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HIGHLIGHTS



LTC planning Walk-In Wednesdays to help students prepare for Fall Semester



LTC gearing up for Dual Credit and New Student Orientations



LTC alumna Rachel Carter joins college as TRIO Upward Bound counselor

STUDENTS FINISH 6TH IN FBLA COMPETITION

Lincoln Trail College students Madisyn McIntosh and Krista Phillips finished sixth in the nation at the Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate National Leadership Conference. It is the second year in a row LTC students have earned a top-ten finish at the event.

McIntosh and Phillips competed in the Business Presentation category. They were tasked with developing a presentation discussing the benefits and drawbacks of working entirely in the office, having a hybrid model, and working entirely remotely. The topic was chosen by FBLA because many businesses are currently evaluating remote work with the end of the pandemic. At the same time, many workers who have been working remotely are questioning a return to the office.

McIntosh and Phillips had to use a presentation software program to develop their business presentation. Their presentation had to be no longer than seven minutes. The two competed in both a preliminary round and the final round.

Lincoln Trail College FBLA Collegiate advisor Amie



Mayhall says she's proud of their performance at the competition. "Madisyn and Krista competed against the top performers from each state. They not only rose to the top of the Illinois rankings, but also the nation. I'm very proud of both of them, and I believe when our students are able to compete at this level it is a good reminder that their possibilities in life are wide open."

Last year, Mackenzi McIntosh finished seventh in the nation in the Organizational Behavior and Leadership event. Mayhall says having top ten finishes two years in a row combined with strong performances from students at the state level shows that LTC students have grit, a solid work ethic, and the foundational principles needed to go far in life.

Mayhall, who teaches business courses at LTC, says this also shows that Lincoln Trail College is a good place for students interested in business to take classes. She says students have the opportunity to take business courses at LTC and transfer to a four-year college after earning an Associate's Degree.

She's also encouraging students to join LTC's FBLA Collegiate organization. She says it will meet on Fridays at noon during the Fall Semester, which begins August 17. Mayhall says students interested in joining FBLA at LTC can reach out to her at mayhalla@iecc.edu or talk with an Academic Advisor.



UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- 1 Summer Semester Final Exams**
- Dual Credit Orientation**
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 Advisor's Council Meeting**
8 a.m., Lincoln Room
- 5 Eastern Illinois Sportsmen Hunter Safety Training**
9 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 10 Adjunct Faculty Workshop**
4 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 14 Dual Credit Faculty Meeting**
8 a.m., Statesmen Grill
- 15 New Student Orientation**
8 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- Welcome Back Blast**
12 p.m., Campus-wide
- IECC Board of Trustees Meeting**
6:15 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 17 Fall Semester Classes Begin**
- 24 IDOC Correctional Fatigue to Fulfillment**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 116
- LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- 25 IDOC Correctional Fatigue to Fulfillment**
8 a.m., Williams Hall 116

LTC LAUNCHES WALK-IN WEDNESDAYS

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get ready FOR
FALL '23

ADVISING - CLASS REGISTRATION - FINANCIAL AID - TESTING



FREE SNACKS & GIFTS FOR ATTENDING

JULY 12
9-3

JULY 19
9-3

JULY 26
9-3

AUGUST 2
3-7

As students prepare for the start of the Fall 2023 Semester, Lincoln Trail College is holding a series of events called Walk-In Wednesdays. The events will help students register for classes this fall at LTC.

"We want to make it easy for students to register for classes this fall," said LTC Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde. "The Walk-In Wednesday events allow students to easily register for classes, meet with advisors, get help with financial aid and complete any testing they may need to do before the start of classes."

LTC advisors and financial aid representatives will be available during the event. Testing services will be available in the Eagleton Library at LTC. College personnel can also assist students with other questions they have. Students do not need to have any appointments to attend a Walk-In Wednesday event.

"While students don't need to have an appointment for Walk-In Wednesdays, there are some things they will need to bring with them," said Forde. "You'll need to bring your transcripts, a driver's license or state ID, and your Social Security Number or card."

Walk-In Wednesdays are scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 12, 19, and 26 and from 3-7 p.m. on August 2. Students coming to the event will get free snacks and gifts for attending. Fall Semester classes at Lincoln Trail College begin August 17 and there's an orientation for new students on August 15.

"One of our hallmarks at Lincoln Trail College is one-on-one attention and that's what we want to bring with Walk-In Wednesdays," said Forde. "We're here to help students through every step of the process of registering for classes. Even if you haven't filled out our free online application you can come to a Walk-In Wednesday event, and we'll help you with that. We're really excited about the start of the Fall Semester, and we want to help people get registered so they're ready when classes start August 17."

LTC PREPARES FOR FALL SEMESTER WITH ORIENTATIONS



Fall Semester classes at Lincoln Trail College begin on August 17 and the college is planning a pair of orientations to help students prepare for the year. LTC's Dual Credit Orientation is on Aug. 1 and New Student Orientation is on Aug. 15.

Dual Credit Orientation is for students taking dual credit classes through the college. "Our Dual Credit Orientation will help you get to know Lincoln Trail College, answer dual credit questions you might have, and will give you important information you need as you start the semester," said LTC Director of Instructional Services Erin Volk.

Dual Credit Orientation begins at 6:00 p.m. on Aug. 1 and LTC will be offering students extending hours that day. "We want dual credit students to be able to get everything they need to get done before the Fall completed that day," said Volk. She says students can take advantage of the extended hours to pick-up textbooks in the bookstore, get their student ID's in the Student Services Office and talk to someone about IEP and 504 plans.

LTC's New Student Orientation takes place on Aug. 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. It is designed to help students get ready for their time at Lincoln Trail College. Students will get a chance to meet people at the college, tour the campus, and learn important things to prepare them for college life.

As a part of New Student Orientation, LTC will hold its Welcome Back Blast event that afternoon. It will feature a variety of food trucks, fun and games at Miller Lake, and a chance to learn about clubs and organizations at LTC along with services available in the community.

Meanwhile, LTC is reminding students that it is not too late to register for Fall Classes. "Students can call the college at 618-544-8657 to get started," said Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde. "They can also come to the college during one of our Walk-In Wednesday events this summer."

CARTER JOINS LTC AS TRIO UPWARD BOUND COUNSELOR



A Lincoln Trail College alumna is returning to work for the college full-time. Rachel Carter is now serving as a Counselor for the TRIO Upward Bound program.

Carter earned an Associate in General Studies from LTC and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Library Science degree from the University of Maine at Augusta. She started her career at the Palestine Public Library and then joined the LTC Library as a library assistant. She spent five years working as an administrative assistant, volunteer coordinator, and medical advocate at CAISA.

As a counselor for TRIO Upward Bound, Carter will work with high school students, helping them get into and succeed in college. "Some of what we do includes homework help, navigating the application and financial aid process, and leadership training," said Carter.

Outside of work, Carter is very active in community theater. She's performed in nearly 20 productions at Lincoln Trail College.

She also performs regularly with the Fife Opera House Players, a theater troupe she co-founded with Gil T. Wilson. Carter has also taught community education classes at LTC, including crochet classes.

COLEMAN JOINS LTC AS ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Tana Coleman has joined Lincoln Trail College as an assistant women's basketball coach. Before joining LTC, Coleman served as an assistant at Murray State College.

During Coleman's two years at MSC, the women's team won conference championships and had records of 27-6 and 26-7. She coached an All-American point guard at MSC. In the last two years, 12 players at MSC received scholarships to four-year universities.

Before her time at MSC, she served as the Director of M6C Storm in Wright City, Oklahoma. She oversaw eight teams of boys and girls in grades 4-12. She also served as the coach of C4 Attack in Durant, Okla. where she coached 5th-12th grade boys and girls.

Coleman is originally from Valliant, Okla., and is the mother of two.



LTC IN PICTURES



Soccer coach Javi Milla talks with children during LTC's Youth Soccer Camp.



Students in LTC's Youth Soccer Camp put the skills they've learned to a test by playing a game at Statesmen Park.



Oompa Loopas complete a dance during LTC's Children's Summer Theater production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Kids.



Willy Wonka, played by Ellie Midgett, gives the chocolate factory to Charlie Bucket, played by Charlie Steele.



Crutchie, played by Ashlyn Reid, and Jack Kelly, played by Sicily Rawlings perform in the prologue of LTC's Children's Summer Theater production of Disney's Newsies, Jr.



The Newsies pose for a picture in LTC's Children's Summer Theater production of Disney's Newsies, Jr.



Women's basketball coach Zach Loll rallies students in a huddle at a basketball camp put on by LTC and The Buckets for Blain Foundation.



Krista Phillips is interviewed by WTHI-TV's Caitlin Hunt about why she chose LTC in a story about why students are choosing community college.



AUGUST ATHLETIC EVENTS

Men's Soccer

17	Oakland City JV	TBA
19	College of DuPage	1:30
23	at Southwestern	4:00
27	Illinois Central College	1:00
30	at Rose Hulman JV	7:00

Women's Soccer

19	College of DuPage	4:00
24	at St. Mary of the Woods College	2:00
27	Illinois Central College	3:00

Volleyball

18	at Rockford Tournament	3:00/5:00
19	at Rockford Tournament	11:00/3:00
22	Frontier Community College	6:00
24	Vincennes University	6:00
28	at St. Mary of the Woods College JV	5:00
30	at John A. Logan	6:30

MAYNARD TAKES OVER BASEBALL TEAM



Collin Maynard has been named the new Head Baseball Coach at Lincoln Trail College following the departure of Kevin Bowers. Maynard has served as the Pitching Coach for the Statesmen for the past two seasons.

"I'm extremely excited about this opportunity," said Maynard. "I can't thank Kevin Bowers enough for how he's prepared me for this role. I'm ready to get to work and I'm ready for an exciting and fun season. Furthermore, my wife Mikayla and I are ecstatic to remain a part of this community."

Bowers has spent more than 20 years at Lincoln Trail College. He came to LTC in 2002 as an assistant under then-coach Mitch Hannahs. He became the Head Coach of the Statesmen in 2010. In his tenure with LTC, Bowers has been a part of four teams that have advanced to the NJCAA Super Regionals, three teams that have claimed conference championships, and three teams that have earned Region 24 titles. He's seen over 175 of his players move on to NCAA Division I institutions and 23 have signed professional contracts. He's coached four NJCAA All-Americans.

Maynard says he wants to continue the tradition of success fostered by Bowers. "The accountability and success will remain. Coach Bowers has been a great mentor and has taught me a lot. He has so much experience and has had so much success. Learning from him has been invaluable and has helped me grow as a coach. I want to continue the traditions of excellence that have been here for so long."

Continued academic success is one of the hallmarks Maynard plans to focus on. In Bowers' time with LTC, none of his teams have had a GPA below 3.0. The 2006 team was the NJCAA Academic Team of the Year. "Academic success will be a main focus for me," said Maynard. "We've always placed a heavy focus on academics and that will not change."

Maynard says his top priority as Head Coach is to work to better the lives of his players. "We want to make them better baseball players, but we also want to make these young men better versions of themselves off the field as well. We're here to prepare them for their life after baseball; it's one of the most important things we do. That starts in the classroom."

Maynard is a graduate of Austin College, where he was a four-year letterman as a pitcher. He received a Master of Science in Sport Management from the University of West Georgia, where he served as an assistant prior to joining the Statesmen. Additionally, he served as an assistant at McPherson College and was the Head Coach of the Forestbrook Mallards of the Beach Collegiate Baseball League. He was the BCBL's Coach of the Year in 2020.