



LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

OCTOBER 2017

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1 **EIU Visit**
9-1, Williams Hall Foyer
- 2 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108
- 3 **Annie**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 **Babysitter Training Class**
8 a.m., Student Union 207
- Annie**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 5 **Annie**
2 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 10 **College Closed - Veterans Day**
- Annie**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 11 **Pearson VUE Testing**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
- Annie**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 14 **In the Kitchen with Whole Grains**
5 p.m., Library
- 15 **Accuplacer Testing**
1 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 16 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Williams Hall Conference Room
- LTC Foundation Concert Series**
Merry Christmas Darling
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 20 **JFK Presentation**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 21 **Matthews Family Fundraiser**
4:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- 22 **Last Day to Withdraw from Classes**
- 23 **College Closed - Thanksgiving Break**
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FALL ENROLLMENT NUMBERS CLIMB



Enrollment numbers at Lincoln Trail College continue to look positive as the Fall 2017 reimbursable FTE is up four-percent as compared to the same period last year. This fall's enrollment is also the highest reimbursable FTE level the college has seen in the last five years.

LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower says last fall, the college ended the Fall term with a zero-percent gain/loss over the Fall 2015 term. A year ago, the college established a goal of 2-3 percent growth for the Fall 2017 term. He says this year's growth is worth celebrating.

“Our growing enrollment means we are an exception to a state-wide trend in declining enrollment in higher education. The State of Illinois exports more college students than any other state with the exception of California. As a community college, an important part of our mission is to prepare students and workers to enrich our local communities. We cannot do that to our fullest capacity if more and more of our local students seek education out of state.”

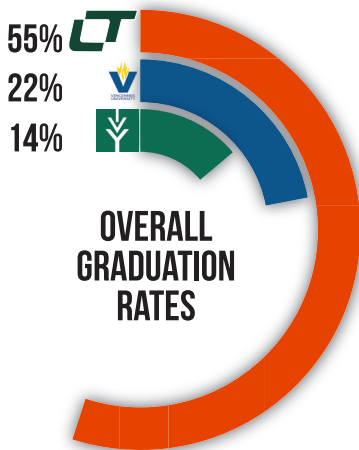
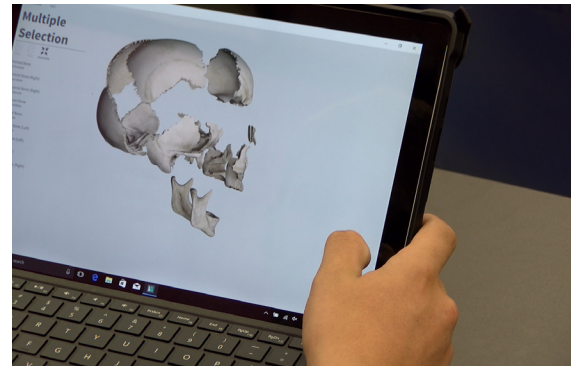
Gower believes that the news that enrollment is up is not only good for LTC, but also for Crawford County. He says when students leave the state, they are less likely to return home which results in population decline and brain drain. “The downward trend in college enrollment across the state is a far more serious issue than many people realize. To date, the media has largely focused on the short-term impacts declining enrollment has on educational institutions – smaller budgets, job cuts, and hiring freezes. These are serious matters, but they pale in

comparison to the challenge declining enrollment will pose for our local communities in the years ahead. When our students leave the state, they are less likely to return home. The result is population decline and brain drain. These are serious problems for all communities, but they impact smaller communities more quickly and in a more significant way..”



LTC has been reinvesting in its career and technical programs in an effort to help students prepare for jobs in the area. Gower says the majority of jobs in this area do not require a four-year degree. He notes that programs like Construction Technology and Welding both saw growth this fall. Gower says that’s important because he regularly hears from area employers like Marathon Petroleum and Duke Energy that they need people with those skills.

In addition to the career and technical programs, Lincoln Trail College is working to maintain a high-quality transfer program for students that plan to attend four-year universities. LTC has been investing in its STEM programs and bringing more technology into labs. Gower notes that instructors like An Roy have embraced technology. She started using a 3-D projector in her anatomy class this fall that allows students to look at anatomy in new ways. Her class is also using new software to view the parts of the human body (see page 4 for a story on this).



Gower says that growing enrollment also shows that LTC is retaining more of the students who enroll with us. That means higher graduation and completion rates, two top priorities for LTC. Gower says the college is dedicated to working with students to complete their studies and that’s why LTC’s graduation rate is so much higher than other institutions of higher education in the area.

Gower says one of the biggest reasons for the increase in enrollment is the team of people at the college. He says the college has very talented advising and retention staff. LTC has also worked hard to build strong relationships with area high schools. Gower also believes a strong marketing department means that the college is doing a good job getting the word out about LTC.

With a higher enrollment, Gower says it means more students are receiving an exceptional education at an affordable price. “Lincoln Trail continues to be one of the most highly ranked and rated community colleges in Illinois/the nation, and our cost of attendance is among the lowest in the state. We do amazing things at Lincoln Trail, and we should be pleased that more students are being introduced to us. Our faculty does a wonderful job preparing classes that are relevant, engaging, and impactful.”



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FORDE SELECTED TO ICCCA ASPIRING LEADERS COHORT



Lincoln Trail College Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde has been selected to participate in the Illinois Council of Community College Administrators Aspiring Leaders Cohort.

“I’m very excited about this opportunity,” says Forde. “I feel like this will give me a great opportunity to grow personally and professionally and I look forward to bringing back what I learn to Lincoln Trail College and Crawford County.”

The ICCCA Aspiring Leaders Cohort is intended to provide professional development and networking opportunities for employees who intend to pursue leadership roles in the Illinois Community College system. Only 23 people across the state, including Forde, were selected to participate.

“It’s not surprising at all that Mr. Forde was selected to be a part of the 2017 Aspiring Leaders Cohort,” says LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower. “For years, Chris has demonstrated exceptional leadership at the college and in the community at large. He has a big vision, a tireless work ethic which has earned him the trust and support of his peers.”

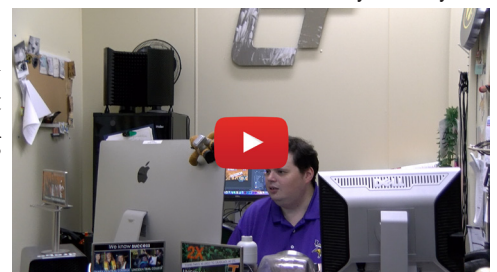
Forde wants to be able to use the Aspiring Leaders Cohort as a way to take on more leadership responsibilities at Lincoln Trail College. He’s already been instrumental in teaching his colleagues ways to handle an armed intruder event on campus.

“Bringing back what I learn and helping the community is also very important to me,” says Forde, who is already an active leader in Crawford County. Forde is one of the co-founders of Leadership Crawford County and is currently a board member for Crawford County CEO. He serves as the chairman of the Crawford County 911 Board and is a Police Commissioner for the City of Robinson. Forde is the Vice President for Membership for the Robinson Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Crawford Memorial Foundation Board.

While Forde is already an active member of the community, he says he would like to see his role grow. “I’ve always been interested in politics and I see how our local, elected leaders can make a profound impact. I would like to use my leadership experiences, including the Aspiring Leaders Cohort, and run for local office.”

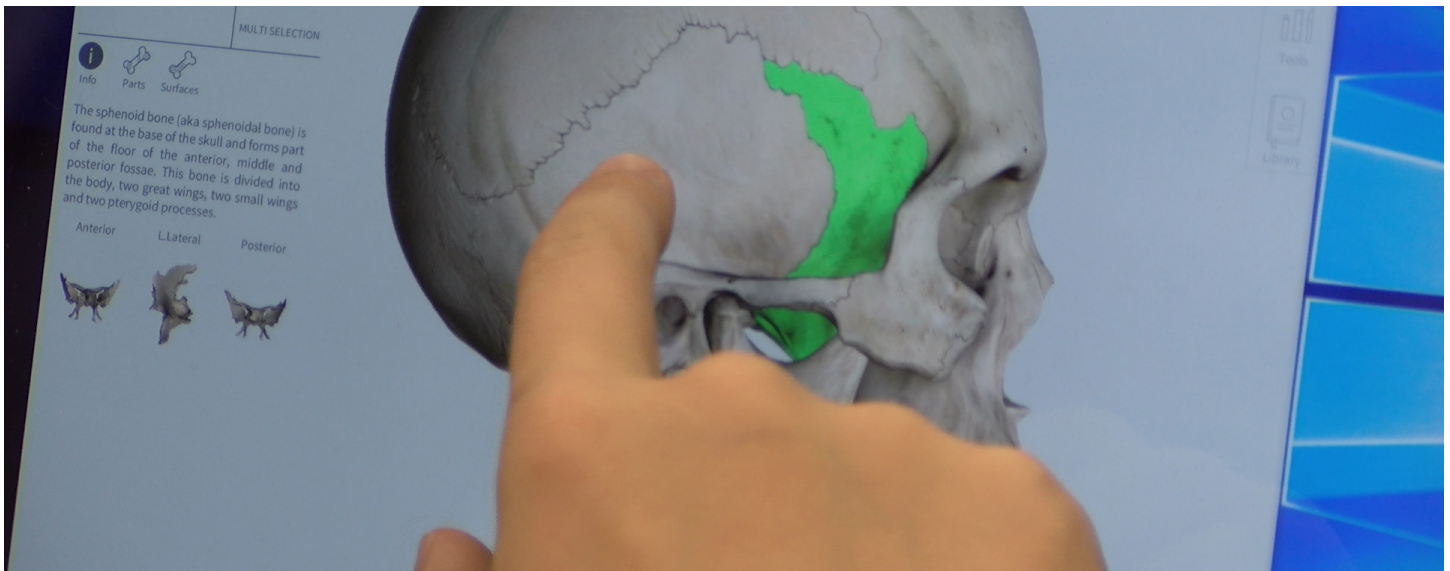
“Chris has a big vision for the role LTC can play in our local communities. He understands that a healthy college will ultimately strengthen our local economy,” says Gower. “The work that he has done to promote the efforts of the college is exceptional. The quality of work that he produces to promote IECC rivals the efforts done on any four-year campus where the staff and budgets are significantly larger. As a member of the Aspiring Leaders cohort, his ability to lead on our campus and in our local communities will only be enhanced. He will have the opportunity to interact with leadership from other campuses to share with them the work he is doing here and to bring back new ideas for how we can continue to innovate here.”

Forde will attend the ICCCA Conference in Springfield November 15-17.



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ANATOMY STUDENTS USING NEW SOFTWARE TO STUDY THE BODY



Learning about the human body is complex, but An Roy is adding another way to make that process a little easier to understand. She's incorporated new software into her anatomy classes that allow students to see detailed renderings of the body.

The software was placed on computers with touch screens in her classroom. The touch screens allow the students to rotate and zoom in on parts of the body. They can also isolate small pieces.

Sophomore Haley Towle especially liked that. "It shows you in a different way that a real skull in front of you can't do. You can kind of take it apart and look at different types of things. You can see what bone goes where and what bones connect to what other bones."

The students started using the Complete Anatomy software while studying the skull and Roy says she plans to use it to study other parts of the human body throughout her class.

Roy is a big believer in using technology in her classroom. In addition to the new computer anatomy lab, Roy has also incorporated a 3-D projector into her lesson plans.

"I want them to learn things from different aspects like lecturing, diagrams, technology, hands-on, and books. Everything is important and we all learn in different ways. Technology can be especially important with this generation because they are very comfortable using it."

Roy says adding technology to her classes is also another way to demonstrate the quality of instruction students get at Lincoln Trail College. She says when you pair the technology with the hands-on, personal education students receive at LTC, the education is hard to beat.

"I feel like between my regular class and cadaver anatomy and the amount of tuition we are paying, I feel like we are giving them better education than universities in some areas."



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LTC PREPARES FOR TRICK OR TREAT AT THE TRAIL



Lincoln Trail College will celebrate Halloween with the annual Trick or Treat at the Trail event on Oct. 26 from 4-6:30 p.m.

Children from around the area come to Lincoln Trail College, where they can trick or treat in a fun and safe environment. The annual event typically draws more than 2500 people to campus.

The three main buildings on campus are transformed into different themes by clubs, organizations and offices. Students, faculty and staff dress up in costumes as they pass out candy to the children. Several local businesses also participate in Trick or Treat at the Trail and have stations where they pass out candy.

Trick or Treat at the Trail is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Trail College Foundation. Local businesses also help by providing candy and donations for the annual event.

ANNIE CAST ANNOUNCED

Tickets go on sale October 23 for the Lincoln Trail College production of *Annie*. Performances of *Annie* are November 3-4 at 7 p.m., Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., and Nov. 10-11 at 7 p.m.

Annie - Elizabeth Boyd
 Molly - Ashtyn Reid
 Pepper - Lindsey Hevron
 Duffy - Rachel Wiseman
 July - Kimber Aust
 Tessie - Lyla Stewart
 Kate - Mallory Mosebey
 Orphan 1 - Sicily Rawlings
 Orphan 2 - Harper Gallion
 Miss Hannigan - Becky Miller
 Grace Farrell - Leslie Loftis
 Warbucks - Doug Finkbiner
 Rooster - Brennan Seth Tracy
 Lily - Gracie Trowbridge
 Bert Healy - Ryan Mikeworth
 Roosevelt - Ken Martin
 Bundles - Brian Manhart
 Tenement Couples - Bailey Flath, Callie Reid & Levi Whigham, Joy Wernz & Chuck Bennett
 Apple Seller - Emma Short
 Assistant Dog Catcher - Kylie Wolf

Dog Catcher - Alan Wiseman
 Lt. Ward - Isaac Wilson
 Man 1 - Tori Cheeseman
 Woman 1 - Mindi Williamson
 Eddie - Dennis Steckley
 Woman 2 - Taliyah Batchelor
 Man 3 - Ryan Robertson
 Man 4 - Alan Wiseman
 Sophie - Abbey Metheny
 Man 2 - Ryan Mikeworth
 Woman 3 - Lauren Wagoner
 Woman 4 - Kelsey McDaniel
 Hooverville Ensemble - Joy Gillaspay, Emily Clark, Alannah O'Dell
 Announcer/Kaltenborn - Chris Forde
 Drake - Levi Whigham
 Mrs. Greer - Joy Wernz
 Mrs. Pugh - Bailey Flath
 Cecille - Sabrina Malone
 Annette - Kelsey McDaniel
 Warbucks Staff - Emma Short, Lauren Wagoner

Cop - Isaac Wilson
 Kid - Callie Reid
 Usherette - Joy Gillaspay
 Star-to-Be - Taliyah Batchelor
 NYC Ensemble - Kelsey McDaniel, Joy Wernz, Abbey Metheny, Bailey Flath, Sabrina Malone, Alan Wiseman, Levi Whigham, Ryan Robertson, Ryan Mikeworth, Isaac Wilson
 Wacky - Brian Manhart
 Johnson - Dennis Steckley
 Connie Boylan - Antje Pippin
 Bonnie Boylan - Jill Jansen
 Ronnie Boylan - Yvonne Newlin
 Ickes - Alan Wiseman
 Perkins - Jill Jansen
 Hull - Isaac Wilson
 Morganthau - Chuck Bennett
 Howe - Ryan Robertson
 Judge Brandeis - Dennis Steckley



NOVEMBER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Basketball

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| 3-4 | at Northwest Florida | TBA |
| 8 | Indiana Elite Prep | 7:00 |
| 11 | at Parkland | 3:00 |
| 15 | at John A. Logan | 7:30 |
| 21 | Southeastern | 7:30 |
| 29 | at Vincennes | 7:00 |
| 30 | Rose Hulman JV | 7:00 |

Women's Basketball

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| 1 | at Danville Area CC | 5:30 |
| 4-5 | at Vincennes Classic | TBA |
| 13 | Lindenwood | 6:00 |
| 15 | at John A. Logan | 5:30 |
| 21 | Southeastern | 5:30 |
| 29 | at Vincennes | 4:00 |

LTC LAUNCHES JUNIOR STATESMEN CLUB



Area children have a new way of following Lincoln Trail College basketball this season with the Junior Statesmen Club.

The new initiative gives kids their own cheering section during LTC basketball games. They'll also help welcome the teams to the court. The kids get a few other perks too, including refillable LTC popcorn holder, commemorative tickets, and a pizza party at the end of the season. The kids also receive a Lincoln Trail College T-shirt.

Kids in the Junior Statesmen Club also have the opportunity to serve as a ball boy or ball girl during a LTC home game.

"We love our fans," says Statesmen coach Luke Stuckey. "We're really excited about the opportunity these kids will have to cheer on the team, meet our players, and become some of the best fans in the NJCAA."

The Junior Statesmen Club is \$25, but there are discounts available for families with more than one child.



Kendall Jones takes a handoff from Justin Williams in the Slam Dunk Contest during Statesmen Spotlight Night. Jones won the contest.

Statesmen Spotlight Night also included introductions of the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen, a three-point contest, a men's basketball scrimmage, and an autograph session for fans.

Follow the Statesmen at
ltcathletics.com