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The Fall Semester at Lincoln Trail College begins on August 18 and the College will help new students prepare for college at New Student Orientation on August 17.

“We’re giving students some flexibility with orientation this year,” said Director of Marketing Chris Forde. “Instead of having one session, we’re offering students a choice of three different times.”

There are orientation sessions at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. on August 17, and students can choose the time that works best for them. New Student Orientation helps students prepare for college life at Lincoln Trail College. Students will learn about the services available to them and hear from some of the people they will work with. Additionally, students will take a campus tour.

LTC is also offering walk-in services on Aug. 17. Students that need to meet with an advisor or talk with a representative from Financial Aid can start doing that anytime from 9:30 to 1:30. There will also be an open computer lab and help available from IT during that time. Students that need to take the ACCUPLACER test or drop off IEP or 504 plans will also be able to do that on the 17th.

Students do not need to register in advance for New Student Orientation or for any of the walk-in services. Fall Classes begin on Aug. 18 and there is still time to register for classes.



UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 1 **Creative Writing Class Begins**
6-8 p.m., Eagleton Library
 - 5 **COLLEGE CLOSED - Labor Day**
 - 12 **Community Leader Focus Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
 - 16 **Constitution Day (Observed)**
 - 17 **Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting**
9 a.m., Lincoln Room
 - 22 **Lincoln Trail College Foundation
Concert Series: Groovin' on Tour:
Celebration of the Woodstock
Generation**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
 - 23 **Guitar & Flute Concert**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
 - 28 **Eagleton Reading Circle**
6 p.m., Eagleton Library
 - 29 **Advanced Stained Glass Class Begins**
6-9 p.m., Williams Hall 113
- Basic American Sign Language Class Begins**
6-8 p.m., Eagleton Library

“If you’re planning to take classes this Fall and you haven’t registered yet, we encourage you to do that as soon as you can,” said Forde. “While you’re registering for classes, we also encourage you to apply for our Educational Paycheck which can help you pay for your college expenses. There’s a very brief application you can complete on our website.”

LTC HOLDS DUAL CREDIT ORIENTATION



High school students taking dual credit classes at Lincoln Trail College will get the chance to prepare with LTC’s Dual Credit Orientation on August 2 at 6 p.m.

“Dual Credit Orientation is an introduction to what college classes are like,” says LTC Director of Instructional Services Erin Volk. “College classes are a change for high school students, and we want them to be prepared so they can be successful.”

LTC personnel who work with dual credit students will be in attendance during orientation to present important information to the students and their parents and guardians. Students will also be able to tour campus, find the classroom where their class will be held, and get a photo ID. The LTC Bookstore will also be open so dual credit students can purchase textbooks.

In addition to dual credit students and their parents or guardians, high school counselors and high school dual credit instructors are invited to take part in the August 2nd event.

WELCOME BACK BLAST TO HELP KICK OFF NEW YEAR



Lincoln Trail College will welcome new and returning students back to the College on August 17 with the annual Welcome Back Blast.

“We want students to kick off the year on a high note and see what college life is like at Lincoln Trail College,” said Director of Marketing Chris Forde. “We want to make sure our students have fun during the event and also learn how they can get involved on campus and throughout the community.”

Part of Welcome Back Blast is a college fair where students can learn about the clubs and organizations available to them on campus. Different programs will also be on-hand so students that are still undecided can learn about the different academic possibilities on campus.

The college fair also provides an opportunity for LTC community partners to set up booths to provide information about their businesses or organizations.

Many of the booths at the college fair will have giveaways for students and there are a variety of prizes available for students.

There will also be fun and games for students and several food trucks will be on campus to provide food, drinks, and treats for students.

Welcome Back Blast runs from 11:30 to 1:30 on Aug. 17.



A drone shot captures the exterior of Lackey Music Hall



Richard Roth Court in the Lincoln Trail College Sports Center was refinished over the summer.

AUDITIONS PLANNED FOR THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

**THE ONE-ACT PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG**

BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS

Lincoln Trail College will hold auditions August 15 and 16 for its Fall production of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*.

The play, under the direction of Brooke Olaivar, is a comedy. The fictitious Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society has received a substantial bequest and is putting on a performance of *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. During the performance, a play within a play, a plethora of disasters befall the cast, including doors sticking, props falling from the walls, and floors collapsing. Cast members are seen misplacing props, forgetting lines, missing cues, breaking character, having to drink white spirit instead of whisky, mispronouncing words, stepping on fingers, and being manhandled off stage. The climax is a tribute to a scene in Buster Keaton's film *Steamboat Bill, Jr.*, when virtually the whole of the remaining set collapses.

There are eight roles available. Annie serves as the company's stage manager, Trevor is the technical director, Chris is the company's director and Inspector Carter. Jonathan is Charles Haversham, Robert is Thomas Colley Moore, Dennis is Perkins the butler, Max is Cecil Haversham and Sandra is Florence Colley Moore.

An audition packet is available on The Arts at Lincoln Trail College's website, www.iecc.edu/ltcarts. Packets are also available at the Performing Arts Box Office.

The auditions are at 6:00 each night on Aug. 15 and 16. People auditioning for the show only need to attend one night of auditions. The first read through is August 18.

Performances of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* are October 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 7:00 and October 30 at 2:00.

MORE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES PLANNED IN SEPTEMBER

A pair of popular community education classes will return to Lincoln Trail College in September. The College will host a stained glass class and a basic American Sign Language class.



LTC's Advanced Stained Glass class begins September 29. The class, taught by Dale Milam, is geared toward people that have some experience already working with stained glass. Participants will learn to cut curves and circles in the class and will have the freedom to work on their own unique projects. Advanced Stained Glass runs on Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. from September 29 through October 20. The cost of the class is \$75 plus the cost of materials.

Basic American Sign Language also runs on Thursdays from September 29 through October 20 from 6-8 p.m. Instructor Tony Austin will teach the basics of American Sign Language, including the alphabet, numbers, words, and basic greetings and phrases. The cost of the class is \$45.

The College will offer a class for writers beginning on September 1. Instructor Rick Kelsheimer leads the Creative Writing and How to Become a Published Author class. It will serve as a general introduction to the creative writing process for any level of writer. The goal of the class is to have each student complete a short story that will be published in an anthology and available from Amazon. The class runs Thursdays from September 1 through October 20 from 6-8 p.m. and costs \$35.

Kids interested in Karate for Kids can participate in a Karate Try It Night on September 12 at 6 p.m. The class will give kids an idea of what Karate for Kids is like. Children attending the Try It Night should be at least five-years-old and must be accompanied by an adult.

LTC has more community education classes planned for October, including Beginning Stained Glass, Psychology of a Serial Killer, and a series of TEAS Test Prep Courses. LTC's Fall Community Education Catalog can be found online at <https://www.iecc.edu/ltc/communityed>.

Community education classes at Lincoln Trail College are non-credit classes and open to anyone in the community. To register for a class, call 618-544-8657.



THE LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

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SEPTEMBER 22
7 PM LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

FOR TICKETS CALL **618-544-2373**

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OCTOBER 27
4-6 PM

NJCAA RECOGNIZES 35 LTC ATHLETES, FIVE TEAMS



The NJCAA recognized 35 Lincoln Trail College athletes for their work in the classroom by naming them to their All-Academic Team. Five LTC teams earned Academic Team of the Year honors.

“This is tremendous,” said Athletic Director Kevin Bowers. “Making sure that our student-athletes perform in the classroom is a part of our culture at Lincoln Trail College. The coaches want their student-athletes to be successful not just in their sports but also in the classroom because we’re preparing them here for their futures.”

Two teams finished in the top ten in the nation for overall GPA. The baseball team had a 3.5 GPA while the men’s soccer team had a 3.3 GPA.

The baseball team finished in the top ten in the nation in overall GPA with a 3.5. The golf, softball, and women’s basketball teams were also recognized for their overall GPAs of 3.23, 3.13, and 3.01 respectively. The NJCAA recognizes teams with a combined GPA of 3.0 or higher as an Academic Team of the Year.

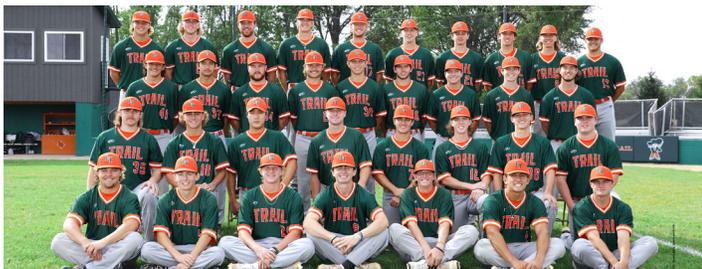
There were 35 individual student-athletes named to NJCAA All-Academic teams. To earn first-team honors, student-athletes need a GPA of 4.0. Second-Team honors go to those with 3.8-3.99 GPAs and those with 3.6-3.79 GPAs earn Third-Team honors.

LTC had 11 athletes named to the NCAA All-Academic First Team. They were Jack Beverly (Baseball), Kinley Block (Volleyball), Ezequiel Carunchio (Men’s Soccer), Wyatt Geesaman (Baseball), Josh Green (Golf), Cole McMichael (Baseball), Iyanuoluwa Olalere (Women’s Basketball), Victoria Schopmeyer (Volleyball), Sam Seeker (Baseball), Juan Solivellas (Men’s Soccer), and Geon Yoon (Baseball).

LTC student-athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team were: Tom Ditchfield (Men's Soccer), Zach Frasher (Baseball), Fernando Gonzalez (Men's Soccer), Jake Hutchins (Baseball), Trista Koertge (Volleyball), Tyler Larginho (Baseball), Colby Morse (Baseball), Kenzie Rice (Softball), Harrison Rudd (Men's Soccer), and Georg Schöttle (Men's Soccer).

LTC student-athletes named to the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team were: Emma Bailey (Volleyball), Ike Book (Baseball), Charlie Branch (Baseball), Kaden Carter (Golf), Alayasia Douglas (Women's Basketball), KaCee Fulkerson (Golf), Shea Hendrixson (Baseball), Sammy Kestranek (Baseball), Kade Lassen (Baseball), Matt McMahan (Baseball), Grant Palmer (Baseball), Jon Popp (Baseball), Freddy Reeves, Jr. (Men's Basketball), and Abiodun Soneye (Men's Soccer).

STATESMEN RECOGNIZED BY ABCA



The Lincoln Trail College baseball team earned more recognition for its academic prowess. The Statesmen were recognized as a 2021-22 American Baseball Coaches Association Team Excellence Award Winner. The award, presented by Sports Attack, highlights programs coached by ABCA members that posted a GPA of 3.0 or above.

"I'm extremely proud of the team for what they did in the classroom," said head coach Kevin Bowers. "We take a lot of pride in working hard both on the field and in the classroom."

Teams were honored at every level of college and high school baseball with this year's award. In order to be recognized, the team's head coach must be a member of ABCA and the team must have a GPA of at least 3.0. The Statesmen had a team GPA of 3.5.

The ABCA Team Excellence Award is also the second honor of this year for the Statesmen. The NJCAA recognized the team as one of its Academic Teams of the Year. The NJCAA also honored 17 Statesmen baseball players as All-Academic Team members.

"We want to continue our academic success again this year and we want to continue our success on the field," said Bowers.

WBCA HONORS LADY STATESMEN



The Lincoln Trail College women's basketball team has earned another honor for academics. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced that LTC made its 2021-22 Academic Team Honor Roll.

"I am excited with the recognition of our team for the academic excellence they displayed during the year," said head coach Zach Loll. "This is a small step in creating the culture we want the women's basketball program to have."

The WBCA Academic Top 25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and two-year college women's basketball teams across the nation that carry the highest combined GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season.

Lincoln Trail College ranked 14th among two-year colleges with a GPA of 3.019. LTC was one of only two Illinois colleges to make the rankings.

The WBCA honor is the second academic honor of the year for the Lady Statesmen. LTC was recognized as an Academic Team of the Year by the NJCAA. Two players, Alayasia Douglas and Iyanuoluwa Olalere were also honored by the NJCAA as All-Academic Team members.

"I look forward to continued academic success this upcoming year, as well as continuing to improve the program on the court too," said Loll.



SEPTEMBER ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

3	at Vincennes	12:00
9	vs. Triton College (at Westfield, IN)	10:00
	vs. Lincoln Land (at Westfield, IN)	3:00
13	Frontier Community College	3:00
17	vs. Lincoln Land (at Carbondale, IL)	8:00
18	vs. St. Louis CC (at Busch Stadium)	3:00
24	Kaskaskia (at Carbondale, IL)	1:00
	vs. Shawnee CC (at Carbondale, IL)	6:00
27	Vincennes	3:00

Men's Soccer

4	Jefferson College	1:00
6	East Central College	2:00
8	at Illinois Central College	1:00
11	Lewis & Clark CC	1:00
14	Parkland College	2:00
21	at Mineral Area College	5:00
24	Illinois Central College	1:00
27	at St. Charles CC	4:00
30	at Lewis & Clark CC	1:00

Volleyball

7	Shawnee CC	6:30
14	Wabash Valley College	6:30
16-17	at Joliet Tournament	TBA
19	at Kaskaskia College	6:30
21	Southeastern Illinois College	6:30
23	Southwestern Illinois College	3:00
24	John A. Logan College	11:00
	Lake Land College	3:00
28	at Shawnee CC	6:30
29	at St. Mary of the Woods	6:00

Women's Soccer

4	Jefferson College	3:00
6	East Central College	4:00
8	at Illinois Central College	3:00
11	Lewis & Clark CC	3:00
17	at Wabash Valley College	6:30
19	at Southwest Tennessee CC	1:00
24	Illinois Central College	3:00
27	at St. Charles CC	1:00
30	at Lewis & Clark CC	3:00

STATESMEN RETURNING TO BUSCH STADIUM



The Lincoln Trail College baseball team is returning to Busch Stadium for an exhibition game in September. The Statesmen will face St. Louis Community College on September 18 following the Cardinals' game against the Cincinnati Reds.

"Our players always enjoy this game and so do our fans," said Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers. "We work to make sure that all of our healthy players get a chance to play in the game and our fans get a chance to enjoy some great seats for the game."

The Cardinals face the Reds at 1:15. The Statesmen will take the field after the conclusion of the Cardinals game, which will be approximately 6:00.

Tickets for the Baseball at Busch game are available now. Fans get a ticket to the Cardinals' game against the Reds in the afternoon and that ticket also grants admission to watch the Statesmen play.

The Cardinals are offering some promotions that day. It is Kids Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Day. 12,000 kids ages 15 and younger entering with a ticket will get a stadium-exclusive Build-A-Bear Workshop bear that sports a unique Cardinals jersey that celebrates the 25th anniversary of Build-A-Bear Workshop. The game is also a part of Prairie Farms Ice Cream Sundays where fans can get free frozen treats at Ford Plaza while supplies last.

While the game is not part of the Cardinals' final homestand of the season, Bowers says it might be one of the last times fans see some Cardinals greats in a St. Louis uniform. "Albert Pujols and Yadier Molina are retiring after the season, so fans don't have many more opportunities to see them play in St. Louis."

Tickets for the game are available by contacting Bowers at 618-546-2269 or by emailing bowersk@iecc.edu.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August is synonymous with students being back at LTC for a new academic year, and we are extremely excited about having them all back with their energy and enthusiasm. We have spent much of the summer refreshing Williams Hall hallways to make them a little more inviting, with more yet to come. The reason why we exist is to transform lives through education and planting the seed of lifelong learning.



Over the summer Chris Forde and I interviewed numerous educational leaders across Illinois and the US for our podcast series Trail Talk. Each interviewee, in their own words, stressed the importance of adapting to the needs of learners, not trying to fit them to our mode of operation. This is a dramatic shift from how community colleges have operated for decades. For a long time, community colleges operated in the fashion of commuter colleges based on full-time student hours. This meant that there was no reason to invest in student life activities, lounging areas, varied food options, etc., because students are in for a few classes, and they will go. Subsequently, came the idea of creating morning and evening classes, in the hopes of attracting folks who are available in the evening. In the recent past at LTC, we focused on fresh graduates from high schools and were mainly interested in transfer, which allowed us to restrict our schedule. However, we have a significant need to attract students of all ages and educational interests. Furthermore, Dr. Gower speaks often about in-time education, but LTC is currently not equipped to do it. To address these areas of opportunity, we plan on revisiting our scheduling practices to allow for students to be on campus for longer hours, perhaps over the weekend, and eventually, perhaps have classes available year-round. Eventually, these efforts will likely lead us to revisit our instructional modalities.

The opportunities to serve more students at LTC abound. The direction of IECC and the long-term vision for the district are bound to help us grow and develop further. Moreover, becoming an integral part of the community will help us grow even more. The recreational center goes a long way in helping us achieve our goals. But we need to be, and are, at the center of the efforts around workforce development, economic development, daycare, teacher preparation, etc.

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

Dr. Zahi Atallah
President
Lincoln Trail College