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LTC'S SONEYE SEMIFINALIST FOR COOK UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

Lincoln Trail College sophomore Abiodun Soneye has been selected as a semifinalist for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Cook Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Through the award, the Foundation supports high-achieving community college students with financial need seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at selective four-year institutions.

Soneye is one of 440 semifinalists chosen from a pool of more than 1,200 applicants attending 180 community colleges in 35 states. "It is an honor to be selected as a semifinalist for the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship," says Soneye. "I'm very excited and looking forward to being a part of the prestigious community and also continuing to chase my dreams."

Since its inception, the Cooke Foundation has selected Transfer Scholars from over 337 community colleges and has awarded more than \$54 million in transfer scholarships. While national college enrollments have been on the decline in the midst of the pandemic, recent National Student Clearinghouse data finds that transfers are on the rise among community college students who have stayed enrolled in the first year of the pandemic.

The Undergraduate Scholarship offers unmatched support to community college students seeking to complete their

education at top four-year institutions. In addition to financial support, selected Cooke Transfer Scholars will receive comprehensive educational advising from the Foundation to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for their careers. Undergraduate Transfer Scholars will additionally receive opportunities for internships, study abroad, and graduate school funding, as well as connection to a thriving network of nearly 3,000 fellow Cooke Scholars and Alumni.

Soneye, who plays soccer for the Statesmen, plans to student computer science after graduating from Lincoln Trail College. He's considering attending Loyola University in Chicago or DePaul University. He also has the option to continue his college soccer career at Saint Mary of the Woods College.

He says attending LTC was a very good decision for him. "I have made very good friends here and I have had the opportunity to get a quality education with amazing teachers."

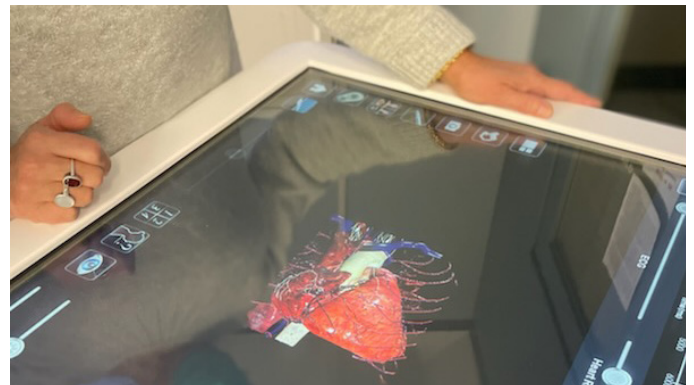
Cooke Transfer Scholars are selected based on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service, and leadership. Students must be currently enrolled in community college or recent alumni.

Of the 440 semifinalists, 35 attend community colleges in Illinois. Soneye is the only student from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges selected as a semifinalist. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced by early May.

"I'm praying I get selected as one of the finalists. I'm going to be one step closer to my goal."



IECC faculty members, including LTC's An Roy, learn about the new Anatomage table.



IECC Faculty members take an in-depth look at the heart while learning how to use the Anatomage table.



Students in An Roy's classroom study the human body on the Anatomage table.



Students use the interactivity of the Anatomage table to manipulate the human body.

BOYCE NAMED TO CCM TASK FORCE



Lincoln Trail College History and Social Science Assistant Professor Cyndi Boyce is serving on the College Course Materials Affordability and Equitable Access Collaborative Study Act and Task Force. House Minority Leader Jim Durkin appointed Boyce to serve on the CCM Task Force.

The 23-member task force is comprised of members of the Illinois General Assembly, the public, representatives of colleges and universities, librarians, and representatives of the textbook publishing industry. Additionally, the task force has members from the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Community College Board, the Student Assistance Commission, book stores, digital content platform providers, and organizations that represent public community college and university employees.

The CCM Task Force has established in the summer of 2021 through Public Act 102-0122. Its purpose is to conduct a collaborative college course materials affordability and equitable access study. Their charge is to examine the cost-saving methods and practices utilized by public and private institutions of higher learning in Illinois and throughout the United States for improving students' equitable first-day-of-class access to required course materials and

conduct an affordability comparison of providing students' course materials, including digital learning tools.

The task force's draft findings are due to the Governor, the General Assembly, and ISAC by October 1. From there, there will be a public review period with a final report due no later than March 31, 2023.

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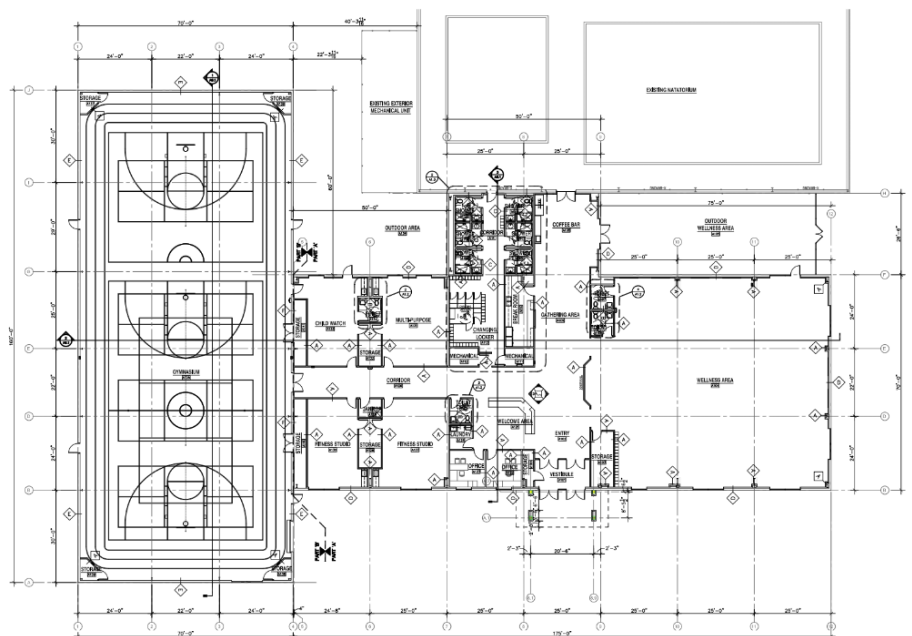


The Crawford County Recreation Center is pleased to announce that project plans and specifications are now available for local vendors who wish to bid on the construction of the new recreation center being built on the campus of Lincoln Trail College.

“This project has been several years in the making,” says IECC Chancellor Dr. Ryan Gower. “The vision is to build a facility that will enhance the quality of life for residents of Crawford County, by creating opportunities for them to recreate, engage in sports and fitness classes, and simply meet new people. This will also be a facility that will help our college and area businesses recruit and retain new talent.”

The recreation center will be connected to the indoor swimming pool which is a unique feature for a college the size of Lincoln Trail. “The natatorium (indoor pool) has undergone the first phase of renovation this Fall. This summer we will be adding a waterslide and more recreational fixtures to the small diving pool. Our lap pool will remain for swim competitions and our water aerobics classes.” said Gower.

Local contractors with interest in bidding on the project should contact CDI Construction who is the design/build firm selected for this project. Copies of plans and specifications can be obtained by contacting CDI at: 600 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47807, or by calling them at 812-232-3327.



SUPPLY CHAIN WOES DELAY POOL PROJECT



The renovation project to the Rowland-Nicholas Natatorium continues.

“We’re very eager to see the project completed,” said Lincoln Trail College Director of Marketing Chris Forde. “Unfortunately, we’ve experienced supply chain issues that have caused delays to the project.”

Forde said there are still several things that need to be completed, including some plumbing work and finishing work in the new rooms, before a final walkthrough can be completed.

“We’re excited about the work that’s been done and we’re even more excited for when we’re able to reopen the pool so our community can once again enjoy it,” said Forde. “We know people are eager, but the supply chain issues are making it impossible to give a definitive date for when we’ll be able to reopen.”

Renovations to the pool include a new climate-controlled party room, changing areas, and restrooms with showers.



LTC OFFERS GROUND SCHOOL COURSE

Lincoln Trail College, in conjunction with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Business and Industry and the Crawford County Airport, is giving people a chance to get started in aviation. The College is offering a ground school course beginning March 14.

Ground school is one of the first steps people can take to earning a private pilot's license. The eight-week course is designed to give students the information they need to prepare to take the private pilot written test.

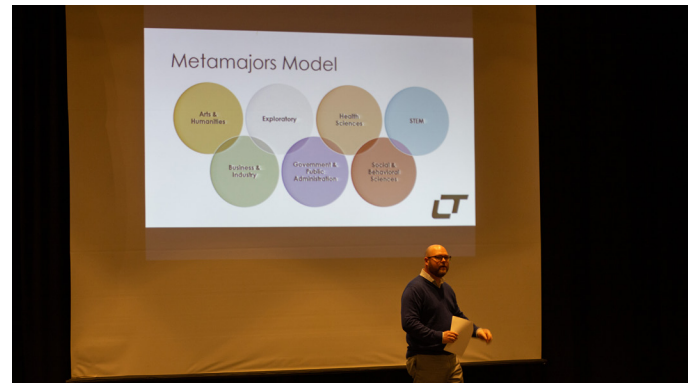
Howard Hunt, who has more than 30 years of experience as a pilot, will teach the course.

The ground school course begins March 14 and will meet on Monday and Thursday evenings through May 5 at the Crawford County Airport. People that want to learn more about the class can attend an information session on March 1 at 6 p.m. at the airport.

To register for the two-credit hour class, students can call Lincoln Trail College at 618-544-8657.



Tona Ambrose welcomes area guidance counselors to Lincoln Trail College.



Brent Todd talks to area guidance counselors about metamajors.



The Interlude Trio, featuring Sophie Kershaw-Patilla, Dr. Michael Patilla, and Tanya Reed perform in DeMent Auditorium in Lackey Music Hall.



Chris Forde leads a workshop on how businesses can benefit from Facebook. The class was a partnership between LTC, IECC Business and Industry, the Robinson Chamber of Commerce and the Crawford County Development Association.



APRIL ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

2	Southeastern	12:00
5	at Rend Lake	1:00
7	Southwestern	3:00
9	at Southwestern	12:00
12	at Danville Area CC	3:00
14	Frontier CC	3:00
16	at Frontier CC	12:00
19	at Vincennes	5:00
21	John A. Logan	3:00
23	at John A. Logan	12:00
26	Vincennes	3:00
28	at Shawnee CC	3:00
30	Shawnee CC	12:00

Golf

11	LTC Spring Tournament
18	at Lewis & Clark Spring Tournament
23-24	at Vincennes Spring Tournament

Softball

2	at Olney Central	12:00
5	Shawnee CC	2:00
7	at Southeastern	2:00
9	John A. Logan	12:00
14	at Southwestern	2:00
15	Frontier CC	2:00
19	at Wabash Valley	2:00
21	Kaskaskia	2:00
23	at Rend Lake	12:00
30	at Lake Land	12:00

FOUR BASKETBALL PLAYERS HONORED



Four Lincoln Trail College basketball players earned postseason honors. For the Statesmen, Greg Jenkins was named All-Conference, All-Region, and the Great Rivers Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year while Clint Wickliffe earned All-Conference and All-Region honors. Alayasia Douglas and Jordan Scroggins both were selected as All-Conference and All-Region players for the Lady Statesmen.

Jenkins started 24 games for the Statesmen and averaged 11 points per game while shooting 50 percent from the field. He averaged four assists and two steals per game to go with 3.7 rebounds.

Wickliffe started 26 games for LTC and led the team by averaging 12 points per game on 37 percent shooting. He was second on the team with 4.3 rebounds per game.

Douglas led the Lady Statesmen with 18.3 points per game while starting all of LTC's games. She added 7.3 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game.

Scroggins also started all 25 games for the Lady Statesmen and was second on the team with 12.4 points per game. She added 2.3 rebounds per game and 1.7 steals per game.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March has started wonderfully for us at LTC. We had a first meeting with the architects to discuss the design and needs for the Technology Center, which is scheduled to go into utilization for the Spring 2025 semester. Faculty from Process Technology, Broadband Telecom, and Welding were invited to share their vision and needs for the new facility. Particular attention was paid to what spaces and equipment will need to occupy spaces, the electric power required, and specific safety requirements that may be necessary. This addition to our campus will surely create energy and transform the long-term vision for these programs. It will also position us to better meet the demands of the local and regional employers.



A statewide initiative is launching this month to enact a co-requisite remediation approach for English and Math education that moves us away from the developmental education model. For that, I will be leading a group of staff and faculty from all four colleges to draft a plan for IECC to meet the legislative requirement of reforming our developmental education. Currently, at IECC, students could be placed in pre-college courses that are supposed to prepare them for college education. Nationally, such pre-requisite-based initiatives, which started decades ago, have not shown effectiveness. In fact, data show that they have deterred many students, and led many more to not complete, and therefore not attend college. Moreover, the pre-requisite approach was found to not effectively improve student outcomes, especially when paired with the use of standardized exams. In effect, large numbers of students have paid for classes that have contributed little to their development but contributed to them incurring otherwise unwarranted debt. In contrast, the co-requisite remediation educational model, is a well-researched approach that has shown its effectiveness in numerous states, and with thousands of students. This approach provides the required support for students when they need it to succeed in the course, and beyond. Subsequently, students are enrolled in college-level classes, and they do not incur debt that may not be required. Furthermore, students do not spend semesters unable to take college-level courses, which has proved to enhance completion and persistence. Another consequence of this approach has been increased student success and enhancing the income/standard of living of students.

Faculty from Career Technical Education (CTE) programs are expected to meet with an advisory committee formed from local and regional employers. We had such committees meet in late February, with great attendance and support from employers who drove from Evansville or Vincennes, among other locations. Unsurprising to many, the demand for employees is the number one issue for these employers. Overall, we heard positive feedback on our training of students to join the workforce. However, it is critical to use these committees to build a vision for the future for each of our CTE programs. Therefore, we will try to meet more often with these committees to understand what future technologies and demands are.

LTC is a partner with the community, local businesses, organizations, and institutions. And we will continue to lead through innovative education and workforce development.

Dr. Zahi Atallah
President
Lincoln Trail College