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Dr. Zahi Atallah talks to dual credit students and their families during LTC's Dual Credit Orientation on August 3.

LTC PREPARES FOR FALL SEMESTER

Lincoln Trail College is preparing to embark on a new year with a new president in place. Dr. Zahi Atallah is preparing for his first year at the helm of the College.

Fall semester classes start on August 17, but new students will get their first taste of college life the day before. New Student Orientation is Aug. 16. New Student Orientation helps students learn about college life, what's expected of them in the classroom, and where to find important offices and people on campus. Students also get an overview of how to use Entrata and Canvas during New Student Orientation. New students will continue with their onboarding at Lincoln Trail College during their Pathways to Success class.

Another event on the 16th will help welcome all students back to LTC. Welcome Back Blast will provide students will food and fun before the start of classes. Several food trucks will be on campus and several community partners will have booths set up to provide students information about their businesses and organizations. Additionally, campus organizations use Welcome Back Blast to help recruit students to participate in their organization.

Faculty and staff will help welcome students back to campus the first few days of the new academic year. They will be strategically placed throughout buildings on campus to help students that may have questions or be lost at the beginning of the year. Snacks will also be provided to students as they start the year.

Faculty and staff started their year with workshops. LTC's workshop for all faculty and staff was on Aug. 10. They heard from LTC Foundation Executive Director Rod Harmon, United Way of Crawford County Community Resource Representative Barb Shimer, and Dean of Instruction Brent Todd before Dr. Atallah made his keynote presentation. The workshop also gave employees the chance to meet new members of LTC's staff and hear about what's new on campus. The day ended with a fun trivia game show about the people of LTC.

LTC worked with dual credit students as well. Once again, the College offered a Dual Credit Orientation for those students and their parents or guardians. The event was designed to help dual credit students prepare for college-level classes. It also covered some of the basics of using tools available to LTC students. The dual credit students also had the opportunity to tour the campus.



New faculty and staff members were introduced during the Faculty/Staff Workshop.



Rachel Carter, as Eurydice, first enters the underworld in LTC's Summer Stage production of Eurydice.



Bee Gees tribute Stayin' Alive performs in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater as a part of the LTC Foundation Concert Series.



Men's soccer player Joshua Donser practices a bicycle kick as the Statesmen prepare to kick off their inaugural season.



Director of Instructional Services Erin Volk speaks at Dual Credit Orientation.

STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL PAYCHECK



As students prepare to head back to classes at Lincoln Trail College, they will have the chance to get some extra money for their education. LTC, along with the other three colleges in IECC District 529, is offering something called an Educational Paycheck this fall.

The Educational Paycheck is what IECC is calling the HEERF III Emergency Student Grants. The money comes from the American Rescue Plan, which provided funds for emergency grants to students due to the coronavirus pandemic. The grant funds can be used toward emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, health care (physical or mental health), or childcare.

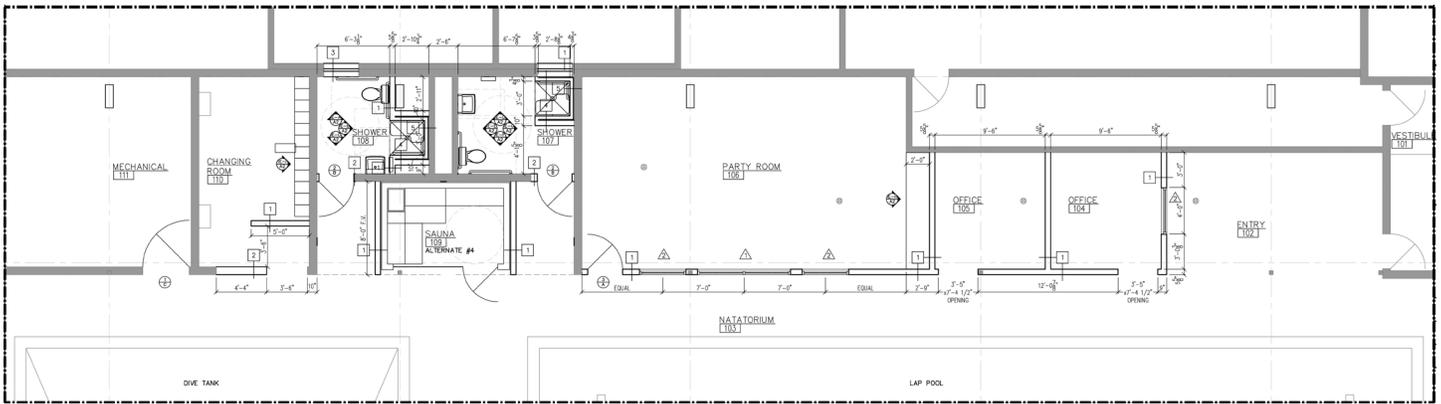
To qualify for the Educational Paycheck, students fill out a short survey on the IECC website to help determine eligibility. New students also need to fill out the IECC application. Students that have been awarded a Pell grant for Fall 2021 automatically receive the grant funds.

The deadline for students to apply for the Educational Paycheck is August 31. All four colleges in the District have been using social media, digital advertising, and signage on campus to help spread the word about the program. Financial Aid officers have also been reaching out to students directly to make them aware of the program.



Volunteers with the United Way of Crawford County came to Lincoln Trail College on July 23 for a Day of Caring event. The repainted the LTCares Food Pantry and helped reorganize it. The Day of Caring brings together energetic volunteers to help community organizations throughout Crawford County with projects that they might not otherwise be able to complete.

LTC PREPARING FOR NATATORIUM WORK



Lincoln Trail College is getting set to make some upgrades to the Rowland-Nicholas Natatorium. The first phase of the project will improve access to changing rooms and begin adding recreational features to the pool.

Patrons of the pool will see some improvements in how they can use the facility. Plans call for two individual showers and a changing area. Previously, people that wanted to change had to either use an athletic locker room or a rest room at the College.

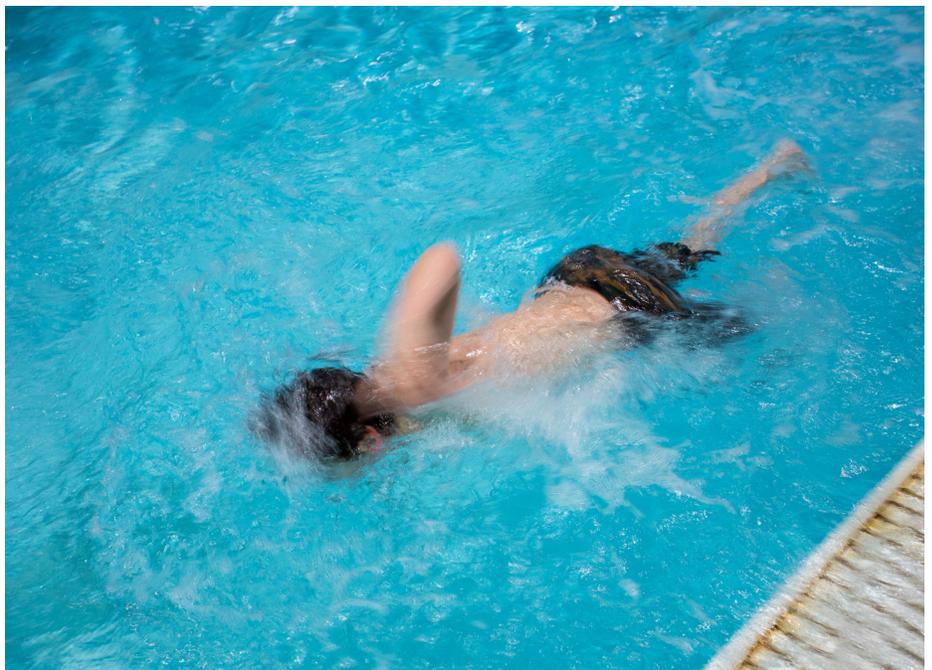
“That was something that wasn’t always convenient for people using the pool,” says Director of Marketing Chris Forde. “If college athletic teams needed to use the locker rooms, they were not available for people that wanted to use them when they were using the pool. Now we will have dedicated showers for them when they come to the pool and a dedicated changing room.”

The Rowland-Nicholas Natatorium will also see the addition of an air-conditioned party room. “Pool parties are very important for us,” says Forde. “Right now, we don’t have a dedicated space where you can have a nice birthday celebration, for example. This will give us an air-conditioned room where you can celebrate before or after people enjoy the pool.”

In addition to the changing room, the showers, and the air-conditioned party room, work will be done to the office space in the natatorium as well as some general improvements for the pool.

The pool will close October 1 and work is expected to be completed in mid-to-late January.

This is the first phase of a two-phase project. The second phase, which will coincide with the soon-to-be constructed Crawford County Recreation Center, will add more recreational aspects to the natatorium like a water slide.



TRIO STUDENTS VISIT WASHINGTON, DC



On July 13 – 16, 2021, the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges TRIO Student Support Services program took 30 of its participants to Washington D.C. Travel was by charter bus so in two days, the group was able to visit many of the D.C. landmarks. TRIO SSS is a program that is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Education to help students that are first-generation, low-income, or have other qualifying barriers to completing their education. The program offers many services to assist students with basic college requirements and increase college retention and graduation, and transfer rates. TRIO SSS at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges serves 190 students within the district each year and has been at the IECC district for over 25 years.

The two days included tours of University of Maryland and Howard University. As with any cultural excursion, educational elements were provided. Due to COVID restrictions, the group was able to only see the exteriors of many of the buildings including the White House and U.S. Capitol but were able to go inside Ford's Theater and The National Archives where they saw the Bill of Rights, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence.

Many were filled with awe at seeing, in person, the monuments, documents, and buildings that they had only seen in pictures or movies. Pictures do not convey the grandeur. The final landmark visited was the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial which provided a very sobering experience. That is a must-see when traveling to the nation's capital.

This trip was free to all students and staff. The group even had the pleasure of a tour guide familiar with Washington. She was able to provide as much within each day that could be had which added up to over 20 miles of walking in the two days.

Here is a partial list of what was visited: Washington Monument, Washington DC Zoo, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, FDR Memorial, Black Lives Matter Plaza, Vietnam Veterans Memorial including the Vietnam Women's Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Pentagon 911 Memorial, US Air Force Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial also known as the US Marine Corps Memorial, Jefferson and Lincoln Monuments, Ford's Theater, and National Archives.

TRIO SSS uses a variety of activities to help students including intensive academic advising, workshops and trainings, cultural and college trips, student mentor programs, and tutoring. The program also helps students with budgeting, supplies, career counseling, and provides students with information about financial aid assistance.

SIX TEAMS, 41 ATHLETES HONORED BY NJCAA



The Lincoln Trail College Athletic Department produced 41 student-athletes that earned All-Academic honors from the NJCAA. Six teams earned Academic Team of the Year honors.

“This is a great honor,” says Athletic Director Kevin Bowers. “It is a very important part of our culture that our student-athletes work hard in the classroom as well as in their sports.”

The golf team and the women’s soccer team both finished in the top ten in the nation in overall GPA. The golf team had the second-highest GPA at 3.75. The women’s soccer team was 10th with a 3.57 GPA. The baseball, softball, volleyball, and women’s basketball teams also earned the team honors. The NJCAA recognizes teams with a combined GPA of 3.0 or higher as an Academic Team of the Year.

There were 41 individual student-athletes named to NJCAA All-Academic teams. To earn first-team honors, student-athletes need a GPA of 4.0. Second-Team honors go to those with 3.8-3.99 GPAs and those with 3.6-3.79 GPAs earn Third-Team honors.

LTC had 13 athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic First Team. They were Brian Adams (Baseball), Sydni Bailey (Volleyball), Kinley Block (Volleyball), Tia Floyd (Women’s Basketball), Josh Green (Golf), Paige Hensley (Women’s Soccer), Dalton Huffman (Baseball), Sebastian Kuhns (Baseball), Kelsey Mitchell (Women’s Basketball), Joey Perkins (Baseball), Jared Shaw (Golf), Andrew Washburn (Baseball), and Chanyoung Yun (Baseball).

LTC student-athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team were: Blake Barrett (Baseball), Rebekah Burkhart (Women’s Soccer), Giovana Garcia (Women’s Soccer), Winter Harmsen (Women’s Soccer), Seth Kestranek (Golf), Trista Koertge (Volleyball), Mallory Mundy (Women’s Soccer), Cade Nelis (Baseball), Hannah Poehler

(Volleyball), Jazmin Ramirez (Women's Soccer), Carlei Sapp (Softball), Myka Snyder (Softball), Micha Troutt (Golf), Geon Yoon (Baseball).

LTC student-athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team were: Ike Book (Baseball), Cade Carlson (Baseball), Kyle Cortner (Baseball), Madilyn Ellingsworth (Softball), Halle Ellis (Softball), Zach Frasher (Baseball), Sofia Guerra (Women's Soccer), Max Palmieri (Baseball), Tahjanay Perry (Women's Basketball), Will Richter (Baseball), Julia Smith (Softball), Alex Wilzbach (Baseball).

NEW ASSISTANT COACHES JOIN LTC



Hayley Kropp joined Lincoln Trail College as an assistant women's basketball coach.

Kropp, from Columbus, North Carolina, played basketball at Coker University under WNBA player and Olympian Shannon Johnson. Before playing at Coker, Kropp played one season at Guilford Technical College, where she was an All-Region player.

She is Polk County High School's all-time leading scorer. She returned to her high school for one season to coach after graduating from Coker. She also worked as a personal trainer.

As the assistant coach at Lincoln Trail College, she will aid head coach Zach Loll in all aspects of the program and will be in charge of player development and recruiting.

Outside of work, Kropp enjoys traveling and has a goal of visiting all 50 states. She has a twin sister Ashley and three brothers, Kaleb, Mason, and Aaron.



Collin Maynard joined Lincoln Trail College as an assistant baseball coach. He will fill the role of pitching coach on Kevin Bowers' staff.

Maynard comes to Lincoln Trail College from the University of West Georgia, where he spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach.

Before the University of West Georgia, Maynard spent time as an assistant coach at McPherson College. He has been Head Coach of the Forestbrook Mallards for the past 2 summers in the Beach Collegiate Baseball League. In the summer of 2020, Maynard was voted Beach Collegiate Baseball League Coach of the Year.

Maynard was a 4-year letterman as a pitcher for Austin College, graduating in 2019. He subsequently received a Master's of Science in Sports Management from the University of West Georgia in 2021.



Matthew Winsberg joined Lincoln Trail College as an assistant men's basketball coach.

Winsberg is a New Orleans, Louisiana native and a graduate of Louisiana State University, where he served as a student manager. He served as the assistant director of basketball operations at the University of New Orleans and also served as an assistant coach at Christian Life High School and Isidore Newman High School.

He lived in Israel for 11 months and was the video coordinator and head scout for the first division professional club Maccabi Ashdod. Before coming to Lincoln Trail College, Winsberg was the Analytics Coordinator at the University of Texas Arlington.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



At Lincoln Trail College we are ready for the new academic year and the challenges associated with the novel reality of education dictated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are buzzing trying to finish projects before the students are back, and we are on track to have a more welcoming campus. Moreover, our future as full members of our community is getting stronger with the colocation of the Crawford County Recreational Center and the Crawford County Development Agency to our campus.

To meet the ever-changing landscape of higher education, we started a learning community to address some of the best practices and research findings. The intent is adopting and adapting student-centered approaches that have shown effectiveness nationally. In alignment with the IECC Mission (“Our mission is to deliver exceptional education and services to improve the lives of our students and to strengthen our communities”), we will be revisiting our practices and approaches to enhance the experiences of and the outcomes for students. Like other businesses, it is critical for LTC to frequently analyze our practices and optimize them. Higher education options for learners abound, and it is our duty to make LTC **THE** college of choice for everyone in our service area.

One of the first learnings led us to create booths across the campus to welcome students and help them find their classrooms. Additionally, we will be serving snacks and water. Signs will be placed throughout the campus and parking lot directing students. Moreover, our non-teaching personnel will also be roaming the hallways assisting the new students. We have also agreed to start greeting and assisting students regardless of when/where they are. Customer service is essential to growing our welcoming attitude and the feeling of belonging of our predominantly first-generation college-going population.

It is my interest to turn LTC into the hub of training, continuing education, and pipeline creation for employers in our county, and Indiana. This will rely on working with local businesses to identify their needs and create educational offerings that fit their criteria. In my mind, it is not enough to offer our typical credit courses and rely on folks to fit their training into our semesters. For that, we will emphasize performance-based objectives and stackable approaches to meet the demands of these employers. Additionally, we will identify crosswalks to credit and credit for prior learning options for such learners.

LTC is a partner with the community, local businesses, organizations, and institutions. And we will continue to lead through innovative education and workforce development.