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FIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN  
ALL-REGION HONORS

# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

## Network

### LTC STUDENTS ATTEND FBLA CAREER CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE



Four Lincoln Trail College students had the opportunity to travel to Omaha, Nebraska for the Future Business Leaders of America's Career Connections Conference.

Guadalupe Amicone, Evan Gower, Madisyn McIntosh, and Dylan Reed traveled to the conference with advisor Amie Mayhall for the conference, which took place November 3-5.

"FBLA's Career Connections Conference, which we started in 2018, will reach hundreds of college students this fall from the Heartland to the Atlantic," FBLA President & CEO Alexander Graham said. "By supporting their early career development with expert panels on job recruitment and leadership skills, as well as providing invaluable networking opportunities, we are ensuring students are ready on day one for today's turbulent job market."

The conference also offered attendees the opportunity to hear directly from leading career professionals on topics such as finding a job, succeeding in a first job, and developing leadership and executive skills. In addition, FBLA members receive professional headshots and individual resume reviews as part of the conference.

LTC's students toured two businesses, Kiewit and Gallup. While at Kiewit, one of North America's largest construction and engineering organizations, students toured their building, visited their innovation center to see how they are incorporating and investigating new technologies, and were treated to drinks at their in-house coffee bar.



## UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1 **LTC Foundation Concert Series Presents:  
7 Bridges**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 2 **Winter Concert**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 8 **Student Senate Paint Night**  
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 9 **Last Day of Fall Semester Classes**  
  
**EMT Orientation**  
8:30 a.m., Professional Annex 403
- 12-15 **Final Exams**
- 16 **Last Day of Fall Semester**  
  
**Community Leader Focus  
Group Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 20-1/2 **COLLEGE CLOSED - Winter Break**



While at Gallup, students learned about the Clifton Strengths that 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies use. Students toured the building and also learned about the founders of Gallup.

For the first time, FBLA collegiate members participated in a Case Study Competition in the areas of accounting, finance, and hospitality management. Students were put into randomized groups to review and prepare their case with other FBLA students before the conference, then present them in teams before a set of judges.

Mayhall says many of the students in attendance decided not to follow through with their commitments for the Case Study Competition. All of LTC's students did participate and Mayhall says they all presented well. Reed finished second in Finance. "I am proud of our students and their participation, attitudes, and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future."

She says the conference was very beneficial to the students. They had numerous opportunities for networking and learning. The students were also exposed to different careers and businesses that they may not have been exposed to otherwise. She says the trip also offered the students some great opportunities for bonding.

"The conference was an incredible experience in my opinion," says Amicone, a freshman from Buenos Aires, Argentina. "I learned a lot in each conference, people corrected our resumes, and we did a presentation. But, talking with people from other states was my favorite part."



## MAYHALL PUBLISHES BOOK



Lincoln Trail College Associate Professor of Business Administration Amie Mayhall's latest book about Microsoft Office 365 was published this fall.

She says it was breathtaking to see the final version. "To open the package with the final version, take it out and hold it in my hands was absolutely breathtaking. There is so much work that goes into the text that many do not understand. To most, it is a resource, to me it is an accomplishment."

Mayhall has been involved in writing for McGraw-Hill for 20 years. She started while she was working for Dr. Pat Graves as a Graduate Assistant at Eastern Illinois University. Mayhall started by performing a technical edit of Graves' writing. Graves asked Mayhall to co-author a textbook with her in 2007 and then co-authored the new edition in 2010.

While she enjoyed the process, Mayhall stepped away for a while because she had young children at home and she wanted to focus on her family. During that time, she was regularly contacted by McGraw-Hill to perform technical edits and create instructional resources.

Things changed again in 2020. "Dr. Graves contacted me with a proposition to come on as a co-author on the new series she was writing for which includes not only a text, but an amazing interactive simulated software as well. After much discussion with my family, they agreed to kick in and help at home to let me jump back into the authoring field."

Mayhall says there's a lot of work that goes into putting together a textbook, especially for software. "There are regular updates to software, features are being added or changed while you are writing! There were times we added features even during the final draft of the textbook!"

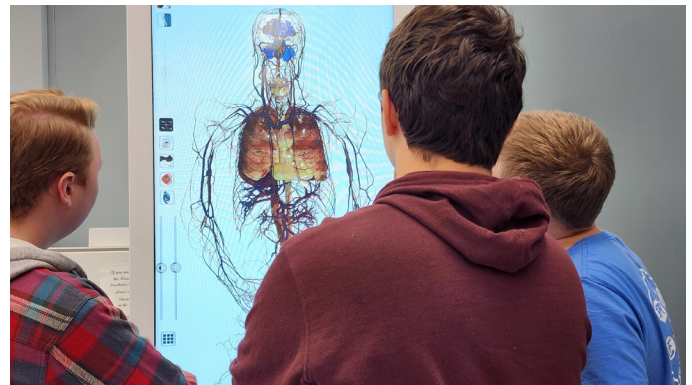
She says the process starts with exploring the features of the software, organizing it into logical chapters, and then deciding what kinds of examples can be used to demonstrate features and concepts. From there, the process is to write the steps, create student data files, create solution files, have everything proofread, and make revisions. Other steps include checking for product updates, a review process, and continuous updates to online content. She says there were numerous interchanges between the co-authors to talk about things like the best wording and examples.

Mayhall focused on PowerPoint and she says she takes a lot of pride in knowing that students are using this to learn about the software. "We take a strong educational approach to teach people not only the amazing features in Office, but truly try to develop them as better presenters. We tie in a lot of design concepts and tips for being a better presenter along with how to use the software. There are so many students that have grown up using free versions of software that do not have any idea the features available to make better presentations, so it is exciting to see them learn the features and incorporate into the education experience."

She says she's already getting feedback on her work because she's incorporating the Office 365 text in the DAP 1201 course this fall. "I look forward to teaching with the textbooks, and getting genuine feedback on how to improve from my students and colleagues."



*Angel Kerner advises a student preparing to take classes in the Spring 2023 semester.*



*Students in An Roy's Anatomy class study the human body using the Anatomage Table.*



*Lincoln Trail College celebrated the success of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni on National First-Generation College Celebration Day.*



*Lincoln Trail College's vibrant Fall foliage highlights the main entrance to campus.*



# TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE TRAIL

The return of trick or treating at Lincoln Trail College proved to be highly successful. The College had been unable to hold Trick or Treat at the Trail since 2019. It was reimaged this year to Trunk or Treat at the Trail and was held entirely outside. The event brought more than 2000 people to campus and nearly 700 children were given free candy at the event, which featured LTC clubs and organizations and community partners.



## LINCOLN LOGUE PERFORMS DRAMATIC READINGS TO PROMOTE LIBRARIES



Students participating in the Lincoln Logue project partnered with the IECC libraries to bring spooky and suspenseful stories to TikTok in October.

District Librarian Andy Cougill has been working on ways to get more people interested in the libraries across Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. One of his ideas was to use social media and TikTok. He came up with a plan to have students record excerpts of books and plays that had a Halloween theme.

Cougill turned to IECC Director of Marketing Chris Forde for some help with the project. Forde heads up the Lincoln Logue through the Student Publications class and had students put together dramatic readings of the selections Cougill provided.

Hannah Saucerman, Krista Phillips, Abigail Vaughn, and Rayne Held performed 'The Witches' Speech from Act Four, Scene One of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Cathy Ziegler performed an excerpt from Joyce Carol Oates' *Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?* Carson Musgrave performed excerpts of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving and *The Cask of Amontillado* by Edgar Allan Poe.

The dramatic readings were paired with videos, images, and music to set the mood.

When they were posted online, people that enjoyed the stories were encouraged to go to the Eagleton Library at LTC to find these stories and more.

Cougill says he's considering doing other themes for different months to encourage people to find fun and interesting books in IECC's libraries.

The dramatic readings can be found on Lincoln Trail College's TikTok account, @LincolnTrailCollege.

## FALL CONCERT NOVEMBER 15

The Arts at Lincoln Trail College will present its Fall Instrumental Concert on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

The concert will feature the newly formed LTC String Orchestra and the LTC Jazz Band. Additionally, a small ensemble will perform the classic rock hits “Stand By Me” and “Stray Cat Strut,” featuring Michael Bach on vocals. A student rock group will also perform at the concert.

Tickets for the Fall Instrumental Concert are \$5 and will be available at the door.



## WINTER CONCERT DECEMBER 2

The Arts at Lincoln Trail College will present its Winter Vocal Concert on December 2 at 7:00 in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

The concert will feature the Statesmen Singers, the Concert Choir, and the Singing Seniors.

Tickets for the Winter Vocal Concert at \$5 and will be available at the door.



The Arts at Lincoln Trail College’s production of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* delighted theatergoers over its two-weekend run in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.





**DECEMBER ATHLETIC EVENTS**

**Men's Basketball**

3	at Wabash Valley College	3:00
7	Kaskaskia College	7:00
10	at Lewis & Clark CC	3:00
14	Olney Central College	7:00
17	Shawnee Community College	3:00

**Women's Basketball**

3	at Wabash Valley College	1:00
7	Kaskaskia College	5:00
14	Olney Central College	5:00
17	Shawnee Community College	1:00

**THREE WSOC PLAYERS NAMED ALL-REGION**



Three Lincoln Trail College women's soccer players earned All-Region 24 honors.

Guadalupe Amicone was a First-Team All-Region selection. Amicone led the Lady Statesmen with 10 assists and was second on the team with nine goals and had a total of 28 points. Three of her goals were game-winning goals.

Ana Guedes earned First-Team All-Region honors. The defender had one goal and one assist for a total of three points on the season.

Kearsty Nielson was also a First-Team All-Region selection. Nielson led the Lady Statesmen in goals with 15 and points with 28. She finished 22nd in the nation in goals scored and had three game-winning goals. Nielson added six assists for LTC.

**TWO VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS NAMED ALL-REGION**



A pair of Lincoln Trail College Volleyball players were recognized for their work on the court this season.

Outside hitter Jaylee Hayes earned Second-Team All-Region honors. Hayes led the Lady Statesmen with 362 kills and added 335 digs and 142 sets. She had 66 aces on the season and 28 blocks.

Victoria Schopmeyer was an Honorable Mention All-Region selection. Schopmeyer was second for the Lady Statesmen with 318 kills. She added 153 kills and 139 sets to go with 50 aces and 44 blocks.