



Upcoming Events in February

- 3 **Peter Pan Auditions**
6 p.m., Theater
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- 5 **Phi Theta Kappa Board Meeting**
11 a.m., Student Union
- 7 **Homecoming**
Pearson VUE Testing
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 10 **Phi Theta Kappa Open House**
11 a.m., Williams Hall 116
- 11 **Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony**
5 p.m., Cafeteria
TEAS Testing
1 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 12 **Phi Theta Kappa Meeting**
11 a.m., Student Union
- 16 **President's Day - College Closed**
- 17 **TEAS Testing**
- 18 **Alumni Association Meeting**
6 p.m., Cafeteria
- 19 **Admissions/FAFSA Completion Night**
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Alumni Association Meeting
6 p.m., Cafeteria
- 21 **Music Scholarship Audition Day**
Pearson VUE Testing
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 26 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
Phi Theta Kappa Officer Training
12 p.m., Lincoln Room

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LTC GRANTED FUNDS FOR NEW BUILDINGS

As a final act before he leaves office on Jan. 12, Governor Quinn on Jan. 8 released \$7.5 million for a new Technology Center at Lincoln Trail and \$1.5 million for Lincoln Trail's Career and Technical Center and approved Wabash Valley's new addition to Main Hall for \$4 million.

"We're very excited about the new facilities for Lincoln Trail College. The new buildings will help enrich the lives of our students by providing new, state-of-the-art facilities to prepare them for the needs of the workforce," said Lincoln Trail College President Kathryn Harris.

This new Lincoln Trail facility will consist of a single story building with approximately 30,952 gross square feet for use as an educational center for several of the college's technical programs. The majority of the space will be devoted to classrooms and specialized laboratories, including an open laboratory for individualized instruction. Programs that will be housed in the new facility include:

- Process Technology
- Petroleum Drilling Technology
- Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician

- Horticulture
- Welding

"These are programs we've wanted to expand, but we have always been limited by space. The new building will mean better facilities for students. This will also help the college continue to attract bright students in these fields," said Harris.

The new Technology Center will also help the workforce in the area. "There's a great deal of demand in these fields. At Lincoln Trail College, we strive to meet the demands of business and industry in the area, and this will be one more way for the college to help accommodate our business partners," said Harris.

The building will give students access to equipment they would find on the job-site, but also provides the opportunity for future instrumentation and mechatronic advances. "We know that when our graduates leave, they'll find a wide array of technology. This new facility will give us the space to train them with existing technology as well as introduce them to state-of-the-art equipment," said Harris.

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“Just as one example, we will be able to further develop our open lab for Distributed Control Systems,” said Harris. DCS is used by many plants to control processes and LTC’s training not only includes students, but also workers in local industries.

The college’s new Center for Technology will be a truly unique facility, where state-of-the-art technologies will encourage creative thinking and innovative approaches.

In addition, Lincoln Trail College will also receive funding for a new \$1,495,500 building for training students in ever growing career and technical fields.

Chief Executive Officer Terry Bruce commended Governor Quinn for his release of these funds, “The Governor indicated that this building would be built and his word was good. Senator Dale Righter and Representative David Reis worked to get the required bond funding and should be thanked for their leadership in getting these funds released.”

Local Illinois Eastern Community college trustees John Brooks and Michael Correll have long sought the construction of the building and have coordinated local efforts to get the promised release of funds.

ICCB APPROVES PETROLEUM DRILLING DEGREE

Lincoln Trail College is preparing students to get into the growing petroleum field. LTC has worked with local industry leaders to develop a Petroleum Drilling Technology program.

“We work hard to adapt to the needs of our local industries. Through the years, we’ve added programs and classes to help make sure our students can get good jobs and to help make sure our local businesses can find the skilled people they need to fill those jobs,” LTC President Kathryn Harris said.

The new program offers students the chance to get an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Petroleum Drilling Technology. The program will prepare students for jobs in the planning, development and operation of oil and natural gas extraction and processing facilities.

“Fracking is coming to Illinois soon, and that will mean good jobs. This program will help people get skills they need to find jobs in the field,” Harris said.

The curriculum for the Petroleum Drilling Technology degree consists of 19 credit hours of required general education and 44 credit hours in required career and technical

education coursework. Students will be evaluated with a final capston project related to planning, developing and operating an extraction facility as well as a portfolio review by program faculty.

The extraction field is expected to grow over the next several years according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security. The IDES predicts an increase of 23.2 percent for oil and gas roustabouts, 23.6 percent for oil and gas rotary drill operators and 24.1 percent for oil and gas derrick operators through 2022.



LTC RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Lincoln Trail College helped ring in the holiday season with several different activities

About 400 people participated in Santa Day activities on Dec. 6. Kids got to prepare and share their wish lists with Santa Claus. There were numerous seasonal games and free craft activities for the kids too. Faculty, staff and students helped organize the different events throughout the afternoon.

Several area low brass musicians participated in the annual Merry Tuba Christmas Concert. Yvonne Newlin directed the performers while they played many holiday favorites.

The annual Secret Santa Program helped out 14 families and a total of 21 kids. The Lincoln Trail College Foundation and local businesses made donations to help the families. The families picked up their wrapped gifts during the week of finals.

The holiday concert, Luminous Night: A Holiday Festival of Music capped off the special holiday events at LTC. The concert featured performances by the Statesmen Singers, the Concert Choir and the Children's Choir.

LTC PREPARES FOR BAND FESTIVAL

Robinson, Ill. -- Lincoln Trail College will welcome in middle school and high school students from the area for its first Winter Band Festival Jan. 17.

Students from Crawford, Clark, Cumberland, Jasper, Richland and Lawrence Counties in Illinois and Vigo, Sullivan and Knox Counties in Indiana have been invited to participate in the event, which is an honor band festival.

Dr. J. Corey Francis from Eastern Illinois University will direct the middle school ensemble. Dr. Gary Shaw of Millikin University will direct the high school ensemble. College students from Millikin University's Wind Ensemble will serve as section coaches for the honor band.

Middle school students will perform Jonathan Newman's "Three O'Clock Mix," Steven Bryant's "The Machine Awakes,"

Frank Ticheli's "Earth Song", Michael Sweeney's arrangement of "Armed Forces on Parade," Tielman Susato and Bob

Margolis' "Battle Pavane," and Gregory Rudger's "Riders to Stonehenge."

High School students will perform Jack Stamp's "Cenotaph," Karl King and John Paynter's "Tombone King," Frank Ticheli's "Fortress" and David Holsinger's "Fantasy on a Gaelic Hymnsong."

The students will perform a public concert at 7 p.m. on the 17th at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. Millikin University's Wind Ensemble will also perform during the concert.



STATESMEN ANNOUNCE BASEBALL CLASS

Lincoln Trail College has announced its baseball recruiting class. The class features a eleven players from six different states.

“We are pleased and excited to announce our early signing class. This is a collective group of young men that will not only fill holes on the field, but they are outstanding, high-quality kids off the field,” said baseball coach Kevin Bowers.

“My coaching staff did an outstanding job identifying the needs of our program. I tip my hat to recruiting coordinator Brad Vanderglas and our pitching coach Kyle Medley for assembling such a strong class in the early signing period,” said Bowers.

There’s still some room left in the class, but Bowers is very happy with the quality of players they have in hand. “While the class is not quite done, we are in a unique position to be quite picky about our last few slots.”

Statesmen 2014 Baseball Recruiting Class

Player	Position	Height	Weight	City/State (High School)
Corey Wilson	OF	5’10”	170	Zanesville, OH (John Glenn)
Everitt Kissel	C, RHP	5’10”	165	Defiance, OH (Tinora)
Justin Hopkins	MIF	5’11”	160	Cincinnati, OH (Anderson)
Keaton Sackett	INF	5’10”	170	DeWitt, MI (DeWitt)
Adnan Sator	RHP	6’4”	190	Chicago, IL (Notre Dame College Prep)
Austin Jones	UTL	6’0”	205	Mayfield, KY (Graves County)
Bryce Spaulding	INF	6’3”	220	Bowling Green, KY (Greenwood)
Jacob Stevens	RHP	6’3”	210	Crofton, KY (University Heights Academy)
Julian Alverio	INF, LHP	6’2”	215	Racine, WI (Case)
Antonio Lucciola	RHP	6’0”	180	Plainfield, IN (Plainfield)
David Blanco	RHP	6’1”	170	Fishers, IN (Hamilton Southeastern)



LTC HOLDING CHEER CAMP

Lincoln Trail College will hold a cheerleading camp for area kids from 5-to-13-years-old. The annual cheerleading camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 17.

The camp is open to kids of all skill levels. Participants will receive a t-shirt and a cheer bow. Snacks and lunch will also be provided.

The campers will learn jumps, cheers, stunts and a dance. Participants will perform what they learned that night between the women’s and men’s basketball games against Wabash Valley College.



February Schedules

Basketball

- 2 at Vincennes
- 4 at Shawnee
- 7 Southwestern
- 11 at Southeastern
- 14 Kaskaskia
- 18 at Olney Central
- 21 at Wabash Valley
- 25 at John A. Logan
- 28 Rend Lake

Home Tipoff Times:
Women: 5:30
Men: 7:30

Baseball

- 15 at Flag City Classic
- 16 at Flag City Classic
- 20 at Georgia Highlands College
- 21 at Georgia Highlands College
- 22 at Georgia Highlands College
- 27 at Mississippi Gulf Coast
- 28 at Mississippi Gulf Coast

Softball

- 20 at Northeast Mississippi
- 21 at Northeast Mississippi
- 22 at Jackson State

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