



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

AUGUST 2018

## UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 3 COLLEGE CLOSED - Labor Day**
- 6 CNA Exam**  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108  
**Nutrition Series: Snacking & Packing a Healthy Lunch**  
5:30 p.m., Library
- 10 SIUE Visit**  
10-2, Williams Hall Foyer
- 11 IDOC In-Service**  
8-4, Occupational Annex 101
- 12 IDOC In-Service**  
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**Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
10-1 Williams Hall Foyer
- 13 IDOC In-Service**  
8:30-3, Lincoln Room  
**CNA Exam**  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 15 Pearson Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 18 National Guard Visit**  
8-1, Williams Hall Foyer  
**IECC Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 20 Safety Council Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room  
**LTC Foundation Concert Series: Tusk**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 22 Babysitter Training**  
9 a.m., Student Union 207
- 27 LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room

## LTC RENOVATES 7 CLASSROOMS IN WILLIAMS HALL

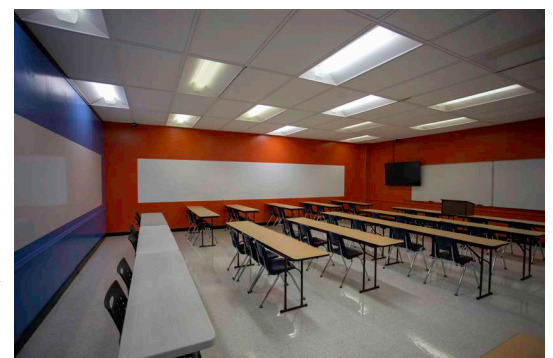


When students return to Lincoln Trail College this Fall, they will find many of their classrooms look and function very differently. Over the summer months, LTC's IT and O&M departments worked to bring dramatic changes to seven classrooms in Williams Hall. "This was a busy summer," says LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower. "Last

year our faculty took full advantage of the Faculty Innovations in Teaching Grants offered by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. This summer, it fell to our team to essentially tear down and rebuild the classrooms. The work they did is a big first step in making our classrooms more modern learning environments."

Several of the classrooms have moved to become collaborative learning spaces for students. "The days of teacher-centered learning environments are coming to a close," says Gower. "Information today is ubiquitous. Teachers today must move beyond simply introducing students to key terms and concepts. We have to help students learn how to use and apply the information we are presenting. It's a higher-level information exchange that produces deeper learning."

Collaborative learning environments require students to be more engaged and cultivate habits – like communication, teamwork, and problem solving – that employers need. The faculty at Lincoln Trail College have embraced the changes. "Technology can be especially important with this generation because they are very comfortable



using it," says Life Science Professor An Roy. "I want them to learn things from different aspects like lecturing, diagrams, technology, hands-on, and books."

Modernizing our classroom and our built facilities at Lincoln Trail College is a high priority" says Gower. "We have been recognized at the state and national level because we provide a high-quality education for students, but in some cases, our facilities are sending a very different signal about our quality."

## LTC DEVELOPS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CATALOG

Lincoln Trail College is making it easier for members of the community to find out what kinds of community education classes are offered by the college. LTC published its first Community Education Catalog this fall.

The 24-page catalog highlights arts, performing arts, health and recreation, professional development and personal development classes along with classes for children. The catalog also highlights upcoming Lincoln Trail College Foundation concerts. The catalog covers classes throughout the 2018-19 academic year.

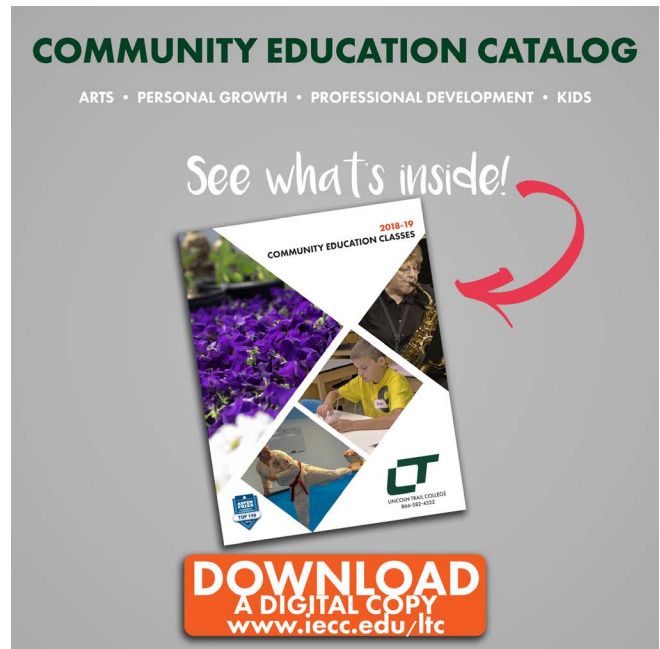
“We wanted to make sure we gave members of the community time to plan,” says LTC Dean of Instruction Brent Todd. “We realize many people have very busy lives and scheduling is important to them.”

The catalog highlights popular classes like aqua aerobics and martial arts as well as new classes like golf, hiking, and beekeeping. “Education at Lincoln Trail College is not only about degrees and certificates for full-time college students,” says Todd. “Education here also means offering a wide variety of classes for the community. Classes where you can explore your interests. Classes where you can discover a new passion. Classes where you can enrich your life.”

In addition to highlighting fun topics like digital photography and comedy improv, the catalog also highlights classes that could benefit men and women on the job. Lincoln Trail College plans to offer classes in food sanitation and safety, alcohol serving and handling, welding, and defensive driving.

The catalog also offers a preview of new microcertificates that will be rolled out in the spring of 2019. The college will offer microcertificates in Customer Service, Special Events, Philanthropy, Leadership, and Public Service. “These programs are each short-term certificates that provide individuals with additional skills to enhance their current employment or can be added to existing programs of study as minors,” says Todd.

The new catalogs are available at Lincoln Trail College and at many locations throughout the community. A digital version of the catalog is available on Lincoln Trail College’s website, [www.iecc.edu/ltc](http://www.iecc.edu/ltc).



## LTC STUDENTS PREPARE FOR NEW YEAR

Lincoln Trail College prepared for the 2018-19 year with three days of orientation. The first two days of orientation were for new and returning athletes at the college and the third day was for new students at LTC. The students got the opportunity to tour the college, meet their classmates and learn what to expect with their college experience. There were 163 students that participated in new student orientation and 123 that participated in athletic orientation.

## LTC RANKS AS #3 OPTION FOR ONLINE EDUCATION



Lincoln Trail College was rated as the third best community college for online study in Illinois by TheBestColleges.org.

The Seattle-based organization based the rankings off the most important factors to prospective students, mainly common predictors of future success and the school's commitment to online programs. They used data provided by colleges and universities to the National Center for Education Statistics. TheBestColleges.org looked at things like admissions rate, student loan default rate, retention rate, graduation rate, and the percent of students enrolled in online classes. The organization took that data and weighted it evenly in order to give an objective view to determine a final ranking.

TheBestColleges.org shows Lincoln Trail College with a 61 percent retention rate, a 54 percent graduation rate, an 18 percent default rate, and an online enrollment rate of eight percent.

Lincoln Trail College was one of two colleges in the Illinois Eastern Community College system to earn a ranking. Frontier Community College took the number two spot in the rankings.

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## GEPHART JOINS BROADBAND TELECOM AS INSTRUCTOR



Justin Gephart brings nearly 20 years of industry experience to Lincoln Trail College as he joins the Broadband Telecom program as an instructor.

Gephart comes to LTC from Montrose Mutual, where he oversaw day-to-day operations in the central office and outside plant. "Over the years, I have done everything from station installation to central office transmission, networking, and business phone systems."

Gephart started his career in HVAC and then moved to the telecommunications industry in 1999. He earned a degree in Broadband Telecom in 2018.

He has been active in the community in Dieterich. He's served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Dieterich Volunteer Fire Department. Gephart is also a former president of the school board and is a member of the Dieterich Education Foundation.

Outside of work, Gephart enjoys boating, fishing, hunting, canoeing, family trips, and ATV riding. He's married to Amanda and has three sons, Cody, Cory, and Caleb.

## WOLVEN EARNS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Dr. Ann R. Wolven, Professor of English at Lincoln Trail College, was recently recognized as the Strathmore's Who's Who Professional of the Year 2018 in Higher Education – English and Literature, honored as a lifetime member of Strathmore's Who's Who, and inducted into the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement of Marquis Who's Who.

Strathmore's recognized Dr. Wolven's "leadership, achievement and dedication in [her] profession". The Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement "recognizes individuals that have achieved greatness in their industry. These individuals have excelled in their field for at least 20 years, and we are proud to display their accomplishments here", according to the Marquis Who's Who website.

Dr. Wolven was selected for her continuous work in the field of education, teaching composition and literature courses at Lincoln Trail College since 2001. During her tenure at Lincoln Trail, Dr. Wolven has designed and taught classes in the traditional classroom, as well as hybrid courses and online courses. In addition, Dr. Wolven is a Content Expert for doctoral students at Grand Canyon University.

Dr. Wolven along with Assistant Professor Rebecca Carmack, Instructor Mike McElyea, and Instructor Joy Wernz were awarded the 2018 IECC Innovation in Technology Teaching Award for the creation of an Audio-Visual Recording Studio. This studio will aid faculty and staff in creating audio, visual, and close caption materials to help engage students and to make their classes more accessible for students with Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations.

She has served on numerous committees for both the college and the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, is the Director of English and Communication Assessment at LTC, and previously sponsored the College Republicans, College Democrats, and the College Political Society. Dr. Wolven has also advised students and mentored new faculty members.

As a lifelong learner, Dr. Wolven earned her Doctorate of Education from Grand Canyon University in Organizational Leadership with an Emphasis in Higher Education Leaders, a Master's of Education in Secondary English Education from Lynchburg College, a Master's of Journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, a Bachelor's in English from Mary Baldwin College, and her Master Online Teacher certification from the University of Illinois and the Illinois Online Network.

She previously taught composition, remedial reading, and English as a Second Language classes at Vincennes University, taught journalism and advised the award-winning student newspaper at Lynchburg College, and taught English, journalism, photojournalism and advised the award-winning student yearbook at Bluestone High School in Skipwith, VA.



## LTC ANNOUNCES 2018-19 PRODUCTIONS

Barbara Shimer, director of theater at Lincoln Trail College, has announced the productions for the 2018-2019 season. George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's timeless comedy, *You Can't Take It With You* will be presented in the fall, and Disney's sweeping fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast* will be the spring musical.

*You Can't Take It With You* is a madcap comedy featuring the eccentric Sycamore and Vanderhofs. When Alice

Sycamore gets engaged to straight-laced Tony Kirby and their families agree to meet, everything that can go wrong does, and with hilarious consequences.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play debuted in 1936 and ran for 838 performances. A number of revival runs on Broadway attest to its enduring charm as it celebrates individualism and living life to the fullest.

The cast calls for nine men and seven women, plus extras. Auditions will be at 6 pm. August 27 and 28 in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. Audition packets will be available August 13. Performances are at 7 p.m. on October 12-13 and 19-20 and 2 p.m. on October 14.



In the spring of 2019 audiences will step into the enchanted world of *Beauty and the Beast*, the international sensation that has played to over 35 million people worldwide. The stage version includes all of the Alan Menken and Howard Ashman songs from the Disney film plus new ones by Menken and lyricist Tim Rice. This “tale as old as time” represents the best in family theater.

Roles are available for four women and seven men plus ensemble roles for actors in a range of ages. Audition details will be available at a later date. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on March 22-23 and March 29-30 and 2 p.m. on March 24 and 31.



**AUGUST SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Baseball**

4	Frontier CC	2:00
8	Lake Area Dodgers	1:00
14	at PUMA Classic	TBA
18	at Danville Area CC	4:00
23	vs. Lewis & Clark (at Busch Stadium)	5:00
29	at U of I Springfield Tourney	TBA

**Golf**

8-9	Rend Lake Open	TBA
23-25	Vincennes University Open	TBA

**Softball**

1	LTC Play 3 Day	9:00
8	at IECC Round Robin	TBA
16	at Boonville Fall Classic	TBA
20	at Oakland City	4:00
23	at LLCC Fall Juco Showcase	TBA
29	at ISU Round Robin	TBA

**Volleyball**

3	at John A. Logan	6:30
6	Shawnee CC	6:00
12	at Kaskaskia	6:30
17	Lake Land	6:30
19	Rend Lake	6:30
21	at Lincoln Land Tri-Match	4:00
23	Frontier CC	6:30
26	at Wabash Valley	6:30
30	at Parkland Tri-Match	TBA

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**STATESMEN RETURNING TO BUSCH STADIUM**



Lincoln Trail College will once again take the field at Busch Stadium. The Statesmen will face off against Lewis and Clark in an exhibition game this fall.

The Statesmen play at Busch Stadium on September 23. The game is the home finale of the regular season for the St. Louis Cardinals. They face the San Francisco Giants at 1:15 p.m. and the Statesmen will play after the conclusion of the MLB game. This is the fourth consecutive season LTC has played Lewis and Clark at Busch Stadium.

“This is always a fantastic event for our players and fans,” says Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers. “We try to make sure all of our healthy players are able to play in the game and our fans get great seats.”

Tickets for the Baseball at Busch game are available now. Fans get a ticket to the Cardinals’ game against the Giants that afternoon in addition to the chance to watch the Statesmen play.

The Cardinals are offering several promotions for that game. The series is a part of Fan Appreciation Weekend and the first 30,000 fans will get an adult winter hat with flaps. The Cardinals will also give out 2019 magnet schedules and children under 48 inches tall will receive a free ticket to Six Flags.

Bowers says the players always look forward to the game and the Cardinals have been very gracious hosts. The Cardinals have been using video of last year’s game and an interview with Bowers throughout the 2018 season to talk about how the team works with teams to raise money by playing a game at Busch Stadium.

Fans that want tickets can contact Bowers at 618-546-2269 or by emailing him at bowersk@iecc.edu.