



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

JULY 2017

## UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- 1 Summer Semester Final Exams
- 2 Last Day of Summer Semester
- 5 Pearson VUE Testing  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- Hunter Safety Education Course  
9 a.m., Cafeteria/Theater
- 7 Accuplacer Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 10 Faculty/Staff Workshop
- 11 Faculty/Staff Workshop
- 14 Accuplacer Testing  
12 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- I on Diabetes Education  
5 p.m., Library
- 16 Orientation  
9 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 17 Fall Classes Begin
- CNA Exam  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 19 Pearson VUE Testing  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 22 I on Diabetes Education  
5 p.m., Library
- 29 I on Diabetes Education  
5 p.m., Library

## TODD NAMED DEAN OF INSTRUCTION



Brent Todd has been named the new Dean of Instruction at Lincoln Trail College. Todd comes from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, where he served as the Assistant Director of Regional Programs.

Prior to joining SIUSM, Todd was the Director of Dual Credit at Lake Land College for seven years. He was also a full-time biology instructor at Eastern Illinois University and an adjunct instructor at both Lake Land and Danville Area Community College.

Todd is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in public administration from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He holds both a master's degree in biological sciences and a bachelor's degree in botany from Eastern Illinois University.

He grew up in Ridge Farm, Ill.. Todd earned the Outstanding Young Citizen Award in 1996. He was selected out of more than 2000 other students in Vermilion and Edgar Counties. "Community and relationships are incredibly important to me; this award exemplifies that philosophy," says Todd.

Outside of work, Todd enjoys travel. "I enjoy history, culture, and meeting people from different places. To date, I've been to 43 U.S. states, twenty countries, and... all 102 Illinois counties." He also enjoys golf and reading historical fiction.

Todd has been married to his wife Amanda Poffinbarger for nine years. She teaches college-level Anatomy and Physiology.

## MACH 1 PARTNERS WITH LTC FOR PRIDE PUMP



Lincoln Trail College and Mach 1 have forged a partnership that will help students at the college. Mach 1 is donating two cents of every gallon pumped at two designated Lincoln Trail College Pride Pumps during the month of July to help the education of LTC students.

“Having the local Mach 1 station partner with us in this way is incredible,” said LTC Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde. “Not only will our students directly benefit from every gallon of gas that people buy during the month of July, it also gives us the opportunity to get our message out in the community in a unique way. I think people realize that the State of Illinois is failing education – not just higher education – right now, and partnerships like this are evidence that people in Crawford County still want to invest in the future of our communities.”

As an additional incentive, Lincoln Trail College will offer weekly giveaways to people that use the Pride Pumps at Mach 1. When you fill up at a Pride Pump, take a selfie with your receipt at the pump and share it on Lincoln Trail College’s Facebook page and use the hashtag #LTCPrizePump. Tag your friends, and the college will look at who gets the most likes and shares each week to determine who wins the weekly prize. Drawings will be held each Friday. There will also be a grand prize drawing at the end of the month.

Lincoln Trail College President Dr. Ryan Gower says he continues to be amazed and humbled with the many ways the community has come together to support Lincoln Trail College. He says there’s no doubt that the residents of Crawford County understand and appreciate the importance of LTC.

The Lincoln Trail College Foundation also continues to be a strong advocate for the college. “The Lincoln Trail College Foundation is offering more financial support than ever to area students to help keep cost of attendance from being a barrier to getting a college degree. Beyond that, they are making a significant amount of money available to the college to invest in our infrastructure to keep our facilities modern and to enhance our STEM programs,” said Gower.

Gower says in addition to corporate partners and the Lincoln Trail College Foundation, individuals and alumni have stepped up to help the college grow. “Several community members and alumni have come forward with gifts ranging from \$50 to \$5,000 which have allowed us to do everything from purchasing microscopes to creating an Athletic Academic Support Center. When these gifts are pooled together we are able to meet needs that have gone unaddressed for years.”

As budget woes in Springfield continue to cast uncertainty, Gower believes that partnerships are going to become more important for the college. “We are learning to adjust to the new normal in Illinois. Our faculty and staff always impress me with the creative ways they find to help the college. Athletic Director Kevin Bowers and Women’s Basketball Coach Scott Sparks came up with the idea for “pride pumps” and Mach 1 made it happen for us. Short term necessity is driving our innovation right now, but partnerships like this will only strengthen relationships between the college and local industry in the long run too.”

## SNYDER PRESENTS AT EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Lincoln Trail College Petroleum Drilling Technology Instructor Joe Snyder gave a series of presentations at the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board Summer Program in Mt. Vernon.

Snyder gave eight presentations on Drill Stem Testing. Snyder talked about testing a well prior to deciding to set pipe and complete a well.

The IPRB's Summer Program serves as professional development for science and math teachers in grades 3-12. The teachers were able to take home lesson plans and a lab/classroom activity kit.

Snyder says the idea behind the event is to better educate teachers on the roles and services performed in the Illinois basin oil industry. The educators were able to get specific information related to grade levels they teach.

Other topics of the program included information on the oil and gas industry in Illinois, petroleum geology, petroleum production in Illinois, legal aspects of the industry, geophysical logging, and hydraulic fracturing.

Snyder was one of the eight learning stations set up at the conference. In other learning stations, educators learned about drilling mud, seismic activity, emergency responses, and rock cores.

The educators also got to visit petroleum drilling facilities, a refinery, and a tank farm.

LTC SUMMER STAGE GOES ON *FIRST DATE*

**FIRST DATE**  
A MUSICAL COMEDY!

**JULY 20-22**  
**7 p.m.**

Tickets \$12 Adult / \$6 Student  
on sale July 10

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some adult themes and language

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FIRST DATE is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals

LTC SUMMER STAGE

Director Brennan Seth Tracy is bringing the musical comedy, *First Date*, to the Lincoln Trail College Summer Stage. A hilarious take on the pitfalls of modern dating, pairs uptight, blind-date newbie Aaron with serial dater Casey, who discover they've each brought plenty of baggage with them. As the date unfolds in real time, Casey and Aaron's inner critics take on a life of their own when other restaurant patrons transform into supportive best friends, manipulative exes and protective parents, who sing and dance them through ice-breakers, appetizers and potential conversational land mines. *First Date* was originally produced at Seattle's ACT Theatre in 2012, before moving to Broadway in 2013.

Headlining the cast are Heather Moore and Grant Oxford as Casey and Aaron. Kathleen Moore is Aaron's mother and Tom Moore will play Casey's father and appear as a waiter. Laurel Preston is Lauren, Brian Manhart is Reggie and Rachel Carter has the dual roles of Grandma Ida and the Friendly Therapist. MaryAnn Catt, Resa Fuller, Sabrina Malone, Ryan Mikeworth and Isaac Wilson each appear in multiple roles, including the social media networks Facebook, Google, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

The show runs Thursday July 20 through Saturday July 22. Tickets are on sale now and priced at \$12 for adults, and \$6 students. Call the LTC Performing Arts office to reserve yours (618) 544-8657 ext. 1433. The box office will also be open an hour before each show.

## REDMAN JOINS ALUMNI HALL OF FAME



Thomas R. Redman is the 2017 inductee into the Lincoln Trail College Foundation Hall of Fame.

Redman grew up in Altamont, Ill. and graduated from Altamont Community High School in 1977. After high school, Redman attended Lincoln Trail College and earned his Associate in Applied Science in Petroleum Technology in May 1979.

Redman worked for Cities Service Company in Houston, Texas for six months before attending the University of Tulsa. He graduated from there in May 1982 with a Bachelor's of Science in Petroleum Engineering.

After earning his degree from Tulsa, Redman spent seven years with Tenneco Oil Company in Oklahoma City, where he worked as a production engineer and reservoir engineer.

Redman joined the Kaiser-Francis Oil Company in 1989 as a petroleum engineer. His responsibilities included development geology and reservoir engineering. When the company restructured in 2004, he became president of Kaiser-Francis Mid-Continent LP. The company restructured again in 2014 and Redman was promoted to Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company. He is in charge of directing the engineering, geology, land and field operations for the company.

Redman and his wife Cheryl reside in Tulsa. They have three sons, all of whom graduated from the University of Tulsa and work in the energy industry.

## TWO STATESMEN SELECTED IN MLB DRAFT

Two former Lincoln Trail College baseball players were selected in the 2017 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Right-handed pitcher Damon Olds was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 33rd Round. He was the 990th selection overall. Olds transferred to Indiana State University after attending LTC.

Righty Justin Watts was picked by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 27th round. He was the 1119th selection overall. Watts attended the University of Southern Indiana after Lincoln Trail College.

Meanwhile, two other former Statesmen signed professional contracts. Left-handed pitcher Tasker Strobel signed with the Joliet Slammers of the Frontier League. He attended St. Joseph's College after Lincoln Trail College. First baseman Jack Hranec also signed in the Frontier League with the Gateway Grizzlies. He attended Murray State after Lincoln Trail College.





## AUGUST SPORTS CALENDAR

### Baseball

26	Scout Day (at Indiana State)	TBA
29	at Frontier CC	3:00

### Volleyball

21	Lewis & Clark	6:30
23	at Kaskaskia	6:30
25	at Lincoln College	6:00
30	at John A. Logan	6:30
31	Lindenwood-Belleville JV	6:30

## HERNANDEZ NAMED ALL-AMERICAN



Lincoln Trail College infielder Raul Hernandez was named a second team All-American by the NJCAA.

Hernandez led the Statesmen with a .411 batting average, 17 home runs, 73 RBI and a .767 slugging percentage.

“I’m incredibly proud of him,” said LTC Baseball Coach Kevin Bowers. “He spent two years here and his numbers both years warrant

this award. The big knock on him his freshman year was he struck out too much. This year he cut down his strikeouts by almost 40 percent and it showed in increased power numbers, increased RBIs, and an increased batting average.”

Hernandez will continue his collegiate career at Jackson State University. Bowers says Jackson State plays a number of SEC schools, which will give Hernandez a chance to showcase his skills against more high-quality players. He believes that there will be a day where people will see Hernandez in Major League Baseball.

“I’ve been blessed to coach some very, very good hitters and he’ll go down as arguably one of the top two or three. He has consistent contact, power to all fields, the ability to put the ball on the deck to move a runner, the ability to drive a ball in the air to score a runner. Whatever the situation dictated, for two years, he got the job done off of some of the best arms this league has seen in a while. I’m pretty confident in his abilities and where he’s going to end up. I would not be shocked to see him in the Big Leagues someday.”

The All-American honor was one of several postseason awards Hernandez earned after his sophomore season at LTC. He was an All-District, All-Region, and All-Conference selection. The Great Rivers Athletic Conference and Region 24 both named him as their Player of the Year.



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