



LTC AND OCC PARTNER FOR
HEALTH CARE



2700 COME TO SEE LTC'S
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



PHI THETA KAPPA STUDENTS
PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL
CONVENTION IN ORLANDO

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

Network



SENIOR BLITZ BRINGS 250 SENIORS TO LTC CAMPUS

Lincoln Trail College hosted more than 250 area high school seniors for its largest campus visit day in school history. “Senior Blitz 2019” took place on Tuesday, April 9 which is a day that all area 9-11th grade students were participating in mandatory achievement testing. LTC’s Tona Ambrose (College Access) worked closely with area high school counselors to create an event that would allow area seniors to use their free day constructively. According to Ambrose, the event had three primary goals:

- 1) To create a large “campus visit day” that would serve to recruit area students
- 2) To provide graduating seniors with practical advice about how to handle the transition to college
- 3) To strengthen the relationship between LTC, area high schools, and community partners

“We really wanted to help prepare students for the next chapter in their lives,” says Ambrose. “This event was designed to help make sure they have a good plan and are prepared so they have a clear path to success after high school.”

The event had a wild and rambunctious beginning in the LTC Sports Center with a live DJ, registration, raffles and other games to occupy students while buses from all five area high schools arrived. After the registration and check-in activities, Mrs. Tiffany Macke of the University of Illinois Office of Extension provided the keynote address. Over the course of an hour, she provided a very practical session demonstrating the importance of dreaming and planning to achieve personal and professional goals. Students were broken into groups and participated in breakout sessions

**UPCOMING
MAY
EVENTS**

- 1 **Student Senate Trivia Night**
6:30 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 2 **Music Juries**
Holocaust Day
9-4, Sports Center
- 3 **Last Day of Spring Semester Classes**
TRIO SSS Recognition Banquet
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
Soph Recital/Statesmen Singers
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 **SAT Testing**
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 105
50th Anniversary Kickoff/Statesmen Park Groundbreaking Ceremony
11 a.m., Statesmen Park
Spring Classic All-Star Game
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 6-9 **Final Exams**
- 10 **Last Day of Spring Semester**
Nurse Pinning Ceremony
5 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
49th Annual Commencement Exercises
7 p.m., Sports Center
- 11 **Pearson Testing**
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 13 **First Day of Intercession Classes**
- 16 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 21 **Intercession Midterm**
- 23 **Blood Drive**
10-2 Sports Center
LTC Foundation Meeting
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 27 **COLLEGE CLOSED - Memorial Day**
- 31 **Last Day of Intercession Classes**

including:

- 1) VARK assessment - learning styles and how to approach college classes
- 2) The importance of dressing for success
- 3) Money talk & financial aid
- 4) Resume development

Over the lunch hour, LTC faculty and current students had the opportunity to showcase their program of study at informational tables for the students. Among the programs represented were Nursing, Process Technology, Broadband Telecom, Sport Management, Health Occupations, Welding, and Music. LTC faculty and staff also told students about other ways to engage campus through Phi Theta Kappa, Student Senate, or the Performing Arts.



Keynote speaker Tiffany Macke talks about the importance of dreaming and goal setting

“There were certainly students here today who are wondering if college is the right next step for them,” says LTC President Ryan Gower. “There are other students who knew they were coming to LTC or another campus and still others who were still trying to figure out the best place for them to begin their college career. Regardless of which of these camps the students were in, they walked away from our campus understanding that we are here to serve them in any way we possibly can.”



Tona Ambrose welcomes the students to LTC



The DJ hypes the crowd at the beginning of the event



Laurie Jenkins works with a Certified Medical Assistant student to prepare for a lab exercise

LINCOLN TRAIL AND OLNEY CENTRAL PARTNER FOR HEALTH CARE

The friendly competition and banter between the four Illinois Eastern Community Colleges have their fun and entertaining moments, but the opportunity for collaboration is the district's greatest strength. Recently, Lincoln Trail and Olney Central identified an opportunity for collaboration that has the potential to boost enrollment in an LTC program, meet the needs of a community partner, and improve the professional careers of the local workforce.

To meet the training needs of Carle Richland Memorial Hospital (RMH), OCC and LTC will cooperate in offering courses to RMH Medical Assistant employees. Currently, the hospital employs twenty Medical Assistants without a nationally recognized certification. As with the professionalization of any career, certification ensures quality, increases credibility, provides additional training, makes individuals more employable, and increases employee earning potential.

LTC's Certified Medical Assistant Program prepares students for medical clerical duties, scheduling, record keeping, arranging hospital admissions, completing reports, processing health insurance, patient preparation, measurement of vital signs, assisting with first aid, and collecting and processing specimens. Successful completers earn national certifications through the National Healthcareer Association and/or American Medical Technologists. Students also have the opportunity to become certified Phlebotomy and EKG Technicians.

Through this opportunity, both current and potential Carle RMH Medical Assistants will receive training through LTC's Certified Medical Assistant program while also enrolling in general education coursework at OCC. Ms. Laurie Jenkins, LTC's Health Careers Program Director, will set up Saturday clinical opportunities for Carle RMH students enrolled in the program. "Health providers are increasingly finding that Certified Medical Assistants are an asset to their organizations. I am happy to make flexible scheduling opportunities for the RMH students."

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST SELLS OUT SIX SHOWS



Samuel Mikeworth performs as Gaston

Rebecca Carmack performs as Belle and Dr. John Sharma performs as the Beast

Chris Jansen performs as Lumiere and Daniel Dix performs as Cogsworth

More than 2,700 people came out to Lincoln Trail College's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The College was originally scheduled to put on six shows of the classic story, but due to popular demand, a seventh show was added. In total, six of the seven shows were sold out.

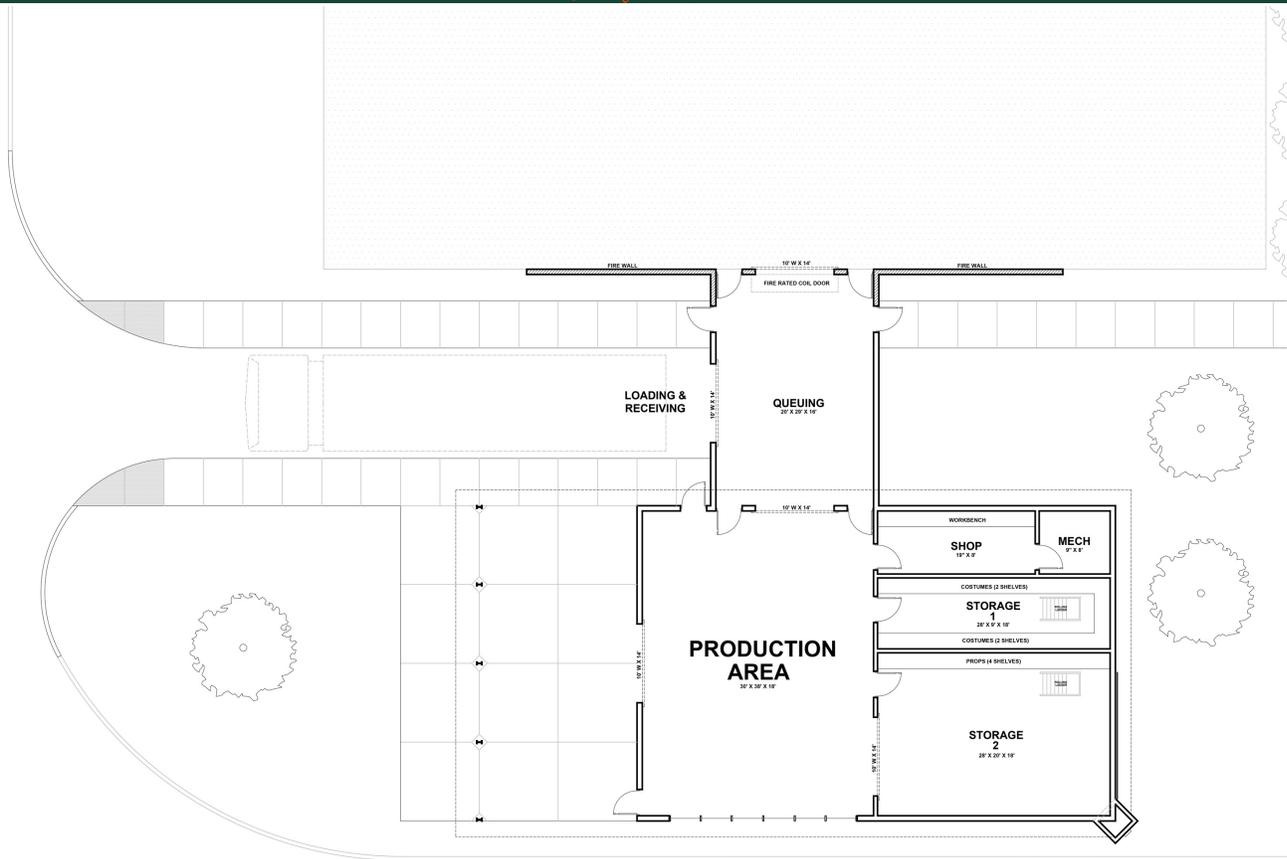
"A huge thanks to our theater family," says Director Barb Shimer. "Our cast and crew, community members, volunteers, and Lincoln Trail College staff all contributed a part in making this project this successful and so enjoyable."

One of the unique highlights of the production was a rotating stage that was built on top of the stage in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. Students in the Robinson High School Building Trades class taught by Steve Jenkins built the rotating stage and set.

Beauty and the Beast was one of the larger productions put on by the College. Altogether, there were about 90 people involved in the cast and crew.

Meanwhile, the College is gearing up for the final phase of the Theater Renaissance campaign. This phase will add a production and storage area to the south side of the theater. "When we have large productions on the stage, we lose that space," says Music Instructor Rebecca Carmack, who starred as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. "The new facility will allow for the sets to be built offstage and also give us a place to store set pieces so our classes and the community will have access to the theater."





A floor plan for the second phase of Theater Renaissance provided by Todd Weger of Weger + Associates Architects

The storage area will also free up space in the Rehearsal Hall, where risers, music stands, and instruments are stored. The rehearsal hall is used for classes and Carmack says that will improve that space as an instructional space. She says it will also improve the overall look of the Performing Arts Department when they bring in prospective students.

Groundbreaking on the final phase for Theater Renaissance is expected to take place during the College's 50th-anniversary celebration.



PHI THETA KAPPA STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL CONVENTION



Five Lincoln Trail College Phi Theta Kappa students were joined by the two chapter advisors at the annual Phi Theta Kappa Catalyst convention in Orlando, Fla. April 4-7.

The event began with a regional meeting of the Illinois chapters in attendance. Lincoln Trail was joined by Phi Theta Kappa chapters from Olney Central College and Frontier Community College at the event.

The national event features a number of speakers and events for students. “The national organization of Phi Theta Kappa always puts on an amazing event for students and advisors, alike,” says LTC Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Kimberly Schucker. “The purpose of the event is to educate, inspire and prompt purposeful action from the members to make a difference in their own lives and others. The overall theme of the convention matches the honors topic from which we do our research projects as a chapter. This year it is transformations. The honored speakers all spoke of their obstacles and how they transformed their lives to now be top in their professions.”

One of the keynote speakers was Jeff Henderson, a celebrity chef, and author who is also a former felon. Henderson talked about how he had to transform his thoughts, walk, talk and attire to fit into the corporate world in which he wanted to work. He spent nine years in federal prison on drug trafficking and conspiracy charges. While in prison, he found his gift and dedicated his life to it after he was released.

Henderson charged the students to find their gift, work hard on developing it, and using it to advance your quality of life. He also talked about the importance of having a mentor to knowledge hack.

The other keynote speaker was best-selling author and social media influencer Mell Robbins. Alcoholism, near divorce, and bankruptcy plagued her and her husband’s life and she had to make a change. She found a trick that kicks our brains out of the habit and pattern area that is hindering our lives, to our frontal lobes that are spontaneous and makes us take different actions. It’s the five-second rule...count down 5-4-3-2-1 before you talk yourself out of acting on a good idea or making that cold call or putting down that donut.

The CEO of Phi Theta Kappa spoke about her life work to squelch the stigma of two-year community colleges. “She presented us with evidence that the most successful students in four-year institutions, no matter if the institution is not selective, highly selective or the most selective, transfer from community colleges. She was on fire about this and we were too!” says Schucker.

In addition to the general sessions, students attended a number of educational forums. Students had to opportunity to participate in leadership development training and learned more about how to produce a good honors topic projects and college projects. There was also a large transfer fair for students to attend and the advisors were able to meet with university representatives to find out about opportunities for chapter members.

Schucker says that after attending the conference, she is confident that her new leadership team will be able to continue on the tradition of Lincoln Trail College being a five-star Phi Theta Kappa chapter, the highest honor available to local chapters.



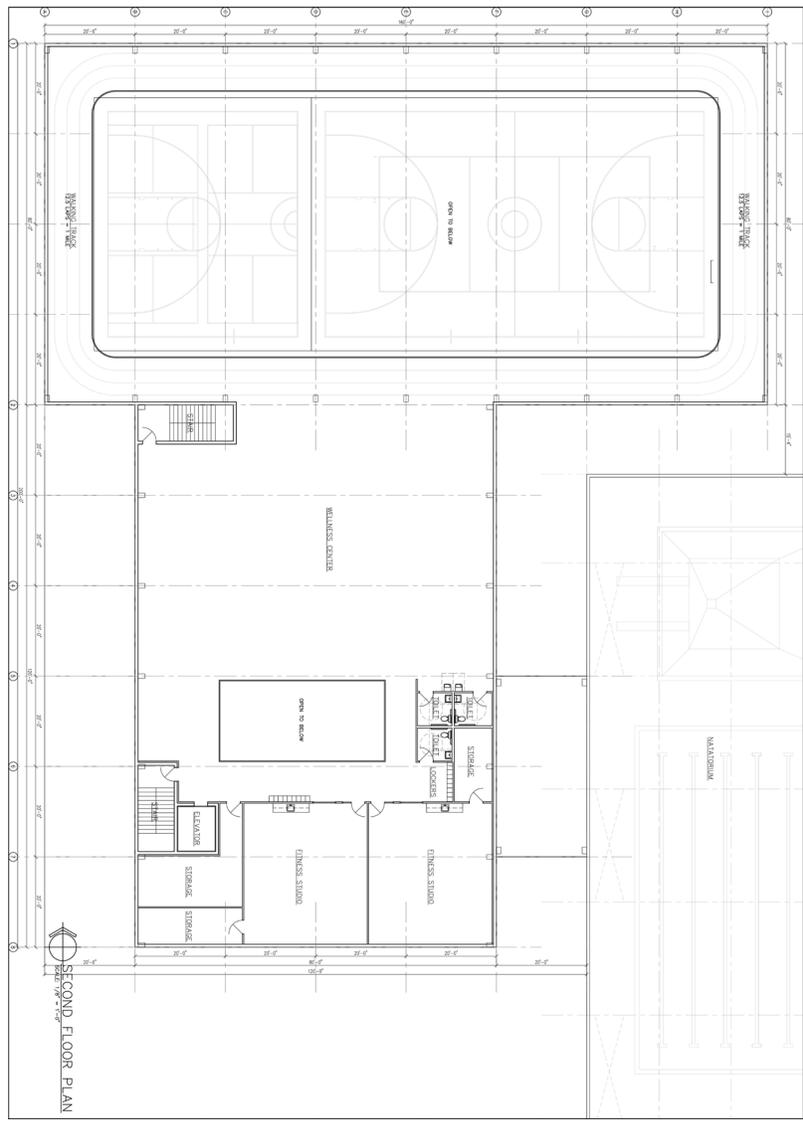
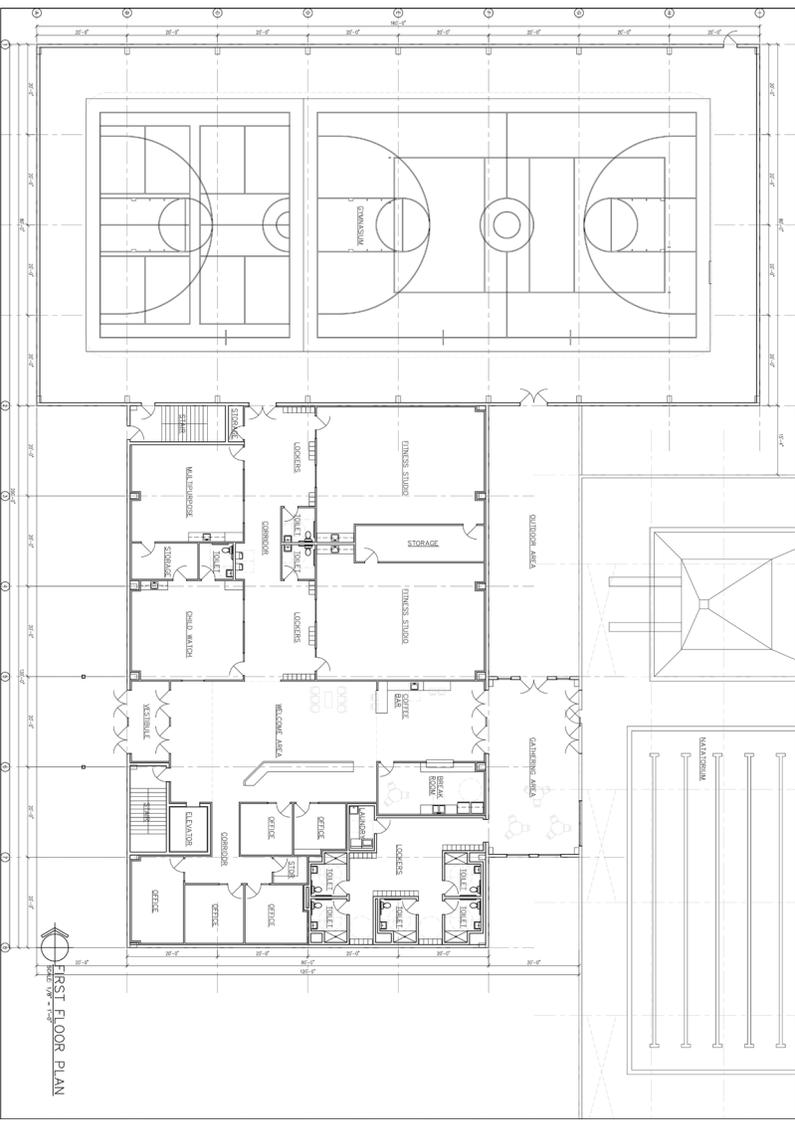
PTK member Madison Moore was named a Bronze Medal Scholar and Illinois All-State Academic Team Member



CCRC RECEIVES \$500K DONATION FROM MARATHON

The Crawford County Recreation Center received a \$500,000 donation from Marathon Petroleum. The gift is the first part of a larger donation from the refinery.

The CCRC is continuing to raise funds from corporations and individuals and recently started working with an architect to develop floor plans for the 30,000 square foot facility which will be placed on the campus of Lincoln Trail College.



Preliminary floor plan models for the Crawford County Recreation Center presented by Sandra Walk of Walk Architecture

NORTH CAMPUS SEES IMPROVEMENTS



Originally constructed in 1969 as temporary classrooms, the five buildings on the north campus of Lincoln Trail College were intended to be demolished after the construction of the main campus was completed in 1973. A new vision for the use of these buildings is being realized, and work on the north campus will continue over the summer months.

“In time, our plan is for these buildings to be used almost exclusively for community education, evening and weekend courses, and other rental/auxiliary activities like Twin Rivers and the ROE Pre-K program,” says LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower. “We are taking modest steps to work on infrastructure and aesthetics that will allow this transformation to take place.”

Currently, the five buildings house the Construction Technology, Pharmacy Technician, Electronic Medical Records, and Medical Assistant programs. “We are continuing to lobby the State of Illinois to release the funds for the Technology Center that was approved two decades ago,” says Gower. “Our plan is for this new building to house several of our career and technical programs that cannot easily be taught in traditional classroom environments. This will allow these programs to be more integrated into our main campus and free up space on the north campus for other types of activities.” The Technology Center would sit to the north of Williams Hall along the main corridor that connects the main campus to the original five buildings. In continuing to build north, Gower hopes to create a greater sense of connection between the original buildings and LTC’s main campus.

At present, the north campus has a very industrial feel with the bus barn, fuel tanks, and dirt and mulch storage all among the first features that greet visitors. The plan is to begin moving all these structures to the east, out of the line of sight for visitors, allowing for the main parking area on the north campus to be as pleasant and welcoming as the entrance and parking area of the main campus. Among the projects that have recently taken place:

- 1) Storybrooke Pre-K classrooms (4 ½ day classes) and playground.
- 2) New access drive for the maintenance building that eliminates the need for vehicles to drive on pedestrian walkways.
- 3) New sidewalk to the Storybrooke Pre-K classroom to eliminate tripping hazards.
- 4) Improvement of the maintenance building to allow for more storage of grounds equipment in buildings not used for instruction.

Projects for the summer of 2019 include:

- 1) New signage for the north campus including improved entrance and exit signs.
- 2) The addition of 2 full day classrooms for the Storybrooke Pre-K classrooms.
- 3) Reworking grade to remove silt from drainage swales to allow water to move away from the buildings.
- 4) Improving the original soccer field to allow for youth and community activities (soccer, field hockey, & lacrosse) to be offered.

HENRY STEPPING DOWN AFTER 20+ YEARS ON THE JOB



Lincoln Trail College Director of Business Jamie Henry is stepping down from Lincoln Trail College after working at the College for more than two decades.

Henry first joined Lincoln Trail College in 1998 as the secretary to the Director of Business and took over as the Director of Business in 2003. In that time, she's had a lot of great memories at the College.

“Graduation nights have always been special. They're inspiring and heartwarming. I have some fun memories too, like hijacking Kevin's [Bowers] golf cart during Trick or Treat at the Trail. I've really enjoyed the community atmosphere when we provide popcorn in the business office on Fridays.”

Henry has seen many changes during her time at the College and one of the memorable changes has been the transformation of the Cafeteria into Statesmen Grill. “We wanted it to be something more than just the LTC Cafeteria and Judy [Young] came up with the name.” Henry helped with the redesign of the area and helped with repainting and redecorating the space.

Henry also helped with the vision of the Welcome Wall in Williams Hall. “The Welcome Wall is a great start to the visual changes to come. I think we always are seeking a better way. If something doesn't work, you get a team and make it work.”

One of the best parts of her time at Lincoln Trail has been watching the recent transformations to the campus. “I've really enjoyed seeing the changes Ryan [Gower] is bringing to campus. Between the Crawford County Recreation Center, soccer, Statesmen Park, and the Theater Renaissance, we're really growing the campus for students and the community.”

One of the things Henry will miss after she leaves is helping students. “One of the things that makes my time here so memorable is getting the chance to help distressed students resolve a difficult situation.”

COMPANY SEEKS PROCESS TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

Renewable Energy Group (REG) of Ames, Iowa recently contacted Lincoln Trail about internship opportunities for process technology students.

Per Matt Schmidlin, Project Engineer at REG's Geismar, Louisiana location, it was the reputation of LTC's program that interested REG's corporate office. REG has plants in both Danville and Joliet, Illinois.



Unlike other internships within the process technology program, REG requested that students apply for position between their freshman and sophomore years. Successful students will be guaranteed positions at a REG location as long as they finish their AAS degree after the internship.

To date, three LTC students interviewed and have accepted internship opportunities for Summer 2019. REG, a Fortune 1000 corporation, has locations in Iowa, Illinois, Louisiana, and Washington.



MAY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

2	at Southeastern	3:00
4	Southeastern	12:00
10-12	Regional Tournament	TBA

Golf

4	Lincoln Trail Invitational
11-13	Region 24 Championship (at French Lick, Ind.)

Softball

4-5	Region XXIV Tournament	TBA
11-12	Region XXIV Final Four	TBA

WILLIAMS SIGNS WITH EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY



Lincoln Trail College guard Justin Williams will continue his collegiate basketball career with Emporia State. The 5-10 guard from Indianapolis started all 30 games for the Statesmen in his sophomore season and averaged 15.7 points per game.

Statesmen coach Luke Stuckey says Williams earned his opportunity at Emporia State through hard work. "Coming out of high school, we were his only offer. He has improved a lot. He has changed his body into game condition over the two years he was here. He has done a great job in the college system. He came in as a good shooter, but now he has the ability to make tough shots."

Williams shot 47% from the field, 37.4% from behind the arc, and 81.4% at the free throw line as a sophomore. He scored a season-high 28 points in a Jan. 26 loss at Lake Land.

Stuckey says Williams became a highly sought-after player during his sophomore season and he ended up with a number of Division II offers. "He really made the most of his opportunities here."

Stuckey believes that Williams will continue to contribute to the success of his new team and thinks he has the ability to be an all-conference player at Emporia State.

Williams earned All-Region and All-Conference honors after his sophomore season at Lincoln Trail College.