

# LTC NETWORK

AUGUST 2014

- 1 CMA/EMR review, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Professional Annex 403
- 2 Hunter Safety class, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., theater/cafeteria
- 4 Testing & advising, 8 a.m., Williams Hall
- 8-9 CMA/EMR test, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Professional Annex 403
- 11 Loan session, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Student Union 207
- 14 Faculty/staff workshop  
Testing & advising, 3 p.m., Williams Hall  
CNA exam, 4-6:30 p.m., Williams Hall 114  
Defensive driving, 6-10 p.m., Harry L. Crisp Educational Center
- 15 Faculty workday
- 16 CMA/EMR test, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Professional Annex 403
- 18 CNA orientation, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Williams Hall 112/114
- 20 New student orientation, 9-11 a.m., theater/Williams Hall 119  
Testing & advising, 10 a.m., Williams Hall  
Loan session, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Student Union 207  
Health occupations pinning, 7 p.m.
- 21 Fall semester classes begin  
Tuition/fees due  
Alumni Association, 6 p.m., cafeteria

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## LTC honored for student success

Lincoln Trail College is No. 1. According to a list recently featured on CNN Money, the college received the No. 1 state ranking and the No. 12 national ranking for student success among public two-year colleges.

Released by College Measures, a joint venture of the American Institutes of Research and Matrix Knowledge Group, the chart for CNN Money is a tool to assist students in determining which school will give them the best chance of transferring to a four-year institution. Rankings are based on the percentage of students who graduate within three years or transfer to four-year colleges.

LTC took top honors in Illinois with its 71.9 percent graduation and transfer rate.

"This rating indicates the excellent job of educating students that the faculty and staff at LTC are doing," said Illinois

Eastern Community Colleges Chief Executive Officer Terry Bruce. "It follows the Aspen Institute ranking that put LTC in the top 120 community colleges in the nation."

In addition to the top student success spot, the college also boasts one of the highest first-year student retention rates in the state, 88.1 percent.

"We attribute Lincoln Trail College's student success rate to a myriad of factors, contributors, and role players," said LTC Dean of Instruction Robert Conn. "One of the strengths of being a small community college in a rural area is the ability to have a positive impact on the lives of our students with our highly engaged faculty and staff.

"We believe in our students and have dedicated our careers to our mission: to deliver exceptional education and services to improve the lives of our students and to strengthen our communities."

## *Concealed carry courses at LTC*

Area residents interested in obtaining a Concealed Carry License are invited to enroll in one of two sessions of Concealed Carry courses offered this summer at Lincoln Trail College.

The first session will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. July 24 and 25 at LTC and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 26 at Crackshot Range, located south of the airport. The second session will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 21 and 22 at LTC and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 23 at Crackshot Range.

Through lecture and range drills, participants will learn the information required by the Concealed Carry Act

and also how to safely handle a handgun. They will also hone their marksman skills and learn how to survive a real-world encounter.

Open to experienced and amateur shooters, the course will teach students how to maintain the proper mindset, skills and abilities that come with bearing arms for self-defense.

Pre-registration is required. The cost of the 16-hour course is \$167 for in-District students and must be paid in advance. Participants over 60 years old pay \$90.

For more information, or to register, call Admissions at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1097.

# LTC athletes top of the class

Two LTC athletic teams and three LTC athletes were recently recognized by the National Junior College Athletic Association for academic excellence.



**BEGLE**



**DUNCAN**



**PAINTER**

Begle of Jasper, Ind.; Jacob Duncan of Marshall, and Nick Painter of Flora. All three men are members of the LTC men's basketball team. Painter also plays

baseball for the

The Lady Statesmen softball team and Statesmen baseball team were recognized as Academic Teams of the Year. To be considered for this honor, colleges must have a team grade-point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. LTC softball boasted a team GPA of 3.28, while the baseball team scored a 3.21.

Receiving NJCAA Academic Student-Athlete Awards were LTC athletes Caleb

Statesmen. To be eligible for the honor, students must have at least a 3.60 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

"Maintaining high academic standards while competing in one of the toughest athletic conferences is a tremendous achievement," said LTC President Kathryn Harris. "We are proud of these athletes' drive and dedication in the classroom and on the playing fields."

## Youth basketball camp July 21-23

Lincoln Trail College will host its Boys-Girls Basketball Camp July 21-23 in the college gym.

Participants entering grades 2 through 4 will meet from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Participants entering grades 5 through 8 will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and basketball for



each player. Households with more than one participant pay \$30 per child. Camp proceeds benefit the LTC men's and women's basketball teams.

Registration forms are available at the reception desk in LTC's Williams Hall or by calling 618-544-8657, ext.

1203 or ext. 1220. Registration deadline is July 14.

## Advising/recruiting director named

Tyler Browning of Mt. Carmel has been named the new director of Academic Advising and Recruitment at Lincoln Trail College



Browning has a bachelor's degree in recreation and sport management from Indiana State University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in sport

management at ISU.

As the recruiter/advisor, Browning will be responsible for advising students on admissions requirements and course selection; assisting with student entrance and proficiency testing, registration and orientation; working with area high school counselors, principals and students; and visiting high schools, conducting college tours and meeting with business, industry and social agency representatives to publicize college programs and services.

To contact Browning, call 618-544-8657, ext. 1126.

- 21-23 **Concealed carry class**, TBA, Crackshot Range
- 22 **Loan session**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Student Union 207
- 28 **LTC Foundation**, 12-1:30 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 29 **Blood drive**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., gym

## Defensive driving in July

Several National Safety Council Defensive Driving courses (DDC-4) will be offered throughout the IECC District in July.

Classes are from 6 to 10 p.m. July 21 at WVC, Science Building Room 55; July 22 at FCC, Classroom West Building Room 102; July 23 at OCC, Wattleworth Hall Room 110; and July 24 at LTC, Harry L. Crisp Educational Center Room 106.

The DDC-4 course is a classroom "face-to-face" course. It is accepted as an assigned driving course as required for traffic-related court supervision. Some insurance companies will provide a discount for successful completers of this course. Participants successfully completing the one-night course will receive a National Safety Council, DDC-4 Certificate. The cost for this class is \$50.

Advanced registration is required. To register, contact Chris Shields at LTC, (618) 544-8657, ext. 1950.



## *Open house July 25*

Lincoln Trail College invites the public to test their skills on the college's new disk golf course, relax in the Miller Lake Pavilion, enjoy a refreshing snack in the newly remodeled LTC Bookstore and view the new LTC gym floor from 2 to 6 p.m. July 25 during its summer open house.



### **KISS THE GIRL**

LTC Children's Summer Theater Workshop recently presented "Disney's Little Mermaid Jr." The show included actors in grades one through nine.