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LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE STUDENT FINISHES 7TH IN NATION AT FBLA EVENT

Lincoln Trail College's Mackenzi McIntosh ('22) finished seventh in the nation at the Future Business Leaders of American Collegiate National Leadership Conference in Organizational Behavior and Leadership. The six people that finished ahead of her were all students from four-year universities.

"Placing at the national level was a huge honor for me, but I was also just really excited for our new FBLA chapter and for Lincoln Trail," said McIntosh. "Even at the state level, we were competing against larger four-year universities, like University of Illinois, and when you open that up for the entire nation, it broadens the competition that much more. I wasn't really expecting to place at the national level after getting fourth at state, but Amie [Mayhall] and I were very excited when they called my name!"

McIntosh completed tests to earn her seventh-place finish. She was one of three LTC students that qualified for the National Conference. Altogether, more than 900 college students from across the nation competed at the conference.

"It was so exciting to hear Mackenzi called to the stage for her achievement," said program advisor Amie Mayhall. "My heart was palpitating waiting as they called starting with 10th place. I am so proud of her and her drive to help start the organization at LTC and step out of her comfort zone to compete. This achievement will definitely be something to set her apart from others on her resume. When students place at the state and national level it is indicative of quality education taking place within the doors of the institution. As the instructor, advisor, and mentor, events such as this make me beam with pride for



the students as they get rewarded for their hard work!”

Spring 2022 was the first semester of the FBLA Collegiate program at Lincoln Trail College. It is dedicated to inspiring and developing the next generation of leaders by preparing members for careers in business and business-related fields. Mayhall says the organization helps students build resumes, learn about potential career paths, build relationships, and utilize knowledge in manners outside of the classroom. “At the local level, we have business meetings, host speakers, network, and participate in community service. At the state level, there are leadership conferences to learn from speakers, network with other chapters, and compete in business competitive events.”

McIntosh graduated with high honors from LTC in May with an Associate in Science and Arts Degree. She’s continuing her education at the University of Southern Indiana, where she’s planning to study business administration and management. McIntosh says that LTC was essential in her networking with teachers and classmates. She says she formed a special bond with Mayhall and plans to stay in touch with her for years to come.

Mayhall says McIntosh is just one example of a student studying business that started at Lincoln Trail College. “Students can complete all of the courses needed for business transfer at LTC. There are also programs available for students that want to go to work right away after completing a degree at LTC like the Office Management program.”

Fall classes at LTC begin August 18. Students that want to register for classes can call the College at 618-544-8657.

BOYCE NAMED INTERIM DEAN

Lincoln Trail College Assistant Professor of History Cynthia Boyce has been named the Interim Dean of Instruction following the departure of Brent Todd. Boyce will continue to teach 15 credit hours this Fall and Spring and will share the Dean’s duties with Dr. Zahi Atallah. Boyce will focus on the academic portion of the job while Atallah’s focus will be on the administrative part of the job.

“My goal is to have a smooth transition into the new academic year,” said Boyce. “I want every member of faculty and staff to be happy and enjoy doing what you do best here at LTC. I will do my best to remind you that you are an important part of what we do here. Your ideas and opinions are valued and important to me. If you have any questions or concerns, come see me or give me a call. My door is always open.”

Boyce is already preparing for the Fall Semester with some events that take place before classes begin. “I’m working with Erin Volk and Angel Kerner to plan New Student Orientation and the Welcome Back Blast. We also have the help of Sophie Kershaw-Patilla reaching out to the community for participant booths and food vendors for the August 17 event. We always want to make that a great day for our new and returning students.”

She’s also planning for the Faculty-Staff workshop on August 11.

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MURRAY BEGINS NEW POSITION IN RECRUITING



After spending his first year as an Advisor for Lincoln Trail College, Tyson Murray is shifting into a new role as a recruiter for the college. He started his new position in June.

“I am excited to shift into recruiting because it requires building relationships with people that may or may not attend a IECC school,” said Murray. “I think this is beneficial especially when each person has a different path for their future, some may transfer to a university, go through a CTE program, or may not attend college. I think as long as I can answer questions that help get individuals to where they want to be is the main goal.”

In his new position, Murray will spend a lot of time visiting local high schools where he will meet with students that are considering attending Lincoln Trail College. He’ll also answer students’ questions about college in general. Additionally, Murray is working to plan events both on and off-campus so prospective students can learn more about LTC and how it can play a role in helping them achieve their future goals.

Murray will serve as a direct contact for Lincoln Trail College to help answer questions from prospective and returning students, parents, school counselors, and people in the community. He says the entire recruiting team is available to talk with people of all ages about the possibilities of attending one of the four IECC colleges. Murray says they want to make people feel comfortable about talking about the possibilities of attending college.

One of the things that attracted him to the position was the ability to get out of the office and meet people. “I find the meeting people part of this position most exciting. I will be doing tours of the LTC campus, in high schools, middle schools, as well as many other places this year. Talking with students, finding out about their career goals, what they want their future life to be like sounds most intriguing to me.”

Murray believes that his background in advising will be beneficial as he meets with prospective students because he can help them better understand the program of study they are interested in doing. “I can have a degree plan prepared for them and really explain to them how a CTE program works versus a transferable program.”

Director of Enrollment Management Andrea Loll has been working with the recruiters for each campus this summer to help them prepare for the Fall. Murray says there’s been a tremendous amount of collaboration with everyone bringing good ideas to the table. He says they’re all excited to start recruiting.

With the Fall Semester beginning on August 18, Murray says it is not too late to register for classes. He’s encouraging anyone thinking about taking a class to come out to LTC and take a tour of campus with him. He says you can schedule a visit by contacting him at 618-544-8657 extension 1135.

VARIETY OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES PLANNED FOR AUGUST



Lincoln Trail College will offer community education classes for students of all ages in August.

Four different sections of Water Aerobics begin the week of August 15. Linda Branch will lead a session at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Marilyn Nichols also offers a session Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Judy Adams has a class at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays while Sue Myers offers a class Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. All of the classes run through December 16 and each class is 50 minutes long. The classes offered by Branch and Nichols are \$90 while the classes offered by Adams and Myers are \$70.

Andy Bradbury will once again offer martial arts classes. Karate for Kids I runs from 6:00-6:50 p.m. on Mondays and is \$65. Karate for Kids II runs from 7:00-8:50 p.m. on Mondays and is \$85. Taekwondo is on Mondays and Wednesdays and runs from 7:00-8:50 p.m. It costs \$100.

The Eagleton Reading Circle will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning August 24. Rena Gower leads the circle, which meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Eagleton Reading Circle reads and discusses books of interest to the group. Gower says the first meeting will be used to discuss books the group might want to use.

Anyone that wants to register for one of the Community Education classes can call Lincoln Trail College at 618-544-8657.

LTC will offer additional Community Education classes this fall, including Beginning and Advanced Stained Glass, Basic American Sign Language, Creative Writing, the Psychology of a Serial Killer, and a TEAS Test Prep Course.

TRAIL TALK PODCAST INCLUDES NATIONAL EDUCATION LEADERS



When Dr. Zahi Atallah and Chris Forde first launched Trail Talk last Fall, much of the focus was on what is happening at Lincoln Trail College. Over the course of the Summer, the podcast has expanded its voice.

“When we first started, the idea was to find a way to communicate important topics to our faculty, staff, and students” said Atallah. “I wanted to explore a different way of communicating. I know people receive a lot of emails and I didn’t think sending emails would be the most effective way of communicating

these topics. I knew Chris [Forde] had experience in broadcasting so I thought podcasting would be a good way to go.”

Atallah’s goal of Trail Talk is to explore a variety of issues facing higher education and Lincoln Trail College. To date, Trail Talk has covered topics like guided pathways, universal design for education, learning outcomes, developing a growth mindset, and the value of community colleges. There have also been a number of topics specific to Lincoln Trail College.

“In addition to reaching our faculty, staff, and students we also want to reach members of the community,” said Forde. “Over the years, Lincoln Trail College has had numerous accolades that show we’re leaders in education. I want the community to see that and that we’re always striving for more. This is just one more way for us to show how we can continue to lead and innovate.”

As Lincoln Trail College celebrated Community College Month, Atallah and Forde started reaching out to alumni, including Dr. Chris Beasley. He spent time in prison before coming to Lincoln Trail College and eventually earning his Ph.D. Beasley is now a professor at the University of Washington Tacoma and is a leading expert on formerly incarcerated individuals receiving an education.

One of the topics Atallah and Forde have tackled this Summer is the future of Community Colleges. The series started with Brian Durham, the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board. Up next was Dr. Debra Bragg and her research into community colleges and how they impact rural communities. The second in the series was Dr. Susan Bickerstaff, a Senior Research Associate at the Community College Research Center at Teachers College at Columbia University. Up next was Dr. Geri Anderson with Complete College America. They also interviewed Joe Garcia, the Chancellor of the Colorado Community Colleges System.

“The interviews have been very insightful,” said Atallah. “There have been so many great takeaways throughout the series. Anyone in higher education, especially at community colleges and within our own system, can learn a lot from Trail Talk. I’m looking forward to continuing the series.”

Trail Talk is available on Lincoln Trail College’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/lincolntrailcollege. There is a playlist called Trail Talk which contains each episode to date.

**UPCOMING
AUGUST
EVENTS**

- 4 **LTC Foundation Concert Series Presents:
The Garth Guy**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 8 **CCDA Quarterly Board Meeting**
5 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 9 **CPR Class**
9 a.m., Professional Annex 403
- 11 **Faculty/Staff Workshop**
- 13 **Hunter Safety Course**
8 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 17 **New Student Orientation**

Welcome Back Blast
- 18 **First Day of Fall Semester**
- 19 **HR Roundtable**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 25 **LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room

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THE GARTH GUY SHOW

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**TICKETS:
618-544-2373**




WATER AEROBICS

AUGUST 15 - DECEMBER 16

WITH LINDA BRANCH: MWF, 8:30-9:20 AM; \$90
 WITH MARILYN NICHOLS: MWF, 10-10:50 AM; \$90
 WITH JUDY ADAMS: TR, 2-2:50 PM; \$70
 WITH SUE MYERS: MW, 6-6:50 PM; \$70

**TO REGISTER, CALL:
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**MEETS THE 4TH WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
6:00-7:30 PM**

Begins August 24


