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LTC PHI THETA KAPPA ALPHA IOTA EPSILON CHAPTER EARNS FIVE STAR RATING

The Lincoln Trail College Phi Theta Kappa chapter has once again been named a Five Star chapter. The Alpha Iota Epsilon chapter received the Continuing Chapter Excellence Award at the Illinois Region Phi Theta Kappa Convention and Honors Institute.

The Continuing Chapter Excellence Award is given to chapters that have earned Five Star status for multiple years in a row. A chapter earns Five Star status by completing projects and tasks centered on the five hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa. Chapters must recognize academic excellence and build chapter foundations, organize leadership and engage members, get involved at the regional level, develop a college project and build administrative support, and develop an Honors in Action project.

One of the projects Phi Theta Kappa worked on in the past year was about developing an awareness of the amount of plastic thrown away. The chapter arranged for special recycling bins for plastic bottles and that plastic was then put on display. The chapter also started fundraising for a new water fountain that would allow people to easily refill


**UPCOMING
JULY
EVENTS**

- 4 College Closed - Independence Day
- 6 **Pearson Testing**
9 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 11 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 18 **CNA Exam**
4 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 20 **Sanitation & Safety Class**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 116
- 23 **Last Day to Withdraw from Summer Classes**
- 26 **Last Day of Summer Classes**
- 27 **Sanitation & Safety Class**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 116
- 29-30 **Summer Classes Final Exams**
- 31 **Blood Drive**
10-2, Sports Center

water bottles.

One of LTC's officers also received an individual award at the convention. Keegan Inboden won an Illinois Region Hall of Honor Officer Award. The chapter submitted an entry for Inboden as an Outstanding Officer for his exceptional efforts with chapter promotion and fundraising.

"Keegan was consistently inviting members to join and speaking about the benefits of membership in his classes," says Phi Theta Kappa advisor Kim Schucker. "His efforts kept our chapter visible to many in our student body and resulted in several new members. Keegan's salesmanship with cookies is legendary. Not many could say no to Keegan or the warm, delicious cookies he was selling.

Our chapter wanted to recognize his dedication and show our appreciation to him. We are so pleased he won this award."

Schucker says in addition to the awards, attending the Illinois convention was a valuable experience. She said it gave members the chance to learn more about the current honors topic guide, which chapters choose themes from to research and produce projects. Members also heard from inspirational speakers and attended educational forums covering topics like chapter development, organization, effective chapter leadership, and honors research.

"All of the activities were geared to inspire and guide the members for the upcoming academic year," says Schucker. "New projects are already being developed for the upcoming year and our officer team is energetic and dedicated to being a Five Star Chapter once again."



Keegan Inboden, pictured at LTC's 2019 Commencement, received an Illinois Region Hall of Honor Officer Award.



Students and instructors from the IECC Summer English program

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Lincoln Trail College is serving as the home of 18 International students for three weeks this summer. The students are participating in the IECC Summer English Camp, which began June 3.

The students traveled to Crawford County from China and Vietnam and range in age from 10-to-16-years-old. While in Illinois, the students are staying with host families. The students are spending their time in the classroom improving their English skills and they're getting a chance to learn more about life in American through a variety of trips and experiences.

“We want them to be able to work on their English skills,” says International Coordinator Molly Hardiman. “But we also want them to be able to have a lot of fun while they're here by letting them take part in local activities and take some trips.”

Students got the chance to visit St. Louis to visit the Gateway Arch and attend a St. Louis Cardinals game. The students are also visiting Holiday World, Turkey Run State Park, and Casey, Ill. to visit the Big Things in a Small Town. In addition to the trips, students have participated in activities like yoga by Miller Lake, a paint party with Carrie Brown, and they've been able to have lunch with students in the College



Students spend time learning English during an ESL class



Summer English Camp visit the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.



Summer English Camp make slime with the LTC College for Kids program.

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Hardiman says the idea of the Summer English Camp started last year with a conversation with Dzung My. She is a Vietnamese woman who attended the International program at Wabash Valley College 20 years ago. After attending WVC, My earned a degree from Indiana University and eventually opened an English school in her home. My works with about 500 students who want to learn English.

Hardiman says she hopes that some of these students will be able to return here again this Fall to enroll in college.

CROSSEN RECEIVES PROPANE TRAINING



Lincoln Trail College Construction Technology instructor Clint Crossen was one of just 20 instructors nationwide to receive training from the Propane Educational Research Council. PERC provided Crossen a two-day, expense paid training experience in Austin, Tex.

“PERC gave me the information and resources to bring this vital information back to LTC to integrate this with our construction courses like Plumbing Fundamentals and Plumbing Applications,” says Crossen.

Propane is used in 48 million households for home heating and water heating, indoor and outdoor cooking, clothes drying, fireplaces, backup power, and outdoor living. Crossen says propane is often used in rural parts of Illinois where natural gas is not available.

Crossen says propane is a safe and effective alternative to electric and natural gas and the idea behind the two-day training session was to train plumbing and air conditioning instructors on how to educate their students on handling, storage, plumbing, and safety using propane.

“We can now better educate our students in our plumbing classes,” says Crossen.

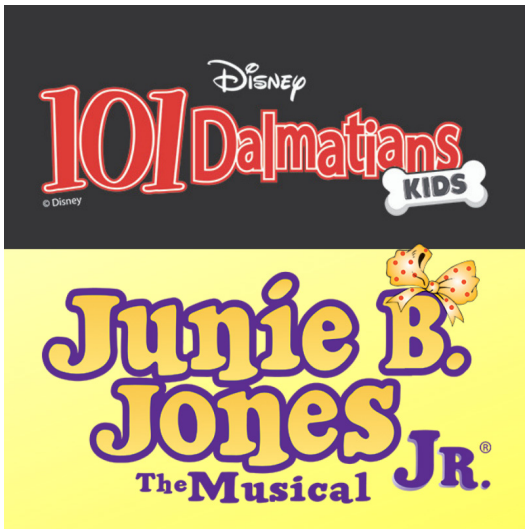
AREA KIDS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER CAMPS AT LTC



Students in College for Kids (left) participate in an outdoor game. Students in the Children's Summer Theater program (right) have a first reading.

Local kids are spending part of their summer at Lincoln Trail College, participating in a variety of activities. Once again, the College is offering the popular Children's Summer Theater program along with three sections of College for Kids.

"Part of the mission of Lincoln Trail College is serving the community, and this is one way we do it," says LTC Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde. "We want to serve as a hub of activities in Crawford County and one of the ways we do that is by offering programs like Children's Summer Theater and College for Kids."



Children's Summer Theater was expanded into two different sections this year. One section is for children entering first through fifth grades this fall. The second is for kids that will be entering grades six through nine. The idea behind expanding the program was to make sure kids had more opportunities to participate.

In the CST workshops, students work with high school and college student mentors under the direction of Tara Gallion. The students go through the entire process of preparing and performing a musical. They start with auditions and then move into blocking, costuming, singing and choreography. Each workshop culminates with two public performances.

The younger students will perform Disney's 101 Dalmatians, Kids at 7 p.m. on June 20 and 21. The older students are performing Junie B. Jones the Musical, Jr. on June 22 at 7 p.m. and June 23 at 2 p.m.

"Children's Summer Theater has always been one of our most popular programs," says Forde. "Each cast is limited to forty students and every year; all of the slots are filled up almost immediately."

College for Kids is running three week-long programs this year. The first session is called The Great Outdoors. Kids will get the chance to learn about fun things they can do outside and learn how to do them without leaving a trace. The second session is called Animal Adventures, where kids will discover the amazing traits animals have and how

they use them. Kids will explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math in the third week, Exploring STEAM.

Children’s Summer Theater and College for Kids fall under Community Education at LTC. “We want to make sure people know that our campus has programs available to people of all ages and backgrounds,” says Forde. “Our Community Education program gives people a chance to learn new skills and explore hobbies.”

Lincoln Trail College publishes an annual catalog featuring classes that specifically appeal to members of the community, making it easy for them to find what’s available.



The Indiana Department of Conservation provided a program on raptors for College for Kids. They brought a screech owl, a barred owl, a peregrine falcon, a red-tailed hawk, and a bald eagle.

AN EARLY SHOT OF THE ENTRANCE TO LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE BEFORE TREES LINED THE DRIVE

PEOPLE ARRIVING TO LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE TODAY ENTER ALONG A TREE-LINED DRIVE

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE IS 20 YEARS AGO

THE SECOND BEST TIME IS NOW

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THANKS TO THE LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE FOUNDATION, STUDENT SENATE, AND PHI THETA KAPPA FOR PREPARING OUR CAMPUS FOR FUTURE STATESMEN.

BROADBAND TELECOM PROGRAM RECEIVES DONATIONS



Randy Williams of Shawnee Communications presents a donated bucket truck to LTC Broadband Telecom Lead Instructor Jesse Allen

Strong partnerships with Shawnee and Wabash Communications have always benefited LTC Broadband Telecom students as they applied for internships and employment. Thanks to the efforts of Lead Instructor Jesse Allen, these partnerships have recently brought new additions to the program of study. “We have needed a new bucket truck for Broadband Telecom for several years,” said Allen. “Shawnee Communications made some changes to their fleet and donated a bucket truck to us. It’s in like new condition and would have probably cost us more than \$15,000 to purchase on our own.” The addition of the bucket truck allows students to get real-world experience working aloft and learning how the controls of a bucket truck work. “Many companies have moved away from climbing poles and using ladders,” says Allen “So when our graduates know what it is like to work aloft and can put that skill on a resume, it gives them a real edge.”

Shortly after the donation of the bucket truck from Shawnee Communications, Allen received a donation from Wabash Communications that he calls “a game changer” for the program. Wabash Communications is donating a “soft switch” that will allow LTC faculty to train students in the technology that most communication companies have already adopted. “This allows us to teach voice-over IP as well as basic circuit trunking,” says Allen “It’s a much newer technology – more of a virtual network – and it is really the type of switch our graduates can expect to see in the field.” Although the industry has been using this type of switching equipment for several years, the cost of the new technology prevented LTC from bringing it into the Broadband Telecom curriculum. “If we were to buy it, a switch like this would cost north of \$500,000 with brand new units selling for closer to 1 million dollars,” said Allen. According to LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower, public-private partnerships like this are critical for the success of Career and Technical Programs. “This is how you know our program is benefitting local employers.” Said Gower. “It’s one thing for them to donate their time and serve on advisory boards. It’s another thing for them to accept our students as interns and employees. But when companies start making donations of this magnitude, you know they understand the value this educational program brings to their bottom line.”

BREWER ('18) SELECTED BY ASTROS IN 3RD ROUND



Lincoln Trail College's Jordan Brewer ('18) was selected in the third round of the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft by the Houston Astros. Brewer was the 106th overall selection in the draft, coming off a season where he was named the Big Ten Player of the Year at the University of Michigan.

"He was obviously very, very excited, floating on air," says Statesmen Baseball Coach Kevin Bowers, who talked with Brewer after he

was selected. "It was kind of surreal for him going from where he was two years ago to where he is now. The thing I kept telling him is that you need to get reeled back in because you're playing for a chance to go to the College World Series this weekend. The draft stuff is nice, but you still have a bit of business to take care of....and he's 'I know coacher, I know.'"

Brewer led the Big Ten in batting average (.358). He was second in slugging percentage (.637), RBI (52), hits (69), and stolen bases (19). Brewer finished third in runs (51), doubles (14), was fifth in home runs (12) and ninth in on-base percentage (.415).

At Lincoln Trail College, At Lincoln Trail College, Brewer earned All-Northern District honors after his sophomore year and was a two-time All-Conference and All-Region selection. In two years at LTC, Brewer batted .367, drove in 74 runs, and scored 85 runs. He had 28 stolen bases, 13 home runs, 15 doubles, and six triples.

"It's easy to say sitting in this position, but it would not shock me to see him in a Big League uniform within three years," says Bowers. "He's got a couple of tools that do not slump. He's a 6.5 runner and he's a plus, plus defender. Those things in and of itself are going to separate him. The fact that he can hit for average, he can hit for power and he can do it with a wood bat."

Bowers says what stands out the most to him about Brewer is his attitude. "I'm going to steal something from the guys at Michigan. When you talk about athletes, and baseball players specifically, they talk about guys having five tools. If you're a five-tool guy, you possess all of the things like arm, speed, power. They look at Jordan as having six tools because of his attitude and they hit the nail on the head. With Jordan, there's never a bad day. In two years of him on campus, bouncing around, a bad game did not affect him, a loss did not affect him, something bad happening did not affect him. That's a very unique quality. He tried to lift up everybody around him and that doesn't happen very often. Guys with his ability sometimes get innate selfishness that they're here for themselves and I never saw that one time out of him."

Brewer is the highest-selected former Statesmen in the MLB Draft. Bowers says he's proud of Brewer and he says this also gives the LTC program some validation. "We've had some other guys drafted in the top ten rounds, Jordan being the highest, but the number of guys we've had come in and moved on. Now we're seeing guys move on to schools and be drafted and be drafted in very strong power positions. It's definitely something we're going to brag about because it's something people need to know. Kids are coming in here, they're getting better, and they're moving on."