



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

MAY 2018

## UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

- 1 Last Day of Intercession Classes
  - Nurse Testing  
12 p.m., Williams Hall 119
- 5 Summer Semester Classes Begin
  - Women's Basketball Cam  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 7 CNA Exam  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 108
  - Women's Basketball Cam  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 9 ACT Exam  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 11 Last Day to Register for Summer Classes
  - Men's Basketball Camp  
12 p.m., Sports Center
- 12 Men's Basketball Camp  
12 p.m., Sports Center
  - Women's Basketball Cam  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 13 Men's Basketball Camp  
12 p.m., Sports Center
- 14 Process Technology Advisory Council  
11 a.m., Lincoln Room
  - Women's Basketball Cam  
5 p.m., Sports Center
- 15-17 Men's Basketball Team Camp  
7 a.m., Sports Center
- 18-19 Auditions for The Brothers Grimm Spectacuathon
- 21 CNA Exam  
4 p.m., Williams Hall 110
- 23 LTC Foundation Concert Series:  
The Motortown All-Stars  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 24 Jams & Jellies Workshop  
5:30 p.m., The Statesmen Grill
  - Karate Tournament  
11 a.m., Sports Center
- 29 Summer Classes Midterm
- 29-30 Elf the Musical, Jr.  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 30 Karate Testing  
11 a.m., Sports Center

Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail  
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## LTC HONORS STUDENTS, STAFF AT BANQUET



STUDENTS HALEY TOWLE (LEFT), ZANDER LAINO (CENTER), AND RACHEL LANHAM (RIGHT) WERE HONORED AT LTC'S ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET.

Lincoln Trail College honored students, faculty, and staff at the College's 39th Annual Service Recognition Banquet. "The inclusion of excellence awards in service is significant," says LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower. "There's no question we want to recognize people for their longevity in service, but it is equally important that we establish a culture that acknowledges and rewards innovation and excellence. Toward those ends, we have introduced the Excellence in Instruction Award, the Excellence in Online Instruction Award, and the Excellence in Mentorship Award. These awards are given to employees whose efforts go above and beyond in contributing to the goals of the college."

Three new awards were also given to students at this year's event.

Zander Laino was presented with the Joseph C. Piland Excellence in Scholarship Award. The award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic merit and sustained excellence in the classroom. The award is given to honor Joseph C. Piland who was the first President of Lincoln Trail College. His vision and passion for education were instrumental in the development of a comprehensive community college for Crawford County.

Laino will graduate in May with an Associate in Science and Arts degree. He currently has a 4.0 grade point average and has made the Chief Executive Officer's List every semester he's attended Lincoln Trail College.

Rachel Lanham was presented with the J. Rod Harmon Excellence in Service Award. The award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding service to the college or the community. Rod Harmon served as a faculty member at Lincoln Trail College for 27 years and has been the Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation since 2005. He is well known for his rich sense of humor, dedication to his wife Diana, and commitment to creating opportunities for all residents of Crawford County to have access to a high-quality education.



Lanham will graduate in May with an Associate in Science and Arts degree. She plans to pursue a degree in early childhood education after leaving LTC. Lanham has been active on campus in the TRIO program, where she assists new students and also serves as a tutor for the program. She's also been a member of Student Senate and has been active in the community and her church.

Haley Towle was presented with the Bev L. Turkal Excellence in Leadership Award. The award is given to a student who has shown great leadership qualities and skills. This award is given to honor Bev L. Turkal, a true leader in education, whose passion is to make a difference and change the lives of children, teens, adults and lifelong learners. Bev believes to be a strong leader one must live life, care and show empathy, must have high energy and be competitive to accomplish the goals set to make things happen.

Towle plans to graduate in May with an Associate in Science and Arts Degree. She serves as the president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was a co-captain of the volleyball team.



Nursing Assistant Professor Pauletta Gullett (left) was honored with the Staff Excellence Award. It is presented to a faculty or staff member who has an established record of contributing to the goals and mission of the College.

Gullett began at LTC as an adjunct instructor teaching the Basic Nurse Assistant Training Program in 2007. She became full-time in 2009 as the Health Career Program's Lead Instructor and transitioned to the nursing program in 2015. She's also taught community service classes since 2016.

The banquet also honored faculty and staff for their years of service to the College. Deanna Chrysler and Julie Higginbotham were honored for 30 years of service to LTC. Tom Baird, who is retiring this year, was honored for 20 years of service. Carrie Brown and Judy Young were honored for 15 years of service. Rhonda Webster was honored for 10 years of service and Brian Bailey and Erin Volk were honored for five years of service. Danelle Davis, Chris Forde, Laurie Jenkins, Keith Nash, Janice Spour, Paula Wiseman, and Robin Zachary were honored for three years of service to LTC.

## SPORT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS EXPLORE BASEBALL CAREERS



STUDENTS HEAR FROM EMPLOYEES FROM THE CARDINALS AND WHITE SOX AT BUSCH STADIUM ABOUT CAREERS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Students in Lincoln Trail College's Sport Management program got the opportunity to learn about careers in Major League Baseball at an event with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The students traveled to St. Louis on May 2 to attend a game between the Cardinals and Chicago White Sox, but that was only one part of the trip. The students also got to visit with four Cardinals employees and one White Sox employee during a panel discussion.

"We wanted to give the students a chance to learn about careers," says LTC Sport Management Lead Instructor Tyler Browning. "The panel discussion gave the students the chance to learn the importance of networking and internships and they got to see what kinds of careers they could have when they enter the job market."

The students met with Cardinals Program Coordinator of Community Relations Tim Woodvine, Community Relations Coordinator Lindsey Weber, Group Sales Account Executive Stephanie Durocher, and Direct Sales Representative Michael Mardis. White Sox New Business Executive Thomas Siwek also joined the panel.

The five panelists talked about their positions and how they got their jobs. They also offered the students advice for what they need to do to work in professional sports.

The event served as the third experiential trip for the program in the 2017-18 academic year. In November, students visited DePauw University to hear from ESPN founder Bill Rasmussen. In March, the students traveled to the University of Illinois and the United Center to learn about facility management and game day operations. The students also heard about coaching from Eastern Illinois University men's basketball coach Jay Spoonhour in April when he visited the class.

"It's really important to provide our students with experiences like this," says Browning. "We want them to learn from people that have experience in the industry. We want them to be able to see what goes into those jobs. This also gives the students the chance to see what kind of potential careers there are in the sport industry."



EIU COACH JAY SPOONHOUR TALKS TO SPORT MANAGEMENT STUDENTS ABOUT COACHING.

## LTC PREPARES FOR 48TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



Lincoln Trail College's 48th Annual Commencement Exercises take place at 7 p.m. on May 11 in the LTC Sports Center. The college will award close to 200 degrees and certificates at the event.

LTC President Dr. Ryan Gower will give the welcome to begin the ceremony. The First United Methodist Church's Jay Regennitter will provide the inspirational reading. Zander Laino ('18) will provide the commencement address. LTC Dean of Instruction Brent Todd will present the candidates for degrees and certificates while Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Trustee Jim Lane will confer the degrees and certificates. Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde will announce the candidates and IECC Trustee John Brooks will provide the Class of '18 with closing reflections.

Brassmasters will provide music for the processional and recessional marches as well as prelude music for the ceremony.

Students that have received a 3.5 or better cumulative grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale will graduate with honors. They will wear gold honor cords and receive a gold seal on their diplomas in recognition of their academic achievement. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society will wear traditional gold stoles.



**TELECOM STUDENTS SHOWED PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS A HANDS-ON ACTIVITY AT THE PROGRAM'S OPEN HOUSE**



**LTC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVE UP FOOD AT THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR IN THE STATESMEN GRILL**



**NURSING STUDENTS JOE FRANKLIN, CHRISTY LANDRUM AND JEREMY CORBIN AT THE 20TH ANNUAL POLITICAL ACTION DAY— POLITICAL ADVOCACY IN ACTION— IN SPRINGFIELD APRIL 17TH.**



**STUDENTS ENJOY A GAME OF CORNHOLE AT THE ANNUAL CRAZE DAZE EVENT AT LTC.**

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER TO PERFORM ELF, JR.

Barbara Shimer, director of theater at Lincoln Trail College, has announced details for the Children's Summer Theater production of Elf, JR. Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity.

In the CST workshop, students will work with high school and college student mentors under the direction of Tara Gallion through the entire process of preparing and performing a musical, including auditions, blocking, and costuming as well as singing and choreography.

The workshop begins June 4 and will meet each weekday from 9 to 11 a.m. through June 29. Performances will be on June 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. There will also be a Sunday matinee on July 1 at 2 p.m. Auditions for roles will be Thursday, May 31 with the first read-through on June 1 at 9 a.m.

The workshop is for children and youth who have completed grades 1-8. The cost is \$100 for the four-week workshop. Registration opens May 1 at noon. Cast size is limited to sixty.

To register or for more information, call the LTC Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657 ext. 1433 or visit [ltcperformingarts.org](http://ltcperformingarts.org).

**Registration opens May 1**  
Cast size limited to 60

**Students 1st - 8th grade**  
Cost \$100

**Auditions May 31 9 am**

**Performances June 29-30 at 7 pm & July 1 at 2 pm**

**elf JR.**  
The Musical

**Children's Summer Theater**  
June 1-29 9-11 am



## LTC G ENECHIONYA COMMITS TO ROLLINS COLLEGE

Lincoln Trail College guard Chuchu Enechionya committed to Rollins College.

"I'm very excited," says Enechionya. "It's a great school, a great location in Winter Park, Florida. I love the team and the coaches were awesome to me on my visit. I'm just really excited to go there."

Statesmen coach Luke Stuckey says he has no doubt that Enechionya will fit in well at Rollins. "After speaking with the coaches at Rollins, they feel like they're lucky because they got a steal with Chu. He's a 6'7" guard who can play multiple positions. He shoots the ball really well, which is something Rollins likes to do. They attempt a lot of threes every game. They play at a very fast pace and they've been successful with it. He'll fit in well and they feel he's going to step in and play a major role right away."

Stuckey says the other part that's great about Enechionya is that he's a high-character guy. "He's everything a coach could want. He's great in the classroom. He's a great teammate and his teammates love being around him. He practices hard every day. If you're check marking all the boxes you'd want for a student-athlete, Chu definitely checks all the boxes."

Enechionya plans to major in Economics at Rollins College.

## LTC OF BREWER COMMITS TO MICHIGAN

Lincoln Trail College sophomore outfielder Jordan Brewer committed to the University of Michigan.

“It was a tough decision,” says Brewer. “I had other schools that had better offers, but it felt like home there. It’s a nice area. I love it. I also felt like they could make me into the next level and that they could help me even get drafted.”

Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers says Brewer is a very talented player that has a high ceiling. “I would very well expect to see him not only drafted, but if he stays healthy, I could see him in a Major League uniform. He has certain skills you can’t teach.”

Bowers says Brewer has explosive speed and a strong arm. When Brewer pitched, Bowers says he could reach 88-91 miles per hour off the mound. He says that kind of speed made it easy for Brewer to rack up a number of outfield assists from his centerfield position and kept teams from trying to test his arm.

Brewer earned All-Conference and All-Region honors after his freshman year at Lincoln Trail College when he hit .368 with 42 RBI and 9 homeruns. In 35 games this season, Brewer is batting .370 with 30 RBI and four homeruns.

Bowers says Brewer is also a valuable asset off the field. “Every day he walks into the office with a smile on his face. He cares about his teammates and he cares about the school. He’s active in a billion things on campus.”

Brewer was very active in the Marketing Department at Lincoln Trail College where he helped take pictures and video of games and events on campus. He also learned about video production and graphic design. He plans to continue learning about that at Michigan. He says he’s planning to study Multimedia Arts while enrolled there.

Brewer is the fourth LTC baseball player to commit to a Big Ten school in the last two years. Pitcher Austin Batka (’16) committed to Michigan. Pitcher Thomas Waning (’16) committed to Ohio State and pitcher Brad Busald (’17) committed to Indiana.



## LTC INF TAYLOR COMMITS TO SOUTHERN

Lincoln Trail College infielder Coby Taylor is the latest Statesmen to commit to a Division I school. He’ll attend Southern University after finishing up at Lincoln Trail College.

“I’m going to be around a good coach,” says Taylor. “I’ll be around really good players and a really good recruitment class. They have brand new facilities. I’m really looking forward to going there.”

Statesmen coach Kevin Bowers says that he could see a day where Taylor will get the opportunity to play beyond college. “As he cleans up that frame and continues to mature physically and get stronger, there’s no question. That swing will play with wood and it will play in pro ball, no question.”

Bowers says that Taylor also brings some nice off-the-field qualities to Southern’s program. “He’s got a big, booming personality. He and I talk often about the day he came in on his visit and I knew right then and there that he was the type of young man we had to have in our program. Just the way he carries himself, he’s got a confidence to him, but he’s also humble and down to earth.”

Taylor earned All-Conference honors as a freshman, hitting .338 with eleven homeruns and 49 RBI. Through 39 games this season, he’s hitting .306 with eight homers and 46 RBIs.