



LTC NAMES STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



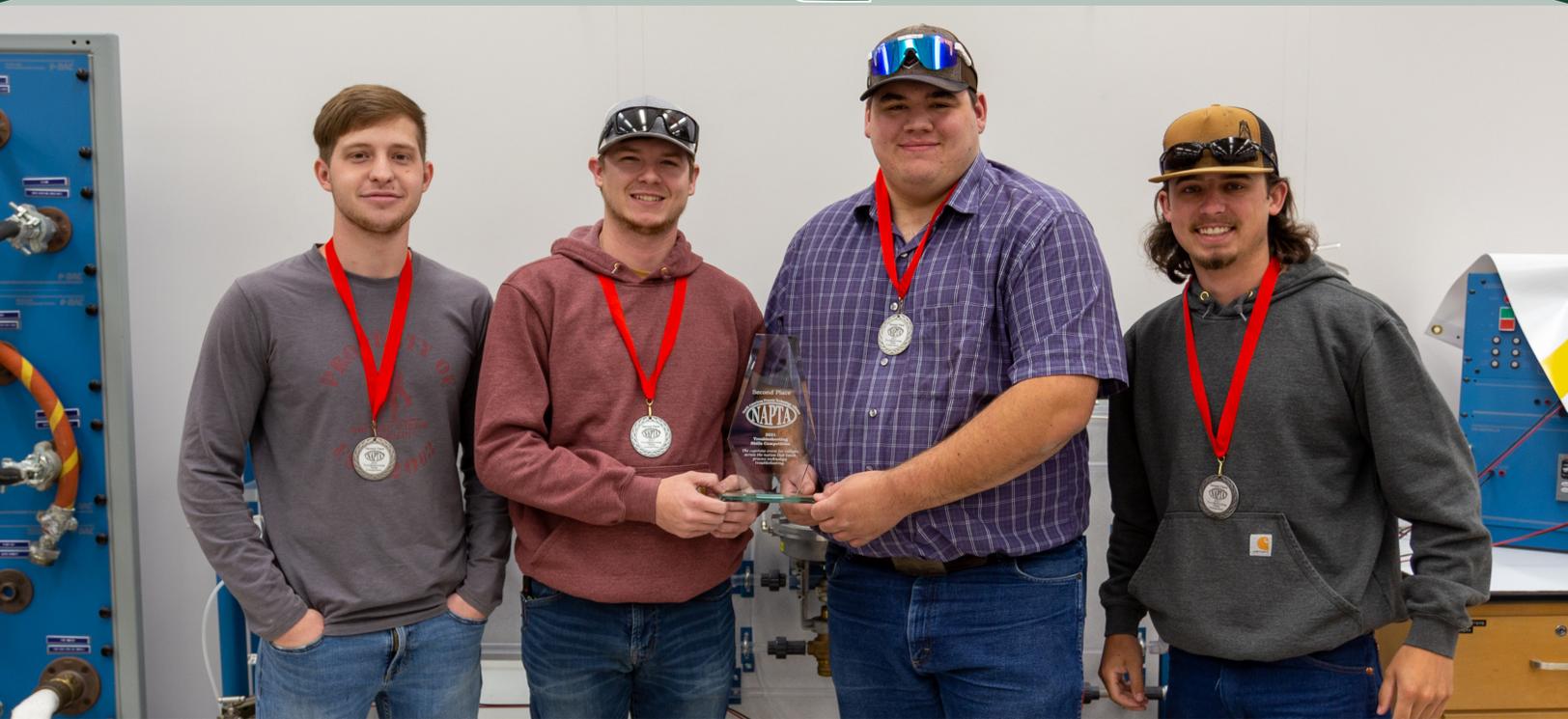
LTC ALUM MURRAY RETURNS AS NEW ADVISOR



WOLVEN RETIRES AFTER TWO DECADES AT LTC

# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

## Network



### PTEC STUDENTS EARN SECOND IN NORTH AMERICAN COMPETITION

Lincoln Trail College Process Technology students took second in the North American Process Technology Alliance's Troubleshooting Skills Competition on April 24. LTC's team was made up of Kyler Pankey, Dawson Hawkins, Christopher (Noah) Daugherty, and Austin Price.

The competition features advanced Process Technology students from across the nation. Students use simulation software provided by Simtronics Corporation to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Teams of four work together to troubleshoot a process upset. To qualify for the event, students must currently be enrolled in a Process Technology program on a full or part-time basis. They cannot be employed now or in the past in the industry as an operator. Ten teams competed for the national championship in timed rounds of simulation-based exercises.

"I'm so proud of my students," says Process Technology Lead Instructor Tina Lindley. "I initially did this so they could have the experience. I knew they were good, but I didn't know what to expect from the competition."

LTC students competed in four different events to measure their operating skills. Lindley says they were tested on things like pumps shutting down and instruments not reading correctly.

“By winning second place, they showed that they understand what it takes to work in Process Technology and what it takes to be an operator. Troubleshooting is mostly what you do.”

Lindley believes that this will also help enhance LTC’s program. “I think this will help attract more industries to our program because they know that we have the people that can do it.”

In addition to the competition, students had the chance to take part in a career development workshop, network, and hear speakers from Shell Oil Company and BASF.

This was the first time Lincoln Trail College competed in the NAPTA Troubleshooting Skills Competition and Lindley says she plans to keep competing in the future.



Abbey McCord was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team.



Hutsonville High School’s Class of ‘21 visited LTC. They learned about college programs and toured the campus on their visit.



LTC students enjoy a game of egg toss at LTC’s Craze Daze. The day featured free food and many different games for students.



LTC faculty and staff interact with future Statesmen at the College’s annual Admitted Student Day.

## LTC NAMES STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



*Student award winners, left to right, Winter Harmsen, Mallory Mundy, and Abbey McCord*

Lincoln Trail College announced the winners of this year's student awards. Abbey McCord was awarded the Joseph C. Piland Excellence in Scholarship Award. Mallory Mundy was awarded the J. Rod Harmon Excellence in Service Award and Winter Harmsen was awarded the Bev L. Turkal Excellence in Leadership Award.

The Piland Award is given to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has demonstrated outstanding academic merit and sustained excellence in the classroom. The award is given to honor Joseph C. Piland who was the first President of Lincoln Trail College. His vision and passion for education were instrumental in the development of a comprehensive community college for Crawford County.

McCord was recognized for her 4.0 grade point average, but also for her continued dedication and passion for Lincoln Trail College. McCord has been active with TRIO, Phi Theta Kappa, and Student Senate. She was named to Phi Theta Kappa's All-Academic State Team. McCord has also volunteered numerous times to talk with prospective students about her experiences at LTC.

The Harmon Award is given to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has demonstrated outstanding service to the college or the community. Rod Harmon served as a faculty member at Lincoln Trail College for 27 years and has been the Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation since 2005. He is well known for his rich sense of humor, dedication to his wife Diana, and commitment to creating opportunities for all residents of Crawford County to have access to a high-quality education.

Mundy was recognized for her leadership and service to Lincoln Trail College. Her passion and work ethic embodies what it means to be a Statesmen. She regularly shares her experiences at LTC with prospective students. She was elected as the new president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and will be helping with this summer's College For Kids program.

The Turkal Award is given to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has shown great leadership qualities and

skills. This award is given to honor Bev L. Turkal, a true leader in education, whose passion was to make a difference and change the lives of children, teens, adults and lifelong learners. Bev believed to be a strong leader one must Live Life, Care and Show Empathy, must have High Energy and be Competitive to Accomplish the Goals set to Make Things Happen!

Over the last two years, Harmsen has fully immersed herself in all things Lincoln Trail College. She has served as the president of Student Senate and Phi Theta Kappa and was also a captain of the Women's Soccer team. She's helped organize numerous on-campus activities and helped organize the LTCares Food Pantry and set up an after-business hours computer lab for student-athletes. Harmsen has also been very active in helping recruiting efforts for LTC. In her two years, she's carried a heavy academic load and also worked multiple jobs.

The three awards are given annually, and students are nominated by faculty and staff members. A committee selects the recipients of the awards.

## LTC FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS HONORED

Lincoln Trail College honored faculty and staff members for their service at the 42nd Annual Service Recognition Night.



*Dr. Wolven receives her Excellence in Teaching Award*

Retiring English Professor Dr. Ann Wolven was the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award. It is awarded to faculty members who have demonstrated sustained excellence and have adopted innovative or highly effective practices to aid student learning.

Wolven received multiple nominations for the award. Her letters of nomination noted her passion and skills as a teacher and reference the effect she has had on students. One of her nomination letters came from a student. "When I met Dr. Wolven, I did not feel like I was a 'good student'. I struggled with deadlines, organization, and motivation. The workload was intimidating, and I felt like I was in over my head...she offered me help, she answered my questions, as she gave me every reason to trust both her and myself."

History and Social Science Assistant Professor Cyndi Boyce was the recipient of two awards, the Faculty Excellence Award and the Excellence in Online Education Award. The Faculty Excellence Award is given to a faculty member who has an established record of contributing to the goals and mission of the College. Evidence may include but is not limited to: college/district committees, campus clubs, offices held within committees, retention efforts, program review work, program/discipline level assessment, advising, recruiting, active engagement at Faculty/District workshops, awards/recognitions, delivering exceptional education, cultivating and stewarding resources for strategic growth, impacting our local communities, and providing excellent service to our students.



*Cyndi Boyce receives her Excellence in Online Education Award from Brent Todd*

In her nomination for the Faculty Excellence Award, her innovation was noted. “In the classroom, Cyndi is a leader. She received one of the IECC innovation grants and has created a classroom fueled by collaborative learning. Students are excited to take classes with her and use this space...If there is a student she has concerns about, she works with the advising and retention offices to see how the student can receive help.”

The Excellence in Online Education Award is awarded to Faculty Members who have demonstrated sustained excellence and have adopted innovative or highly effective practices to aid student learning. Boyce was nominated for being well ahead of her colleagues across the country when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March of 2020. Her nomination letter noted that, “her innovative practices allowed her to teach courses with students attending face-to-face, synchronously on-line and asynchronously online. There is no doubt that many students would not have persisted this academic year without her innovative online practices.” Boyce has developed over 20 online courses for IECC.



*Brent Todd congratulates Chris Forde on his Staff Excellence Award*



*Danelle Davis receives her Staff Excellence Award from Brent Todd*

Chris Forde and Danelle Davis were the recipients of the Staff Excellence Award. The Staff Excellence Award is given to a staff member with an established record of contributing to the goals and mission of the College.

Forde was recognized for his work establishing Lincoln Trail Television, the College's YouTube channel, which highlights faculty, staff, and student accomplishments and promotes upcoming events and activities. He was also recognized for his service to the College by serving on numerous committees. His community involvement was also noted. Forde recently

completed a term as President of the Robinson Chamber of Commerce, is the chairman of the Crawford County 911 Board, a member of the Robinson Police Commission and is a founding member of the Crawford County Recreation Center Board.

In Davis' nomination letter, it was noted that she “puts everything she can into making sure peoples, customers, and employees, are getting what they need. Her bubbly personality is infectious. Her character to resolve issues is natural. She can't help herself. I have seen her sacrifice many times over to be sure someone else's problem or last-minute need was addressed.” The letter of support went on to praise her work taking on the task of managing the LTC Bookstore while continuing her current role.

Faculty and staff members were also recognized for their years of service. Three-year awards went to Jerry Pasco and Mike Wagaman, five-year awards were given to Rebecca Carmack, Charity Clark, Julie Courtney, Dana Goodwin, Sharon Ochs, Luke Stuckey, and Lynn Williams. Reno Bemont received an award for ten years of service and Angie Williams received an award for 15 years of service. Dr. Wolven was honored for 20 years of service.



*Years of Service honorees Reno Bemont, Angie Williams, Dana Goodwin, Julie Courtney, and Dr. Ann Wolven*



*Roger Eddy recognizes Jackie Shamhart and Brent Todd for their work throughout the year.*



*Roger Eddy receives a special thank you for serving as LTC's Interim President.*

## MURRY JOINS LTC AS ADVISOR



A Lincoln Trail College alumnus is back at the College to advise students. Tyson Murray ('18) is LTC's new advisor.

After graduating from Lincoln Trail College in 2018, he attended Eastern Illinois University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Sport Management in 2020 with a minor in Business Administration. Murray earned his Master's in Sport Administration in 2021.

Murray is a lifelong Robinson resident and spent nine years working at the Robinson City Park. He also worked two years at Sparks Floral.

As an advisor, Murray will help students with their class schedules and make sure that students fulfill their graduation requirements. He'll work with students pursuing transfer degrees and career and technical degrees.

Outside of work, Murray is an avid sports fan and says the Kentucky Wildcats are his favorite team. He also stays active and exercises, swims, and enjoys the

outdoors.

## WOLVEN REFLECTS ON 20 YEARS AT LTC



Lincoln Trail College English Professor Dr. Ann Wolven is retiring after two decades at the College. Her final day on the job is always one of her favorite events, Commencement, where she will serve as the Gonfalon for the ceremony.

“Graduation is always a special time, seeing our students take the next big step in their lives. Their futures are so full of possibilities and opportunities.”

Working with students has always been a passion for Wolven, who has had the opportunity to see many students grow over the years.

“If I have added even a little bit to my students’ success in life, then I have done my job. All of them have such different paths – some become local business owners/employees, other become lawyers, doctors, professional speakers, homemakers, coaches, actors – if I have helped them succeed at all, then I’ve done a good job.”



*Wolven is surprised at her retirement party*

She says she has a lot of memories working with students, but watching students grow is one of her favorite memories. “Seeing students who have little to no confidence in their writing blossom into students who are comfortable with writing different styles is one of my favorite memories. I had a young man who walked in the first day of Composition I class and told me not to be upset with his failing grade in my class -- we had just started the semester, no grades taken yet! -- because he failed all of his writing. Jacob grew in his confidence and writing to earn a “C” in the class. Many people would consider a “C” as just passing, but for a young man who had no confidence improving to where he had confidence in his writing was one such memory.”

Wolven says she has loved working at LTC because of the College's family atmosphere. "I do not believe any one part of this college can function without all of the other parts of the college. Fortunately, others believe this as well. I have dear friends who are or have worked at LTC over the years. Those friendships will stay with me, even through moving to Virginia."

Another one of her favorite memories at LTC is when the College Republicans and College Democrats merged into the LTC Political Society. "Seeing students learn to make logical arguments and to actually listen and understand the opposing side was great. They learned to research, critically analyze, critically listen, and to respect opposing opinions to their own."



*The LTC Political Society staged a Candidate's Debate in 2010*

Wolven and her husband have purchased an 1850 home on just over eight acres in Burkeville, Virginia, a town of about 400 residents. She says she's looking forward to setting up house there, reconnecting with friends, having a raised herb bed as well as a vegetable garden, reaching on the front porch, and relaxing. She says the home is within an hour of Richmond, 20 minutes from Farmville where two universities are located, and within five minutes of another town.

Initially, she says her focus will be on the move, but she hasn't ruled out teaching online if her 25 Mbps dial-up Internet connection can handle it. She says if she can teach online, it would be with LTC.

"I see great milestones in the future for LTC. The college has excellent faculty and staff, and it is expanding. We would not have earned the Aspen award so much if we weren't pretty darned fantastic. I am going to miss the people here, our interactions, working to help students reach their potential."



## MUNDY ELECTED TO PTK STATEWIDE POSITION



Lincoln Trail College student Mallory Mundy was elected as the Vice President of the Illinois Region for Phi Theta Kappa.

Mundy says she was encouraged by LTC chapter advisors Kim Schucker and Carrie Brown along with chapter members to run for the position. She says she was excited to be elected.

“I called my mom right away to share the news,” says Mundy. “I told her that this is just the beginning of something great. I chose to run because I see this as a steppingstone to make a difference in our chapter. We need leaders that are willing to go above and beyond and set a good example.”

Mundy came to Lincoln Trail College from Springfield, Ohio to play soccer. She joined Phi Theta Kappa in 2021. She is also involved in the TRIO program at LTC and works in LTC’s Marketing Office. She was the 2021 winner of the J. Rod Harmon Excellence in Service award.

She says she’s already working on her goals at the state level. “Everything I’m starting for the state begins here at LTC. One of the things I’m passionate about is inclusion. I want to make sure

that people feel like Phi Theta Kappa is like family and I want everyone to be involved. I want to start that right here and bring it to the state level.”

Mundy says she wants more students to see how important Phi Theta Kappa can be and see how many opportunities it offers. “I really want to get more students involved because Phi Theta Kappa is such a great organization and offers so much for its members. We have a very good chapter that’s been internationally recognized. Not only that, but there are also great benefits to members like leadership opportunities and scholarships.”

She says she’s looking forward to the opportunity to work with students from other colleges in Illinois and learning from them. “I think this is going to help me in many ways and will make me even more marketable in life.”

Mundy will attend the statewide conference in Champaign in June. She says she’s looking forward to the opportunity to network and says she’s also considering a bid for a national office.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LTC hosted "Admitted Student Day" on Saturday, May 1st. Tona Ambrose organized and led the event. After a welcoming ceremony and tour of campus, LTC Faculty and Staff members were present in the gymnasium to offer our incoming students details about the various programs available at LTC. I was privileged to have the honor of welcoming students and parents to our campus.

We held our 42nd annual Service Recognition and Awards Night on May 7th at Irene's Vineyard. Faculty and staff were recognized for their years of service. Both Faculty and Student Excellence Awards were presented. The Joseph C. Piland Excellence in Scholarship Award is awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic merit and sustained excellence in the classroom. This year, the Joseph C. Piland award goes to Abbey McCord. The J. Rod Harmon Excellence in Service Award is intended for a student who has demonstrated outstanding service to the college or community. Mallory Mundy was selected as the J. Rod Harmon award winner. The Bev L. Turkal Excellence in Leadership Award is awarded to a full-time LTC student who has shown great leadership qualities and skills. This year's winner of the Bev L. Turkal Award is Winter Harmsen. Congratulations to all these very deserving students.

Awards were also presented to LTC Faculty and Staff. Staff Excellence Awards are presented to Faculty and Staff Member(s) who have an established record of contributing to the goals and mission of the College. The Faculty Winner Staff Excellence this year was Cynthia Boyce. By all measures, this year was a year like NONE other! COVID presented unprecedented challenges that brought out the very best in our staff and the result is that we have not one, but two winners of the Staff Excellence Awards in 2021. Chris Forde and Danelle Davis were both presented this award.

The Excellence in Teaching Award is awarded to a Faculty Member who has demonstrated sustained excellence and adopted innovative or highly effective practices to aid student learning. This year the award went to Dr. Ann Wolven. Ann is retiring from LTC this year after 20 years.

The Excellence in Online Education Award is presented to a Faculty Member who has demonstrated sustained excellence and has adopted innovative or highly effective practices to aid online student learning. The fact that COVID required a heavy reliance on this type of instruction made this award especially relevant this school year. The winner of the On-Line Excellence Award has developed over twenty online course offerings. This award also went to Cynthia Boyce.

A very nice crowd was present at the LTC Theatre on May 13th for the return of a popular series sponsored by the LTC Foundation. The show, Scarborough Fair; Simon and Garfunkel Show, was enjoyed by a limited number. Although very enthusiastic, contingency. It was great to see another sign of a return to a more normal schedule of events. The Bridge Phase will allow for even more participation in the future.

As mentioned last month we were excited that LTC was able to provide students with an in-person graduation ceremony this spring. The event took place in the Zwermann Arts Center on Friday, May 14th. Special thanks to Trustees Barbara Shimer, and Brenda Culver for participating in this ceremony. Our faculty, staff, and graduates appreciate your dedication. This year, the graduates were very pleased to have IECC Chancellor, Ryan Gower, return to LTC to provide closing remarks at the ceremony.

Final exams were conducted May 10-13th. I am grateful that we were able to offer in-person instruction to students the entire spring semester. Extraordinary efforts were made by faculty and staff to facilitate the return to in-person instruction.

We continue to be busy planning for on-campus summer programs including the return of College for Kids and Summer Theatre for Kids. We are pleased to be able to offer these activities to the community this year.