



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

DECEMBER 2018

UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 COLLEGE CLOSED - New Year's Day
- 3 CNA Exam
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 7 Spring Semester Begins
Crawford County Teacher's Institute
Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 8 **Crawford County Award for Academic Excellence Banquet**
6 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 9 **Nursing Orientation**
10:30 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 12 **Pearson Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 15 **Beauty and the Beast Auditions**
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater

IECC Board Meeting
7 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 16 **Beauty and the Beast Auditions**
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 17 CNA Exam
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 21 COLLEGE CLOSED - MLK Day
- 23 **Pearson Testing**
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119

Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 24 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 29 **High School Counselors Meeting**
8 a.m., Lincoln Room
- 31 **Nutrition Program: Rethink Your Drink**
5:30 p.m., Library

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LTC STRIVES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Community Colleges are about more than issuing degrees and certificates. That is the word from Lincoln Trail College President, Dr. Ryan Gower. "We never lose sight of our educational mandate, but it is important for the College to be relevant and visible to all the stakeholders in our community. Finding unique ways to add value to the public is essential." With the Holidays fast approaching, Lincoln Trail College is giving back to area residents in many ways.

WVC, FCC, AND LTC FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY IN DISTRICT 529



Nationwide nearly 60% of college students are "food insecure." That is the latest number from the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior. Food insecurity is the lack of sure access to food that is nutritious and affordable. "I think this number is surprising to most people," says LTC Assistant Professor Cyndi Boyce. "In 2016, we decided we wanted to see what we could do to address food shortages that impact so many people in our local communities. We came up with the idea of having a competition with WVC to see which school could collect the most food to donate to our local food pantries. Dr. Fowler [WVC President] and Kyle Peach [Assistant Professor, WVC] accepted our challenge and it just took off from there." The IECC Annual

FOOD ITEMS COLLECTED

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| LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE | 7156 |
| WABASH VALLEY COLLEGE | 3230 |
| FRONTIER COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 1202 |
| TOTAL ITEMS COLLECTED | 11,588 |

Food Drive has continued to grow every year. This year Frontier Community College joined the completion and collected 1,202 food items to donate to charitable organizations in Wayne County. Altogether, WVC, FCC, and LTC will be donating more than 11,588 food items – ranging from canned goods to Ramen noodles – to area food pantries this year. “The competition is fun,” says Boyce, “But the ability to work together with our sister colleges to address problems in our local communities is more important. In the process, our students come to understand that they do have a responsibility to give back and that they can make a difference if they make up their minds to do it.”

This year, Lincoln Trail College has reclaimed the IECC Championship Trophy after collecting 7,156 food items to donate to area food pantries.

SPORT MANAGEMENT’S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS PAYS DIVIDENDS



LTC’s new Sport Management program, chaired by Instructor Tyler Browning, is making a big impact on youth sports programs in Crawford County. Through a unique partnership with the Chicago Blackhawks, the LTC Sport Management program was able to donate 30 hockey sticks, 30 floor hockey balls, 30 jerseys, and two goals to support the areas floor hockey programs. “We are trying to find ways to build relationships that benefit Sport Management students and people in our hometowns all at the same time,” says Browning. “We think there are ways for our students to learn and build their resume while creating experiences and running programs for local benefit.” Last Spring, students from the Sport Management program had the opportunity to travel to the United Center for a behind-the-scenes look at game day operations. “It started with a simple conversation between [Executive Vice President, Chicago Blackhawks] Jay Blunk, [LTC President] Ryan Gower and I. The next thing you know we are in their GOAL program and in a position where we can help contribute to floor hockey programs in our local schools.”

The gift of hockey gear is just one way the Sport Management program is influencing youth sports in the community. This year, two LTC Sport Management students are interning with elementary teachers in the Robinson School district to help run the floor hockey program. “Our goal is for floor hockey to continue to grow and even spread to other schools,” says Ryan Reynolds, Lincoln Grade School. “I’m really looking forward to working with the LTC Sport Management interns this year. The league has grown over the past few years and our schedule has had games on almost every school day in January and February. The interns are a big help not only on those game days but also

with the organizing, scheduling, and other paperwork.”

This year more than 190 students are expected to participate in the floor hockey program at Lincoln Grade School. This means more than 55% of students at Lincoln Grade School are choosing to participate in the program. “It’s a great way to introduce kids to the game of hockey,” says Browning. “Obviously, we don’t have an ice rink in our area, but the kids can get interested and understand the game better through this program.” When asked about the impact of the internship on his Sport Management students, Browning says, “It’s really big. They are getting incredibly valuable on-the-job experience. Our students are seeing many different sides of what they can be doing. They are helping with administrative tasks, they are helping manage equipment, they are helping build teams, and they are working with the kids. They are learning to communicate with many different people from school officials to family members to the kids themselves. All of this experience is going to be really valuable for our students as they prepare for their futures.”

LTC HELPS RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS GAIN SOFT SKILLS EMPLOYERS ARE LOOKING FOR



The feedback from local employers is clear – today’s college graduates have the technical skills needed for the job but are coming up short on their soft skills. Communication, teamwork, professionalism, and problem-solving are among the soft skills that industry needs most. Lincoln Trail College is rolling out a series of workshops and seminars designed to equip students and community members alike with these skills.



In November, Phi Theta Kappa hosted an Etiquette Dinner where LTC College Access Specialist Tona Ambrose provided a hands-on and interactive dining experience where the rules of behavior for dining in formal and business settings were reviewed. Attendees were served a four-course dinner and instructed as to how to act and the proper way to use their utensils and plates.

“We want to do something that will help [people] learn the etiquette skills they need for career networking and job interviews, which often include lunches and dinners,” says Phi Theta Kappa advisor Kim Schucker. “There are certain expectations of how a person is supposed to act in a professional environment.”

LTC’s Statesmen Grill was dressed up with formal table settings so students could get a true feel for a more

upscale dinner. Faculty and staff from the College donned white shirts and black pants to be the servers for the evening. “The dedication of our faculty and staff is so impressive,” says LTC President Ryan Gower. “Every volunteer had other places they could have been on a Thursday evening, but they chose to be here because they really want to help other people learn and grow. Our people are what make Lincoln Trail College an excellent place to learn.”

SANTA MAKES AN EARLY STOP AT LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE



Holiday cheer was in the air on December 1, when Lincoln Trail College held the first annual “Breakfast with Santa” event. The SOLD OUT event began with children visiting Santa in the “North Pole” to share their Christmas wishes and get a professional photo taken by Danelle Hevron Studios. Afterward, families sat and enjoyed a breakfast of French toast, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, a fruit plate, and a yogurt bar. During breakfast, attendees had opportunities to take pictures with Santa and his elves as they visited each table. After breakfast, nearly 300 people gathered in the LTC Theater for an encore performance from the LTC Children’s Summer Theater cast and crew. The performance included songs from the musical “Elf Jr.” and interactive games on the stage. “The interest in the event was just overwhelming,” said Deanna Chrysler, Administrative Assistant to the President. “The event sold out in the first few days. We are already

thinking about ways to accommodate more people next year.”

“The event was a good example of collaboration between the College and area businesses,” says Gower. “Your Flower Basket provided professionally decorated trees and centerpieces, Empty Pocket Creations did the catering, and Hershey and Marathon contributed goodies for the children who visited Santa. These events are a lot of work, but they help build the brand of the College and it generated a lot of interest in our performing arts programs.”

The event could not have taken place without the hard work of Tara Gallion, Vicky Bonelli, Jamie Henry, Deanna Chrysler, Sharon McElyea, Brian Bailey, Tristan Caparas, John Watson and the other committee members who helped make all the arrangements.



100 WOMEN WHO CARE DONATE TO THEATER RENAISSANCE



Crawford County 100 Women Who Care voted to support the Theater Renaissance Program at Lincoln Trail College. The organization donated \$3600 to the project.

“This money will go specifically to the LED lighting program,” says LTC Theater Director Emeritus Barb Shimer, who is also a part of the 100 Women Who Care organization. “This donation should help complete this phase of the project that will help the theater serve the many programs that call it home.”

The Theater Renaissance Program launched in 2017 with an aim to modernize and possibly expand the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. Since its launch, the program has already replaced curtains in the theater, updated the theater’s lighting board, and replaced the risers used for choral performances.

LTC ALUMNUS AMONG BUSH HONOR GUARD



Deaville stands guard in the Capitol Rotunda. Photo courtesy C-SPAN.

A Lincoln Trail College graduate was one of the servicemembers that stood watch over the casket of President George H.W. Bush in the Capitol Rotunda.

Chris Deaville (’15) is a member of the United States Coast Guard’s Ceremonial Honor Guard. He stood guard over the late President on the night of December 3 and into the early morning hours of Dec. 4. Deaville said it was an absolute honor to be selected to stand watch over the President.

Deaville joined the Coast Guard a year ago and is stationed in Alexandria, Va. He began his shift guarding the late President’s casket as a part of the Honor Guard at 10 p.m. on Dec. 3 and remained on watch until 8 a.m. on Dec. 4.

Deaville played baseball at Lincoln Trail College and went on to attend McKendree.



DECEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

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| 7 | Lincoln College | 7:00 |
| 9 | Kaskaskia | 7:30 |
| 12 | at Shawnee | 3:00 |
| 16 | at Wabash Valley | 7:30 |
| 19 | John A. Logan | 3:00 |
| 23 | at Southeastern | 7:30 |
| 26 | at Lake Land | 5:00 |
| 30 | Rend Lake | 7:30 |

Women's Basketball

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| 4 | MacMurray | 5:30 |
| 9 | Kaskaskia | 5:30 |
| 12 | at Shawnee | 1:00 |
| 16 | at Wabash Valley | 5:30 |
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THREE STATESMEN SIGN WITH UNIVERSITIES

Three Lincoln Trail College baseball players will continue their college careers with Division I programs after they complete their careers at LTC.



Righthanded pitcher Dalton Laney (left) signed with Indiana University. He's the fifth Statesmen baseball player to commit to a Big Ten school in the last four years, joining Austin Batka ('16 – Michigan), Thomas Waning ('16 – Ohio State), Brad Busald ('17 – Indiana), and Jordan Brewer ('18 – Michigan).

“Dalton has an incredibly high ceiling,” says Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers. “He has above average abilities on the mound with a tireless work

ethic. Armed with an 88-92 mile per hour fastball with the makings of a Big-League slider, he possesses the stuff to not only be one of the best pitchers in the league but in the country. He is a quiet leader and the players gravitate to that. We look for big things this spring and in the future from Dalton.”

Righthander Carter Poiry (right) committed to Murray State University, where he'll join former Statesmen, Joey Ivey and Chance Carner. “I was told a long time ago that the key to an easy life as a coach was to make sure your best players are your best workers. Carter fits into that quote to a T,” says Bowers. “He sat 87-89 this fall with great movement and a devastating changeup and a great feel for a slider. That three-pitch mix will make him difficult to hit and a guy we are going to lean heavily on.”



Righthander John Cheatwood (left) committed to Marshall University. “We are very excited about John,” says Bowers. “He came in this fall and attacked everything that was thrown in his path. He has an above average fastball topping out at 91 miles per hour. That accompanied by a nasty cutter and a changeup, he has the pitch arsenal to make a big impact this spring.”

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