

# LTC NETWORK

OCTOBER 2014

- 1 Volleyball hosts John A. Logan, 6:30 p.m., gym
- 2 Alumni Network Dinner/Silent Auction/Awards, 5-8 p.m., Quail Creek Country Club
- 3 Alumni Network Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Quail Creek Country Club
- 7 No classes, District Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day
- 8 Testing and advising, 2 p.m., Williams Hall 116
- 11 Tri-Kids, 1:30 p.m., pool  
Baseball hosts Southern Illinois Sun Dawgs, TBA, Parker Field
- 13 College closed for Columbus Day, no day or evening classes
- 16 Midterm Alumni Association meeting, 6 p.m., cafeteria
- 17 "Lend Me a Tenor," 7 p.m., theater
- 18 "Lend Me a Tenor," 7 p.m., theater
- 19 "Lend Me a Tenor," 2 p.m., theater
- 21 Marathon Career Day/Job Fair, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., gym/theater/classrooms
- 23 Foundation meeting, 12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 24 Testing, 11 a.m., Williams Hall 116  
"Lend Me a Tenor," 7 p.m., theater

**Network is a joint project of Lincoln Trail College & Lincoln Trail College Foundation**

## Adult Ed Week Sept. 22-27

Rena Gower, director of the Lincoln Trail College Learning Skills Center, welcomes the community to help the college celebrate Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, Sept. 22-27.

LTC offers free GED preparation classes. These classes run on an eight-week schedule, giving students five opportunities per year to begin classes.

Students in the program work at their pace. Some finish in eight weeks and are prepared to take the GED exam. Most students, however, take longer.

The LTC staff prides itself in accurately assessing when students are ready to take the GED exam. For this reason, the college has an excellent graduation

rate, Gower said.

LTC also serves as a Pearson VUE test site and sees the results of students who take the GED without taking a preparation course first.

Gower says they don't tend to do well, especially with the new GED test.

"It is getting harder and harder to get a job without either a high school diploma or a GED," she added "We have had students who after years of working for a company, come take classes and pass their GED to keep their job."

For more information on GED preparation classes, or to register for the next session of GED prep classes, call 618-544-8657, ext. 1134.



### WELCOME BACK

Rena Gower explains the services available in the Learning Resource Center during fall orientation.

# Brown Bag Luncheons begin

Lincoln Trail College invites the community to experience a new view of the trail during its monthly Brown Bag Luncheons beginning Sept. 19.

LTC President Kathryn Harris will lead the first monthly luncheon, conducted at noon in the cafeteria. The topic for discussion will be new LTC programs and courses at the college. Members of the community are invited to bring

their lunch or purchase their lunch from the LTC cafeteria. The cafeteria special for Sept. 19 is stir-fry.

Future luncheons will feature a variety of speakers addressing various topics.

"Lincoln Trail College wants to be part of the community and we want our community to be part of the Trail," Harris said. "Join us as we discuss ways we can grow our community."

## New music instructor named

Jonathan Matthews has been named a part-time music faculty member at LTC.

Beginning Sept. 8, the Salt Lake City, Utah, native will be teaching private voice lessons and conducting the LTC Children's Choir.

The Children's Choir will meet from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays in the rehearsal hall. The choir will perform at the LTC fall concert Dec. 6 and the LTC holiday concert Dec. 14.

Matthews graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in music. He completed a master's degree in music at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., and recently finished doctoral coursework in vocal performance. He is finishing his final projects and will graduate from IU in May.

For more information on the music program at LTC, call the Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657, ext. 1433.



## Tri-Kids event slated for Oct. 11

Lincoln Trail College will offer area youth a taste of triathlons during its third annual Tri-Kids event Oct. 11.

The fitness event, open to youth ages 3 to 15, will feature swimming, biking and running on the LTC campus.

The iron heat, for ages 10 to 15, will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will feature a 125-yard swim, 3-mile bike and 0.75 mile run. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m.

The sprint heat, for ages 12 and younger, will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will feature a 75-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike and .75 mile run. Check-in is at 1:30 p.m.

The family heat, for ages 3 to 15, will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will feature a 25-yard swim, .25 mile bike and .25 mile run. Check-in is at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the event is to promote healthy habits. Parents of participants ages 3 to 5 are encouraged to swim and run with their child.

Entry fee is \$20. A discount will be given for additional children participating in the same family. Youth are invited to train for the swimming portion of the event during open swim times at the LTC pool. Visit [www.iecc.edu/ltc](http://www.iecc.edu/ltc) for the current pool schedule.

- 25 "Lend Me a Tenor," 7 p.m., theater
- 29 Vienna Boys Choir, TBA, theater
- 30 Trick or Treat at the Trail, 4-7 p.m., main campus, free

## Welcome Back Blast

LTC will kick off the 2014-2015 school year with Welcome Back Blast on Sept. 17.

The day of fun will include activities, informational club booths, a dunking booth, free prize drawings, and free food for LTC students, staff and faculty from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the south lawn of Williams Hall. Students are asked to wear school colors.

LTC was recently named the top public two-year college in Illinois for student success, according to a list featured on CNN Money.

## Constitution Day

LTC will observe Constitution Day with a number of on-campus activities Sept. 17.

In addition to a Constitution Day display in the library, pocket-size copies of the U.S. Constitution will be available.

Informative videos on the Constitution may be viewed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library.