sports Center  
**Aida Auditions**  
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater  
**IECC Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 17 **Aida Auditions**  
7 p.m., Sports Center
- 22 **Last Day to Register for Spring Semester**  
**Last Day for Refund of Tuition/Fees**
- 25 **LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 27 Winter Day in the Garden

Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail  
College & Lincoln Trail College Foundation

## TELECOM STUDENTS WORKING WITH SHAWNEE COMMUNICATIONS ON APPRENTICESHIP



It started in early September when Shawnee Communications had a need. They had been updating the copper network in Lovington, Ill. to fiber, thanks in part to money from the USDA and the FCC's Universal Service Fund.

"When we did that, we got the network built out and once it was put together, we really needed to do drops to people's homes," says Shawnee Communications Vice President of Government Policy Matt Johnson. "We needed assistance getting the last part of the network into people's homes and that's where the partnership with Lincoln Trail really came in. They were able to provide us with students who could actually do these drops while working with our people."

Shawnee Communications had about 600 homes in the Lovington area that needed to have their service upgrade to fiber to the home. The company and the college are no strangers to each other. LTC regularly places interns with Shawnee Communications.

Eight students with internship experience, Taylor Brown, Drew Coble, Cletus Fehrenbacher, Nick Konopasek, Gerald Skolte, Jacob Volk, Conner Welty, and Bobby Wicke, were chosen to participate in the apprenticeship program. Shawnee Communications employed the students and housed them in a hotel from late September into December.

The students were put into two-man teams. Initially, they worked with Shawnee



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Communications employees, but they were quickly turned out on their own. The students' job was to tie the fiber from the outside of the house to the inside of the house. The students were also responsible for hooking up equipment inside and testing it all to make sure it worked.

“This is an excellent opportunity and you can't get this in the classroom,” says Broadband Telecom Lead Instructor Jesse Allen. “These guys are out doing an average of four installs a day or more. They had about 500 on the target and they're about there. You can't replicate that in the classroom. They're actually getting customer interactions. They're setting up the appointments, going to the customer's house, finding out where they want the equipment, and actually doing the work.”

For Wicke, that hands-on experience is exactly what he wanted. “Getting the hands-on experience has always been the better option. Yes, you need the schooling to get your foot in the door, but the hands-on experience is going to be where it's at. That's where you're going to learn more and more than just looking at a book every day. Having this opportunity has been a blessing.”

Allen says one of the really big benefits to this program is that all eight students will have great experience that they can put on their resume when it comes time to begin their careers.

While the students have been working for Shawnee Communication, they've also had the opportunity to remain full-time students at LTC. Allen says that the students have been able to watch recordings of classes online and their homework has also been available online. Allen says he also believes that the eight students will really be able to contribute a lot to the program when they return for the Spring Semester.



The feedback on the students has been very positive. Johnson says he's had the chance to talk with the students and they spoke highly of their opportunities. Allen says he's been getting good comments from Shawnee about the students too.

“They said customer feedback has been excellent. They're very polite and courteous and they do an excellent job. All of the feedback I've heard has been very, very positive.”

Allen says they already have a very strong corporate partnership with Shawnee Communications and it means a lot to him that they turned to Lincoln Trail College when they needed help with this project.



“I think it’s a great testament to what the program has got to offer. Number one, they have faith in us, enough to say that ‘hey, we’d like to use your students to do this.’ This is a big encounter for them. There’s a lot of work involved in putting all of this together and I’m honored that they chose us.”

He says this has been a win-win for the Broadband Telecom program because it is not only giving the students the chance to have a great experience, it also could mean growth for the program. Allen says he wouldn’t be surprised if they get more requests like this to use students to help with projects.



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## STUDENTS SHARE A DAY IN THEIR LIFE



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Some Lincoln Trail College students are documenting their typical days as a part of a class.

The students are in Tyler Browning’s Leadership Development class. Browning worked with LTC Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde to develop the project. Forde has been seeking students for a new marketing initiative called “A Day in the Life.”

“What we’re looking for is an authentic view of life at Lincoln Trail College,” says Forde. “This is a chance for prospective students, alumni, and the community to see what typical students do every day.”

The students were assigned to capture their everyday lives on campus using their own smart phones. Forde and his student assistants Jordan Brewer and Heath Surrells interviewed the students to find out the kinds of things the students do on a typical day, their activities and organizations, their favorite classes, and what they like the best about LTC.

Forde, Brewer and Surrells have been compiling and editing the video provided by the students the produce the final pieces. The best ones will be used as a part of LTC’s marketing efforts.

Forde would like to continue expanding the number of Day in the Life pieces from the college. “This is one of the best ways to show off our campus, especially to prospective students. They can get an insider view of LTC from the people living it. I want these pieces to really be the voice of our students.”

## GED TO OFFER DAYTIME CLASSES IN SPRING

People that did not finish high school will have a chance to earn their high school equivalency at Lincoln Trail College this fall.

Spring GED classes at LTC beginning in January. LTC will offer both day and evening classes. The day classes begin January 10 and meets Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There are also evening classes that meet from 5-9 on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those classes begin the week of January 8. There is no cost for the classes.

## THEATER RENAISSANCE CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY



In less than a month after launching the Theater Renaissance Campaign, donors have already given more than \$50,000 towards the first phase of the project.

The campaign launched at an event held by the LTC Foundation on November 16 at Quail Creek Country Club. The Honorable Judge James Hill (retired) served as the keynote speaker for the event. Hill spoke about the impact performing arts can have and how his entire family has benefited from the Zwermann Arts Center.

The first phase of the project will address some of the immediate needs of the theater, including modernizing curtains, risers, stage lighting, and sound equipment.

The first phase also aims to address making the choral room a space that is conducive to both practices and instruction.

The United Way made a matching lead gift of \$10,000 towards the campaign. The night of the launch raised just over \$15,000 and another \$5,000 was pledged over two years. Since then, another \$7,000 in gifts have been received, including corporate donations from Hershey Company and Marathon Petroleum. The first phase of the project has a \$180,000 goal.



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## AIDA AUDITIONS JANUARY 16-17

LTC Theater is pleased to announce that auditions for Elton John and Tim Rice's *AIDA* will take place in the LTC Theater Tuesday and Wednesday, January 16 and 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m. attend only one session. Auditioners should plan on reading the dialogue and singing the part for their preferred role. However, actors may be asked to read other characters and may be considered for other roles. Please bring your list of scheduling conflicts and preferences at the time of your audition.

The principal roles are Amneris, the daughter of the Pharaoh; Radames an Egyptian captain and Amneris's betrothed; Aida, a captured Nubian princess who falls in love with Radames; Mereb, Radames's Nubian servant; Nehebka, a Nubian slave who befriends Aida; the Pharaoh; Zoser, Radames's father; and Amonasro, Aida's father. Company roles available include Ministers, Soldiers, Egyptian Men, Palace Women, Nubians, Guards, and Dancers. There are a number of opportunities to help backstage as well.

Rehearsals will begin with a full cast read-through on Thursday, January 18 at 6 p.m. The rehearsal schedule will be discussed at the first read-through. Performances will be in the LTC Zwermann Arts Center March 16-18 and 23-24. The show will be under the direction of Barbara Shimer and music director Sandra Nichols.

Full-time LTC students are especially encouraged to audition. Audition materials will be available after Christmas break at the Performing Arts Office from 12 – 5, M – Th and 12-4 F, and at [www.ltcperformingarts.org/auditions](http://www.ltcperformingarts.org/auditions).

## LTC OFFERING SPRING NUTRITION SERIES

Lincoln Trail College will once again partner with the University of Illinois Extension for a Spring Nutrition Series.

The series begins January 9 with an event on hearty soups, which will focus on making quick and easy homemade soups.

In February, the series continues with Cooking from Your Cabinet. It will cover what basic staples you should keep in your cabinet and the best ways to organize them. That event is Feb. 13.

The March 13 class will focus on kitchen safety. It is designed to help participants look at their own day-to-day kitchen practices. Topics include how to keep your kitchen clean, cooking foods to the proper temperature, keeping raw foods separated, and thawing and chilling foods properly.

The final event of the Spring Nutrition Series is April 10 and is called Healthy Desserts. You'll learn how you can improve your diet by altering recipes of the foods you are now eating by using less fat, sugar, and salt. You'll also learn about food guidelines that encourage us to include more fiber in our diets by eating whole grain products and more fruits and vegetables.

Each program begins at 5 p.m. in the LTC Library. Participants should register in advance by calling the LTC Library at 618-544-8657, ext. 1427.

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## BASEBALL TEAM OFFERING KID'S ZONE ACTIVITIES



The Lincoln Trail College baseball team will give kids a fun day at a Kid's Zone event January 15 at the LTC Sports Center.

The event will feature a number of events for children, including games, movies, swimming, and a pizza party.

"We want to give kids a chance to come out to the college, spend time with our players, and have a fun day," says Statesmen Coach Kevin Bowers. "The event will also give parents a chance to have a day to themselves where they know their kids will be well taken care of."

Children will be able to enjoy games like kickball, relay races, Wiffle Ball, basketball, volleyball, and dodgeball. The LTC Natatorium will be open so the kids can swim and the kids will also be able to enjoy movies with the baseball players. The children will enjoy a pizza party for lunch. The LTC Statesmen mascot will also appear during the event.

The cost of the event is \$50 per child and \$20 for each additional sibling for parents that register their children in advance. The cost is \$55 per child and \$25 for each sibling on the day of the event. Groups that have five or more are \$30 per child.

Parents can register their kids by calling Assistant Coach Kevin Franchetti at 618-544-5299, ext. 1201.



**DECEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Men's Basketball**

6	Lake Land	3:00
10	Southwestern	7:30
13	at Wabash Valley	7:30
17	Kaskaskia	7:30
20	Rend Lake	3:00
24	Lewis & Clark	7:30
27	John A. Logan	3:00
31	at Southeastern	7:30

**Women's Basketball**

6	Lake Land	1:00
10	Southwestern	5:30
13	at Wabash Valley	5:30
17	Kaskaskia	5:30
20	Rend Lake	1:00
24	Danville	5:30
27	John A. Logan	1:00
31	at Southeastern	5:30

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

**LTC OFFERING WINTER BASEBALL CAMP**

**LTC LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE  
BASEBALL CAMPS**



DECEMBER 27-29

**DATES:** DEC. 27-29      **AGES:** 6-13  
**TIMES:** DROP OFF 7-8 AM • CAMP 8-12 • PICK UP 12-1 PM  
**WHERE:** THE DEPOT & LTC NATATORIUM      **COST:** \$75

The Lincoln Trail College Baseball Camp will focus on the fundamentals of baseball, including pitching, fielding hitting, and base running. LTC coaches will provide instruction, assist with drills, games, and machine work. Campers will be grouped according to age and skill set. The camp will be conducted in LTC's indoor training facility at The Depot. Players will need to bring their own bat, glove, helmet, gym shoes, and catching equipment (if they have). Players will also need a change of clothes and a towel for the open swim party at the LTC Natatorium at the end of each day's session. Van service from The Depot to LTC will be provided. Snacks will be provided.



Lincoln Trail College will give area youth a chance to enhance their baseball skills with a camp December 27-29.

Assistant coaches Kevin Franchetti and Nate Glant will run the camp that will focus on the fundamentals of baseball, including pitching, fielding, hitting, and base running. The coaches will provide instruction, assist with drills, games, and machine work.

The camp will take place at The Depot, LTC's indoor training facility. In addition to the events in The Depot, players will be able to participate in a swim party at the LTC Natatorium at the end of each session. The college will provide van service from The Depot to LTC during the camp.

The camp is open to area youth 6-13-years-old. Players will be grouped based on age and skill level. Participants will need to bring their own bat, glove, helmet, gym shoes, and catching equipment (if they have). They will also need a change of clothes and a towel for the swim party.

The camp runs 8 a.m. to noon each day. Participants can be dropped off at The Depot from 7-8 each morning and picked up between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. at the LTC Sports Center.

The cost of the camp is \$75. Participants can register by contacting Franchetti at 618-544-5299, ext. 1201 or Glant at 618-544-5299, ext. 1215.



*Children from the Junior Statesmen program form a tunnel with LTC Cheerleaders to help greet the Statesmen on the court before each game. The Junior Statesmen also have their own cheering section to root for the men's and women's basketball teams.*