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# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

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### LTC ANNOUNCES GRADUATION PLANS

Lincoln Trail College is making plans for an in-person, on-campus graduation on May 14. In 2020, LTC's 50th Annual Commencement had to be a virtual ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We still have some restrictions," says Lincoln Trail College Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde. "With those restrictions in mind, we're planning to have a ceremony that will still allow us to have family and friends on our campus and give our graduates the opportunity to walk the stage and receive a diploma in-person."

Graduates and the faculty and staff will be located in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. The ceremony in the theater will be live-streamed and a professional photographer will take photos of the graduates as they receive their diplomas. Each graduate will be given two tickets for the ceremony. Ticketholders will be in the Sports Center where they can watch the live stream of the ceremony. After the ceremony, family, friends, and graduates will be encouraged to gather in the LTC Triangle for post-graduation photos. A group photo of the graduates will be taken before the ceremony begins.

Interim President Roger Eddy will give the welcome for Lincoln Trail College's 51st Annual Commencement. LTC faculty member and Robinson First United Methodist Church pastor Jay Regennitter will provide the inspirational

reading. Trustee Barbara Shimer will introduce Class of 2021 Commencement Speaker Winter Harmsen. Dean of Instruction Brent Todd will present the candidates for degrees and certificates while Forde will read the names of the graduates as they receive their degrees. Trustee Brenda Culver will confer degrees and certificates and Trustee John Brooks will give the closing reflections for the ceremony.

The in addition to being live-streamed to the gym, the ceremony will also be available live on YouTube for family and friends to watch anywhere. The recording will remain archived on LTC's YouTube channel once it is complete. A special website with graduation information and the link to the live stream is available at [iecc.edu/ltcgraduation](http://iecc.edu/ltcgraduation).

## PHI THETA KAPPA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



Lincoln Trail College's Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society inducted its newest members at a ceremony on March 31.

Phi Theta Kappa recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. An invitation for membership is extended to full-time students achieving at least a 3.5-grade point average.

Phi Theta Kappa officers Ava Aguirre, Blake Barrett, Ashlyn Matthews, and Madison Workman, along with chapter advisors Carrie Brown and Kim Schucker conducted the new member ceremony. LTC Interim President Roger Eddy also spoke to the new members during the ceremony. Guest vocalist Susan Polgar and accompanist Yvonne Newlin performed the Phi Theta Kappa official song.

New members of LTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter are Zane Belford, Austin Boyer, Anthony Conner, Alison Dunlap, Madilyn Ellingsworth, Halle Ellis, Nikki Garwood, Jose Gomez, Josh Green, Harleigh Haddix, Dyana Hensley, Levi Hodge, Travis Hollingsworth, J'Amy Jackson, Micah Janes, Seth Kestranek, Trista Koertge, Dustin Lassen, Kyle Leftwich, Destanee Liston, Trimeka Madison, Trenton Matthews, Jonathon Maynard, Mackenzi McIntosh, Mallory Mundy, Madison Newman, Samantha Parker, Joseph Perkins, Hannah Poehler, Jazmin Ramirez, Joshua Rosborough, Carrie Sablone, Tristan Sablone, Melissa Sharrett, Jared Shaw, Abiodum Soneye, Kortney Vincent, Daniel Weger, Ashton Wesley, and Emily Yocum.

Meanwhile, members of Phi Theta Kappa took a retreat to Garden of the Gods in Shawnee National Forest and Cave-In-Rock State Park. The event allowed members to bond and watch this year's PTK Catalyst event, which was virtual.

## LTC TAKES ADMITTED STUDENT DAY TO SCHOOLS



Lincoln Trail College is holding its Admitted Student Day event on May 1, but the College is also doing something new this year with Admitted Student Day. The traditional event brings admitted students to campus to help get them ready for the transition from high school to college. This year, LTC also took smaller versions of the event on the road to local high schools.

During the May 1 event, students will get the chance to talk with faculty and staff on campus. They can meet with advisors and talk with financial aid experts. Current LTC students will also be at the event to talk about their experiences with the students. Incoming students can also learn about different campus clubs and organizations.

The Admitted Student Day at Your School events were similar. “We want to make things easy for our incoming students,” says LTC Director of College Access Tona Ambrose. “The events at the schools give students a chance to accept their scholarships, make advising appointments, learn about clubs, organizations, and programs, and get a picture taken for social media. This is another way that we can show students the personal touch you get when you come to Lincoln Trail College.”

LTC visited Oblong and Hutsonville High Schools on April 15 and Robinson High School on April 20. LTC will visit Palestine High School on April 28.

LTC has been trying different things to connect with students while COVID-19 restrictions are in place. When restrictions were tighter, LTC was not able to visit some schools and it has harder to bring students to campus.

LTC offered students a trio of virtual visits. The first covered the College’s Broadband Telecom and Process Technology programs. The second was for the Health Careers and Nursing programs and the final virtual visit covered transfer degrees and Sport Management.

LTC was able to bring some students to campus. Robinson High School teacher Amy Hannahs brought students in her class to LTC and LTC instructors were able to come to her class to talk about career options. The entire Hutsonville High School senior class came to campus to learn about different programs. They also got to have some fun and swim while they were visiting.

## LTC PLANS SUMMER COMMUNITY ED SERIES



Lincoln Trail College will offer a variety of community education classes over the summer, including a return of the popular Children's Summer Theater and College For Kids programs.

"We weren't able to offer these programs last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic," says Lincoln Trail College Coordinator of Marketing Chris Forde. "These are both very popular programs that bring more than 100 children to our campus each year. We also weren't able to offer other community education classes for adults and we're excited to bring those back too."

Children's Summer Theater will put on two shows this summer. Pirates Past Noon Kids will feature children that will enter 1st through 4th grades this fall. Dear Edwina Jr. will feature children entering 5th through 9th grades. Registration for both age grounds is May 8 from 8-10 a.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater and the cost is \$125.

Children in the program will have auditions May 24-26 from 6-8 p.m. and rehearsals are June 2-24. The younger kids have their rehearsals from 9-11 a.m. and rehearsals for the older kids are 12-2 p.m. Performances of Pirates Past Noon Kids are June 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and performances of Dear Edwina Jr. are June 26 at 7 p.m. and June 27 at 2 p.m.

College For Kids begins June 7 and features three weeks of programming. The summer camp combines fun and games with learning opportunities for children entering 1st through 8th grades. There are full-day and half-day options available and both options provide meals for the kids. Children can come for the entire three weeks or choose which weeks they want to attend.

June 7-11 is Sports and Games Galore. Kids will participate in interactive games for all ages. There will be a focus on fitness and exercise, healthy nutrition, and teamwork. June 14-18 is an International Fair where kids will get to experience food, games, music, crafts, dancing, arts, and other cultural activities from around the world. June 21-25 is called Shark Tank where kids will learn about idea generation, develop marketing and advertising strategies, infuse technology, build basic business plans, and practice interpersonal communication skills.

The full-day option for College For Kids is \$200 per week and includes breakfast, lunch, and a snack. The half-day option is \$100 with the morning option including breakfast and lunch and the afternoon option providing lunch and



The Lincoln Trail College 2021 Summer Community Education Catalog is available online.

17-August 11.

Beginning July 1, Lincoln Trail College will offer Crochet 101, which serves as an introduction to crochet for beginners and a review of basic techniques for those wanting a refresher. Crochet 101 will run on Thursdays July 8-August 5 from 6-8 p.m.

A class on herb and botanical extractions and infusions begins on August 3. The class will help you learn how to create your lotions, salves, and oils. The class takes place on August 3, 10, and 17 from 6-8 p.m.

Lincoln Trail College will offer water aerobics classes throughout the summer. Morning, after, and evening sessions are available.

Students that want to register for any of Lincoln Trail College's community education classes can call 618-544-8657, ext. 1425 or by visiting the Lincoln Trail College Library.

a snack. There is also a full-day option that allows kids to participate in Children's Summer Theater. It is \$175 a week plus the additional Children's Summer Theater fee.

Lincoln Trail College is offering several other classes for kids and adults throughout the summer. There's a babysitting class on June 5 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. where kids interested in babysitting will learn things like pediatric first aid, household safety and games, and activities for kids. Students completing the program earn a certificate and book.

There's a cupcake and cookie decorating class for kids on June 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. where kids will learn how to create fancy cookies and cupcakes for kids.

Mommy and Me Swim classes will be available in the Natatorium. The program is designed to get children three years old and younger used to water and will allow parents and their children to work together with a series of fun exercises in the water. One Mommy and Me Swim Class will be Tuesdays June 7-July 29 from 10-10:30 a.m. and the other is available Saturdays June 11-July 29 from 10-10:30 a.m.

Karate for Kids is available May 17-August 9. Karate for Kids covers basic martial arts concepts, self-defense, and movement in a program that will provide students with improved confidence and self-esteem. Tae Kwon Do is available May

## PROCESS TECH STUDENTS COMPETING FOR NATIONAL TITLE



The Lincoln Trail College Process Technology program is preparing for a competition. The program is participating in the North American Process Technology Alliance's Troubleshooting Skills Competition April 23 and 24.

The competition features advanced Process Technology students from across the nation. Students use simulation software provided by Simtronics Corporation to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Teams of four work together to troubleshoot a process upset. To qualify for the event, students must currently be enrolled in a Process Technology program on a full or part-time basis. They cannot be employed now or in the

past in the industry as an operator.

The two-day event starts on April 23 with a welcome from BASF, a career development workshop, and a keynote address from Shell Oil Company's Jack Holden. Students will also have the opportunity to do networking.

The competition takes place April 24 with ten teams competing for the national championship in timed rounds of simulation-based exercises. Teams not in competition rounds will participate in activities designed to enhance his or her opportunity for employment.

This is the first time Lincoln Trail College has participated in the NAPTA event.

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## PERFORMING ARTS PREPARING FOR TWO CONCERTS

The Lincoln Trail College Music Department will present two concerts this Spring.

The LTC Handbell Ensemble will have its concert on April 30 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Robinson. There is limited seating available for the concert and tickets are available at the church. There will also be a livestream of the concert at [robinsonfumc.org/livestream](http://robinsonfumc.org/livestream).

The Statesmen Singers will present their Spring Concert on May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater. It will be followed by the Sophomore Recital.





**MAY ATHLETIC EVENTS**

**Baseball**

1	at Wabash Valley	12:00
5	at Danville Area CC	3:00
6	at John A. Logan	12:00
8	John A. Logan	12:00

**Softball**

1	at Lake Land	2:00
4	Shawnee CC	2:00

**Golf**

2-4 Region 24 Tournament at Springfield, IL

**BASKETBALL PLAYERS EARN AWARDS**

Three Lincoln Trail College basketball players earned postseason honors from the Great Rivers Athletic Conference and Region 24.



Statesmen basketball player Blaise Beauchamp was named the to the All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference and All-Region 24 teams. He was also named the GRAC's Freshman of the Year.

Beauchamp averaged 19 points per game to lead the Statesmen. He added 4.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists, and 1.4 steals per game while starting all 16 games for LTC.

Ahmad Price averaged 13.3 points per game while also starting all 16 games for the Statesmen. He also contributed 4.9 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and 1.7 steals per game.



For the Lady Statesmen, Kelsey Mitchell earned All-GRAC and All-Region 24 honors. She started 18 games and averaged 10.7 points per game. She added 3.3 rebounds, 1.4 assists, and 0.8 steals per game.



Lincoln Trail College participated in the United Way's 2021 Chili Cook-Off on April 10. The event helped raise more than \$10,000 for the United Way of Crawford County.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are pleased that LTC will be able to provide students with an in-person graduation ceremony this spring. The event will take place in the Zwermann Arts Center on Friday, May 14th at 7:00 PM. Graduates will walk across the stage to receive their diploma with faculty also on hand in the Theatre. Capacity restrictions will allow for students, faculty, and members of the graduation party to use this space. Each student will also receive two tickets which can be used for friends or family to view the ceremony in the gym via a live stream. We will, of course, continue to abide by health department protocols as far as wearing masks and social distancing. The LTC graduation committee, consisting of Tona Ambrose, Chris Forde, Amber Malone, Shawn Poindexter, Chris Ellington, and Carol Mehler have done an excellent job of planning this event. These folks have really stepped up after the retirement of Julie Higginbotham to ensure the continuation of a great experience for students.

On April 15th, LTC and the Crawford County Health Department worked together to provide students age 18 and over the opportunity to receive the COVID vaccine. One day prior to the scheduled walk-in clinic, the CDC announced that the Johnson and Johnson version of the vaccine was placed on hold. The clinic was held offering the other two vaccine options. We hope to work with the health department on additional opportunities if the Johnson and Johnson vaccine once again becomes available,



As far as progress on the Performing Arts addition, the walls are framed, the drywall is installed, HVAC and electrical have all been added in recent weeks. The interior of the addition is really taking shape. In a recent meeting with the architect and construction manager, they maintain that work on the facility should be complete around the first week of June.



Our Enrollment Management Team continues to meet with consultant Boyd Bradshaw. Dr. Bradshaw is leading the team through several activities which have resulted in the identification of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that we face regarding enrollment. There is a lot of energy being generated, as well as a direct focus on this critical issue. I am confident that the process will yield some important insights and actionable steps. Our next meeting is scheduled for late May.



Mentioning May reminds me that we are getting close to the scheduled final day of classes on May 7th, followed by final exams May 10-13th. I am grateful that we have been able to offer in-person instruction to students the entire spring semester. Extra-ordinary efforts have been made by faculty and staff to facilitate the return to in-person instruction. We are also busy planning for on-campus summer programs including the return of College for Kids and Summer Theatre for Kids. In addition, we are working with local schools to offer a credit recovery program for high school students.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the retirement of a long-time LTC faculty member. Ann Wolven, LTC English Instructor, is retiring this spring after 28 years here at LTC. We sincerely wish Ann the very best in retirement.