



Upcoming Events in June

- 3 **Last Day to Withdraw from Summer Intersession Classes**
- 5 **Last Day of Summer Intersession Classes**
- 6 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 8 **First Day of Summer Classes**
All Tuition & Fees Due
- 9 **LTC Foundation Annual Meeting**
- 10 **Surf's Up: The Beach Boys Tribute**
7 p.m., Theater
- 11 **Surf's Up: The Beach Boys Tribute**
7 p.m., Theater
- 12 **Last Day to Register for Summer Classes**
Last Day for Refund of Tuition & Fees
- 13 **ACT Testing**
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 18 **CNA Exam**
3:30 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 20 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- 26 **Shrek the Musical, Jr.**
7 p.m., Theater
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CARPENTER TAKES OVER AS DEAN

Lincoln Trail College has a new Dean of Instruction. David Carpenter was approved for the position by the Illinois Eastern Community College Board of Trustees at their March board meeting. He began his position at Lincoln Trail College on May 1.

Carpenter is excited about the new position. "This is the dream position for me, and that's not just rhetoric. When I first got into higher education, teaching was the goal and I loved being in the classroom, but I saw that I could impact more students in administration."

Carpenter comes to Lincoln Trail College from the University of Arkansas Community College – Batesville. For the last two years, he served as the Director of Educational Technology. He started with the college as an adjunct instructor in 2009. Before getting into higher education, Carpenter worked as a land surveyor for 30 years.

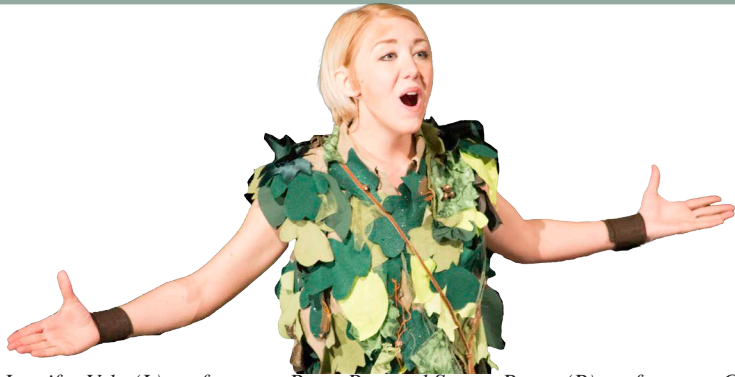
Carpenter says Lincoln Trail College has excellent programs in place. "I'd like to see the offerings grow even more and I'd love to see enrollment grow. I want to help continue to push the bar upward."

Carpenter has some Illinois connections already. His mother and a brother live near Highland. "I'm excited to move closer to the coolest mother in the state."

He is also the father to two grown sons in Arkansas.

Since he was hired in March, Carpenter has attended several events at Lincoln Trail College. He's been very happy with his reception. "I come from the south and am used to southern hospitality. I've been overwhelmed by the reception I've had here and the warmth extended to me. It's more than I had ever hoped. I consider this home."





Jennifer Vela (L) performs as Peter Pan and Steven Bruce (R) performs as Captain Hook in LTC's production of Peter Pan. Hundreds of people attended the six performances of the show April 10-12 & 17-19



LTC CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF THEATER

Lincoln Trail College celebrated 40 years of theater in 2015.

On April 18, a special program was held to remember the history of the theater. Past cast and crew members were invited to attend the program. It also featured past directors.

The directors reminisced about the performances they directed at Lincoln Trail College. They shared stories about some of the performers and remembered their time at LTC. The program also featured a special performance from the musical *Les Miserables*.

LTC CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER PERFORMING SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Barbara Shimer, director of theater at Lincoln Trail College, has announced the dates for Children's Summer Theater production of "Shrek the Musical, Jr." under the direction of Tara Gallion. The musical is based on the 2001 DreamWorks movie "Shrek" and features songs such as "Big Bright Beautiful World," "I Know It's Today," and "Freak Flag."

The workshop will be held from June 1 to June 26, Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 am. Performances will be on June 26 and 27 at 7 pm.

The workshop is for children and youth age 6 through students who will be entering high school this coming fall. The cost is \$100 for the four-week workshop. Adults and high school aged students interested in volunteering as crew

members are eligible to receive free college credit. Auditions for roles will be the first day of the workshop, June 1. All students who sign up will be assigned parts. Registration for the workshop is currently underway

There are two scholarships available for this summer program provided by the 2014 CST participants and their families. Scholarships will be awarded to two students and will cover the workshop fees. To apply, the student must submit a one page essay that explains why they would like to be the recipient. Application for the scholarship is due by May 22.

To register or for more information, call the LTC Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657 ext. 1433.

VENATTA RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN GED PROGRAM

Donald Venatta is hoping that earning his GED through Lincoln Trail College will help propel him into a career in the culinary arts.

Venatta earned his GED in the spring of 2015 and now plans to take his core classes at Lincoln Trail College as he starts down a path to get an education in the culinary arts.

While earning his GED, Venatta was recognized for his leadership by Instructor Diana Thompson. "Right from the beginning, Donald's leadership abilities were apparent. Whenever a student asked for help,

Donald would look up from his work and give suggestions. If I was working one-on-one with a student, Donald would get up from his seat and go help. The other students in the class respect Donald for his willingness to help them and one time this led to a class discussion about Donald. The class and I told him that he has the natural ability to teach. Donald just smiled and said he never thought about it. But, no matter what Donald decides to take on as his future career, he will be successful because of his generous spirit and willingness to help others."

Venatta was given a special award during the Lincoln Trail College Awards Night program to honor his leadership. He says he was very surprised to receive the award. He says it's just in his personality to help people.



Rena Gower honors Donald Venatta during LTC's Student Honors Night

Venatta entered the GED program after dropping out of high school. "My mother passed away just before I turned 16 and then I had to have surgery shortly after that. My school wouldn't take my doctor's excuse, so then I had truancy, and I got behind. I was getting so far behind that the guidance counselor said no matter how good my grades were, I wouldn't pass, even if I took an extra year. I decided that I didn't want to go through that, it would be embarrassing. I decided to drop out and go for my GED."

He says his experience at LTC was great from the very beginning. "Even before I went to night classes, just coming into the college, I was greeted by so many people I had never seen before. It made me realize that school is not just a bad experience like I had through grade school and high school."

Venatta says anyone thinking about getting a GED should first decide if they would be more comfortable with morning or night classes. After that, he says just make sure you get to class. "That's the hardest part is deciding just to be here. Once you get to your comfort zone to where you keep coming, it becomes easy and very enjoyable."

If you are interesting in obtaining your GED, contact Rena Gower at the Learning Skills Center at Lincoln Trail College at 618-544-8657, extension 1134. There's no charge to take the classes. In addition, the Improving Lives Scholarship through the Lincoln Trail College Foundation and the United Way can help pay for other expenses like transportation and daycare.



Students awarded scholarships by the LTC Foundation. The Foundation handed out \$77,000 in scholarships in 2015 and hopes to add to that total significantly in 2016.

LTC STUDENTS HONORED AT STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Numerous Lincoln Trail College students were honored during the 21st Annual Student Recognition Program. The annual event recognizes students for their achievements in the classroom.

Students that will graduate with honors and high honors and those selected for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities were honored during the program. Students qualifying for honors have a GPA of 3.5-3.89 while high honors students have a GPA of 3.9-4.0. Students qualifying for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities have cumulative GPA of at least 3.75, have earned 32 or more credit hours and have a graduation date of Fall of 2014, Spring of 2015 or Summer of 2015. Instructors also gave out individual awards to their students.

HIGH HONORS

Akosua Adu
Austin Best
Cord Church
Leslie Goodwin
Wade Kibler
Christopher Lee
Ellen Melton
Cody Mullins
Javier Navarro
Tasker Strobel
Angelina Throckmartin
Quan Tran
Ryan Wells
Brody Wilt

HONORS

Kyle Albaugh
Reginald Anderson
Blake Binder
Philip Blank
Terra Conat
Jordan Cornett
Jesse Courtney
Austin Dart
Rebecca Dart
Sally Embwaga
Cade Fulling
Garret Godwin
Elizabeth Golladay
James Greene
Taylor Grove
Geoffrey Harrison
Tyler Heflin
Cheslea Hoalt
Jack Hranec
Trevor Hughes
Christy Kirkham
Jordan Like
Collin Meese
Alexandria Midgett
Caleb Parker
Krystal Poettker
Blayr Poston
Aaron Rankin
Nicole Richards
Jesse Richart
Keith Rogers, Jr.
Megan Rule
Brayden Scott
Danielle Stuller
Natalie Summers
Alex Vandevusse
Emily Walls
Megan Weger
Nathan Wheeler

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities

Cord Church
Amy Drake
Sergio Escobedo
Candea Farr
Geoffrey Harrison
Wade Kibler
Shania Kirkwood
Christopher Lee
Kayla Meeks
Ellen Melton
Allie Minton
Cody Mullins
Kyle Myers
Javier Navarro
Jesse Richart
Keith Rogers
Brayden Scott
Tasker Strobel
Breanna Tedford
Angelina Throckmartin
Alex Vandevusse
Megan Weger
Ryan Wells
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Brody Wilt



Some of the Lincoln Trail College students that earned Honors and High Honors

LEE TO GOLF AT MILLIKIN



Lincoln Trail College sophomore golfer Chris Lee (Martinsville, Ill.) will continue his golf career at Millikin University.

“I’m really excited and looking forward to it a lot,” says Lee. “It was a tough decision. I had a couple of colleges I was looking at, but I took a visit there and it just seemed like the right place to go.”

Lee says he has some early goals for when he begins his career with Millikin, “I’m just looking to make the top ten, and hopefully the top five, and bring some good competition to the team.”

Lincoln Trail College golf coach Nick Shaner says Lee has some great qualities. “Obviously he’s a great player, but also he’s a leader, especially by example. He’s always helping the other kids practice more and to be out there playing all the time and getting better and challenging each other.”

Shaner is also excited to have one of his players commit to play at a four-year school. “It’s great. We’d like to get all of our golfers signed if possible and this first one is a step in the right direction.”

In addition to golf, Lee also has academic goals at Millikin. “I’m going to be studying athletic training and I want to maintain a 4.0 GPA.”

Lee is also a member of Lincoln Trail College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for community colleges. He serves as the chapter’s vice president.

TWO BASEBALL PLAYERS SIGN WITH FOUR-YEAR SCHOOLS

Lincoln Trail College sophomore outfielder Cord Church (Rantoul, Ill.) will continue his collegiate career at Western Illinois University while sophomore pitcher Brandon Smither (Frankfort, Ky.) will continue his college career at Eastern Kentucky University.



Cord Church

Church began his career with the Statesmen as a walk on and is now the eighth member of the baseball team that will continue playing at a four-year school.

“Cord is going to go down as one of our all-time favorites,” says Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers. “He’s an outstanding student and an outstanding young man. I don’t know if I’ve ever seen him with a frown. He’s the kind of guy that when things are going rough, he’s got a twinkle in his eye. It makes you think ‘we’re going to find a way out of this.’ He’s not worried

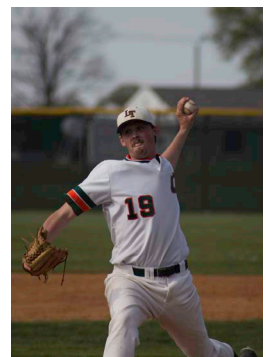
and that rubs off on some of the other guys.”

Bowers says Church’s work ethic has really helped him during his career at Lincoln Trail College. Church came to LTC as a walk on and was able to earn a scholarship for his sophomore year. Bowers says

Church was a hard worker from the first day he arrived in Robinson.

“This is a celebration of a student that does things the right way and is getting what he’s earned. He’s not been given anything; he’s earned everything he’s gotten. He’s really earned this opportunity.”

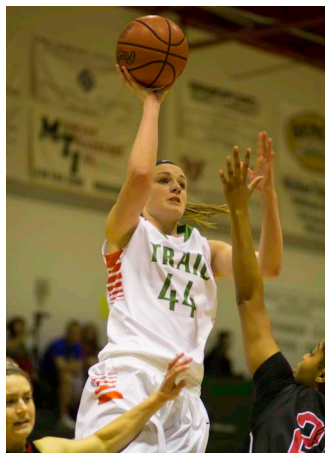
Bowers says Smither has really developed at LTC. “He’s a year behind everybody in the sense that he’s younger because he graduated from high school early. I kind of had a feeling all along that the arm was going to catch up to the body. He was kind of a newborn colt his freshman year. He’s 6’2” and a little gangly and he’s starting to develop some strength and the velocity just picked up. He came in throwing 77. He’s going to leave throwing 87, which doesn’t happen all the time, but he’s worked his tail off and we’re awfully excited.”



Brandon Smither

Church and Smither are the ninth and tenth baseball players to commit to four-year schools.

BIRCHFIELD SIGNS WITH STEPHEN F. AUSTIN



Lincoln Trail College women's basketball player Taylor Birchfield (Casey, Ill.) will continue her college career at Stephen F. Austin State University.

"The experience of moving close to 14 hours away from home and the Division I basketball, that's really a new step in my life that I'm very excited for."

Lady Statesmen Coach Scott Sparks is also excited about Birchfield's signing.

"I'm just proud of her. It's big for our program. This is the second year we've sent a post player to the Division I level. Stephen F. Austin is a big time women's program and we're really

Sparks says Birchfield has really grown as a player during her two years at Lincoln Trail College.

"I'm really proud of her. It's been two years today that I was driving over to Casey to sign her and she's grown so much since then. Her best offer out of high school was a Division II junior college. We were fortunate enough to talk her into giving us a chance and she did. She's not the same player she was in high school. She's matured, she's physically a lot stronger, she's a lot more confident and she's just a complete two-year player. I'm proud of her for the hard work and everything."

He credits her work ethic for helping her get to the Division I level and he believes that same work ethic will help her continue to grow as a player.

Birchfield is not only excited about the chance to play basketball at Stephen F. Austin, she's also excited to get to work in the classroom. "Academically, my goals are to get my Master's in Athletic Training and my Bachelor's in Business Management."

going to follow Taylor like we follow Beth [Mahurin] and we wish her the best of luck."



Schedule of Events

1:00	Check-in/ Registration*
1:30	Introductions
1:40	Stretching and Dynamics for IF, OF, and C
2:00	60 Yard Dash
2:20	PRO showcase
3:15	BP on the field/exit velocities
4:00	Game on the field teams 1 & 2
	Teams 3 & 4 hitting stations in The Depot
5:00	Game on field teams 3 & 4
	Teams 1 & 2 hitting stations in The Depot
6:00	Closing remarks

LTC HOLDING SUMMER EXPOSURE SHOWCASE

The Lincoln Trail College Baseball team will be hosting its inaugural Summer Exposure Showcase on May 31st, 2015 at Parker Field, home of the Statesmen baseball team, in Robinson, IL. Statesmen showcases will provide high school baseball players the unique opportunity to obtain close-up exposure to various prestigious college baseball coaching staffs throughout the country.

All players with fielding positions will showcase their abilities in a pro-style workout, including running a 60 yard dash, defensive evaluations, and batting practice on the field. Pitchers will learn the everyday drills the Statesmen incorporate. Every player will participate in a live game to further showcase their skill set.

Additionally, each player can receive written evaluations, upon request, from a Collegiate Coach and Major League Baseball Scout.

This camp will be open to all players in 9th-12th grades who have not signed a letter of intent.

Pitchers will need to bring a glove and hat, catchers bring your own gear and a bat, and position players bring your glove, bat and a hat. All participants are required to wear baseball pants.

