



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE *Network*

MAY 2016

## UPCOMING JUNE

### EVENTS

- 1 Last Day to Withdraw from Summer Intersession Classes
- 2 LTC Foundation Concert Series Presents: A Tribute to the Bee Gees  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 4 Last Day of Summer Intersession Classes
- 6 Volleyball Open Gym  
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 7 First Day of Summer Classes
- 11 ACT Testing  
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 108
- 13 Last Day to Register for Summer Classes  
Last Day for Refund of Tuition/Fees
- 14 LTC Foundation Annual Meeting  
6 p.m., Cafeteria
- 20 Volleyball Open Gym  
6 p.m., Sports Center
- 21 Compass Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 23 Compass Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 24 My Son Pinocchio Jr.  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 25 Pearson VUE Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118  
My Son Pinocchio Jr.  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 26 My Son Pinocchio Jr.  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 27 Compass Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 29 Compass Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
- 30 Compass Testing  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119

## LTC PREPARES FOR 46<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT



Lincoln Trail College's 46th Annual Commencement Exercises take place at 7 p.m. on May 13 in the LTC Sports Center.

LTC President Kathryn Harris will give the welcome and commencement address to the Class of '16. Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Trustee John Brooks will introduce Harris prior to her commencement address. Jay Regennitter of the First United Methodist Church will provide the inspirational reading and closing reflections. Dean of Instructor David Carpenter will present the candidates for degrees and certificates while Trustee Brooks will confer the degrees and certificates. Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde will announce the candidates. Troy Jeffers (LTC '04) will give the Charge to the Class.

The LTC Concert Band, under the direction of Kyle Lutes, will provide the processional and recessional marches. Brassmasters will provide prelude music and the Statesmen Singers, under the direction of Jeshua Franklin, will provide special music during the ceremony.

Students that have received a 3.5 or better cumulative grade-point-average on a 4.0 scale will graduate with honors. They will wear gold honor cords and receive a gold seal on their diplomas in recognition of their academic achievement. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society will wear traditional gold stoles.

Honorary marshals are Kienan Knecht and Connor Smothers. LTC's Broadband Telecom program will be providing honorary attendants.

A reception for graduates and guests will take place immediately after the ceremony in the cafeteria.

## STUDENT HONORS NIGHT

Numerous Lincoln Trail College students were honored during the 22nd Annual Honors Night. The annual event recognizes students for their achievements in the classroom.

Students that will graduate with honors and high honors and those selected for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities were honored during the program. Students qualifying for honors have a GPA of 3.5-3.89 while high honors students have a GPA of 3.9-4.0. Students qualifying for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities have cumulative GPA of at least 3.75, have earned 32 or more credit hours and have a graduation date of Fall of 2015, Spring of 2016 or Summer of 2016. Instructors also gave out individual awards to their students.

The Lincoln Trail College Foundation presented its scholarships during the event. Altogether, the Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships.

### WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Kyle Albaugh  
Samuel Calvert  
Mary Carter  
Gemma Challies  
Lauren Elliott  
Shelby Ferguson  
Preston French  
Jason Goodwin  
Leslie Goodwin  
Drew Halter  
Kristi Ham  
Sierra Henry  
Mallory Kent  
Austin Krause  
Sungho Lee  
Bradley Maurer  
Koert Mehler  
Trena Millsap  
Jessica Moore  
Zachary Murphy  
Jay Prior  
Miranda Pruitt  
Jason Richart  
Thomas Romaine III  
Seaton Sheldon  
Erin Swarens  
Neil Williams  
Joseph Wirey

### HIGH HONORS SOPHOMORES

Jena Allen  
Austin Batka  
Lauren Elliott  
Leslie Goodwin  
Drew Halter  
Bradley Maurer  
Koert Mehler  
Jay Prior  
Jason Richart  
Alayne Street  
Thomas Waning  
Joseph Wirey

### HONORS SOPHOMORES

Jay Akins, Jr  
Kyle Albaugh  
Zachary Barker  
Paxton Bemont  
Olivia Bender  
Samuel Calvert  
Logan Carr  
Gemma Challies  
Jonathon Chapman  
McKayla Clements  
William Cooley

Christopher Crocker  
Logan Danielson  
Lucas Decker  
Zachary Denney  
Stacia Edwards  
Artem Epifanov  
Shelby Ferguson  
Preston French  
Jason Goodwin  
Andrew Gray  
Kristi Ham  
Megan Herder  
Hannah Kelly  
Shania Kirkwood  
Austin Krause  
Caitlin Lambert  
Jessica Moore  
Zachary Murphy  
Rebecca Nethery  
Gracecyn Nuhring  
Charles O'Bryan III  
Miranda Pruitt  
Brittney Quick  
Thomas Romine III  
Erynn Shaw  
Erin Swarens  
Brandon Vessels  
Neil Williams  
Wesley Wright

## EMMY WINNER REFLECTS ON TIME AT LTC



Lincoln Trail College graduate Jason Pethtel ('04) has worked on one of cable TV's most popular series, Game of Thrones. While working on the show with Rhythm & Hues, Pethtel won an Emmy and a VES Award for Outstanding Visual Effects.

Pethtel is currently a Matte Painting Compositor at DreamWorks Animation and he has an extensive resume, working as a freelance Matte Painter and CG Generalist. He's worked at studios like Blizzard Entertainment, Blur Studio, Method Studios, Rhythm & Hues and Framestone.

Pethtel has worked on a number of different projects, including World of Warcraft, Marvel Universe Live, Lords of War, 300: Rise of an Empire, Winter's Tale, Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters along with numerous commercials, including campaigns with Target, Lexus, Honda and Guinness.

Looking back at Lincoln Trail College, Pethtel says it was a good start for him. "It allowed me to stay around my hometown and still begin my education, while saving money and working. After I graduated, I was able to start at SIU as a junior, and begin my meandering pursuit in a career in art."

He says one of the ways LTC really helped him was by giving him a lesson in prioritizing. "I was working nearly full-time while attending LTC. I learned that in order to maintain my GPA and do well and still pay my rent, I needed to prioritize my studies." He jokes that was a lesson that did take a couple of years to sink in fully.

Pethtel says he made some great friends while attending Lincoln Trail College and even met his wife Beth (Ricker) in one of his classes. He also fondly remembers having morning chats with Roger Chapman in the History Department.

He says he'd definitely recommend Lincoln Trail College. "Just do it. Sign up and attend classes at LTC. College isn't as affordable as it used to be, and attending a community college and then transferring to a university is a great way to save money and still get your education."

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## LTC OFFERS SUMMER MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES

Area residents can kick up their summer by enrolling in martial arts classes at Lincoln Trail College that begin May 16.

There are two different sessions of Karate for Kids. One runs from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays and the other runs from 7-9 p.m. Mondays. The 6:00 class costs \$55 while the 7:00 class costs \$75.

Karate for Kids is for area youth ages 5 and up.

Tae Kwon Do classes meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The cost is \$90.

College credit is offered to those 14-years-old and older. In-district students may be eligible for an Illinois Eastern Community Colleges nighttime tuition discount if they are registered in 4 evening credit hours or less. Students not eligible to receive college credit may take the class on a non-credit basis.

For more information, or to register, call (618) 544-8657, ext. 1427.

## LTC TRIO NAMES RAWLINGS STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Kennedy Rawlings has been named the TRIO Student Support Services Spotlight Student of the Month for May at Lincoln Trail College.

Rawlings says the TRIO program has been very beneficial to her success at Lincoln Trail College. "TRIO has helped me by giving me the tools to be successful in college."

Rawlings has been very active in her time at LTC. She serves as one of four Student Ambassadors. She's also performed with the Statesmen Singers, has been a part of the Horticulture Club and serves as a work-study with the baseball team. During her time with the baseball team, she's worked with their training by teaching them yoga.

She says one of the biggest benefits to the TRIO program is that it helps open your eyes to the college experience. "It's nice to have people with you that share in your own experience and mentors that can share their advice and experience with you. I love having that support system there."

Rawlings plans to attend a four-year university after she completes her degree at Lincoln Trail College. She would like to major in Environmental Science and minor in Horticulture.

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## TRIO RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Lincoln Trail College TRIO Student Support Services program honored students along with faculty and staff members at a banquet May 5.



Students nominated faculty and staff members for recognition at the banquet. The employees were recognized for the impact they made on the students. Mary Jane Beckett, Cyndi Boyce, Carrie Brown, Amy Drake, Chris Forde, Jeshua Franklin, Lisa Maple, Kristi Rawlings, Kristin Selph, Rhonda Webster, and Tiffany White were recognized at the banquet.

The ceremony also recognized TRIO mentors. Brian Manhart and Kennedy Rawlings were honored as former mentors while new mentors Hope Adkins, Taylor Davis, Allison Miller, Anthony Prosser, Mark Taylor, and Jordan Weaver were also recognized.



TRIO students graduating this spring or summer were recognized. This year's graduates are Sabrina Dellinger, Shawn Emmett, Landon Johnson, Rebecca Nethery, Gracecyn Nuhring, Nycole Osborn, Mickey Shook, Jeff Swope, Kaytlyn Weiscope, and Lacey York.

All of the members of the TRIO program were also recognized during the banquet.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER THEATER PERFORMING *MY SON PINOCCHIO, JR.*

Rusty Ruth, director of theater at Lincoln Trail College, has announced details for the Children's Summer Theater production of *My Son Pinocchio, JR.*

In Disney's *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, the classic tale of toymaker, Geppetto's, little wooden puppet is given new life. This new musical, which retells the classic Disney story from Geppetto's perspective, features the beloved classic songs, "When You Wish upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings," alongside a host of new songs by Oscar- and Grammy Award-winner, Stephen Schwartz.

In the CST workshop, students will work with high school and college student mentors under the direction of Tara Gallion through the entire process of preparing and performing a musical, including auditions, blocking, costuming as well as singing and choreography.

The workshop begins May 31 and will meet each weekday from 9 to 11 am through June 24. Performances will be on June 24 and 25 at 7 pm. There will also be a Sunday matinee on June 26 at 2 p.m.

The workshop is for children and youth age 6 through students who will be entering high school this coming fall. The cost is \$100 for the 4 week workshop. Registration opened May 9. Cast size is limited to sixty. Auditions for roles will be the first day of the workshop, May 31.

Adults and high-school-aged students interested in volunteering as crew members are eligible to receive free college credit.

To register or for more information, call the LTC Performing Arts Office at 618-544-8657 ext. 1433.

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## PETROLEUM DRILLING STUDENTS LEARN FROM INDUSTRY TOOLS



Students in Lincoln Trail College's Petroleum Drilling Technology program are getting the chance to learn about the industry thanks to people in the industry.

Harbison-Fischer Pumps loaned the program a downhole pump display. The pumps are used in the oil and gas industry as artificial lift tools to aid with fluid production from wells in low pressure reservoirs.

Instructor Joe Snyder says he plans to use the display when describing the operation of insert pumps as a part of the Artificial Life lessons in the Introductory and Modern Completion classes. He says the display will give students a chance to see close-up how the pump works.



Mid State Oil Tools manager Pete Krause gave a guest presentation to the class on rental tools and downhole fishing. Krause brought tools with him to show the students what they look like and how they work.



Marathon demonstrated field instrumentation technology, including how they use the Internet to monitor rates and pressures and to control active equipment such as pumps and downhole pumping equipment.

## FORMER NBA ASSISTANT TO LEAD STATESMEN

Former Orlando Magic assistant coach Luke Stuckey has been named the new head men's basketball coach at Lincoln Trail College.

Stuckey served as the assistant coach for the Magic from 2012 to 2014. While with the Magic, he ran 2013 NBA Draft workouts and advised the General Manager on player performance evaluations. He also served as the top assistant coach for the 2013 NBA Summer League Team. Stuckey's time with the Magic also included daily skill building sessions with players including Victor Oladipo, E'twaun Moore, Tobias Harris, Glen Davis, Ronnie Price, JJ Redick and Nikola Vucevic.

After his time with the Magic, Stuckey served as an assistant coach at Cameron University from 2014 to 2015. He served as the head coach of the Central Florida Marvel professional club in Orlando, Fla in 2015.

Stuckey played college basketball at Northland Community & Technical College and Iowa Wesleyan College. He earned a Master of Arts in Education from National University.

### STATESMEN SUMMER EXPOSURE SHOWCASE

The Lincoln Trail College baseball team will host its Summer Exposure Showcase on May 29 beginning at 9 a.m. at Parker Field on the campus of Lincoln Trail College. The Statesmen Summer Exposure Showcase provide high school baseball players the unique opportunity to obtain close-up exposure to various college baseball staffs throughout the country.

Infielders, outfielders, and catchers will showcase their abilities in a pro-style workout in the morning session. The workout includes running a 60-yard dash, defensive evaluations, and batting practice on the field. Pitchers will have the opportunity to learn everyday drills the Statesmen utilize.

In the afternoon, every player will participate in a live game to further showcase his skillset. There's also a question and answer session for players and parents.

The showcase begins at 9 a.m. on May 29 with registration. Pitchers check-in at 10:45. The game on the field begins at 12:30.

In addition to the showcase, players can receive written evaluations from members of the Statesmen coaching staff. Players can also request a written evaluation from a Major League Baseball scout.

The cost for a position player is \$75 and the cost for a pitcher is \$75. Players attending the camp as a position player and a pitcher will pay \$100. A written, in-depth evaluation is an additional \$10. Players can register online at [lincolntrailbaseballcamps.com](http://lincolntrailbaseballcamps.com). Players that want additional information can contact LTC assistant coach Brad Vanderglas at 618-546-2270.

### LTC EDITION COLOR RUN

The Lincoln Trail College Volleyball team raised money for the program with the LTC Edition Color Run on May 7. Approximately 50 runners participated in the 5K around Lincoln Trail College's campus.

