

LTC OPENS NEW SYNCHRONOUS LECTURE HALLS

Lincoln Trail College has a new way to deliver classes to students. The new Synchronous Lecture Hall in Williams Hall provides students a way to take classes from instructors throughout District 529. Likewise, instructors will be able to use the room to teach classes for other students in the District.

The Synchronous Lecture Hall features cameras on opposite sides of the room to capture both students and the instructor. The cameras can track the instructor during a lecture and can also be zoomed in and focused on things like whiteboards and projection screens. There are two large screens on opposite sides of the room so instructors can see the different classrooms and students and for students to watch the lecture. An enhanced sound system is designed to easily pick up what the instructor is saying as well as students, allowing for collaboration.

"With LTC's new Synchronous Lecture Hall, the College can bring even more course opportunities to students



Tristan Capraras appears on screen to help demonstrate LTC's new Synchronous Lecture Hall.







Shawn Mitchell demonstrates how instructors can use a remote control to control the camera. By design, the camera will follow the instructor around the room. The remote allows the instructor to zoom in on certain areas of the room like the projection screen or a whiteboard.

right here in Robinson," says Dean of Instruction Brent Todd. "It will also provide opportunities for faculty to share their knowledge with other communities within our District."

All four colleges within District 529 added a Synchronous Lecture Hall for the Spring Semester. The rooms were demonstrated during faculty workshops before the start of the semester.

IT Technicians Tristan Capraras and Shawn Mitchell demonstrated the hall for LTC instructors and staff. Mitchell said the new technology is designed to be easy to use and will provide a good experience for both students and instructors. "We found some of the cameras in other rooms tricky to use sometimes and they don't have the same technology to be able to zoom in on sections of

the room. We also found audio was a problem and students and instructors weren't always able to communicate as well as they would have liked. The new hall is designed specifically to fix all of those issues."

Todd says the Synchronous Lecture Hall will open a lot of doors for students. "Ultimately, it will allow LTC to offer its students additional degree, certificate, and course offerings."

Students at Lincoln Trail College can take classes at the other three colleges in the district, but Todd says that wasn't always a practical solution. In some cases, classes weren't available online, meaning a student would have to drive to a different campus to take the class. Todd says there were also cases where a class wasn't offered because of low enrollment, but now it will be easier to get students from all four colleges enrolled in that class. He says he could also see the Community Education program taking advantage of the halls to get more students.

"The image and sound quality of the cutting edge technology makes it easy to forget that the instructor may be miles away while students learn."



Shawn Mitchell demonstrates the touchpad instructors will use to control what content displays on the projector.



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LTC PLANS TELECOM, PROCESS TECH VIRTUAL VISIT



Process Technology students Kyler Pankey and Ashley Wells record a demonstration featuring two computer simulators for the January 27 Virtual Visit.

Prospective students will have the chance to take a virtual visit to Lincoln Trail College on January 27. The virtual visit will focus on two of LTC's most popular programs, Broadband Telecom and Process Technology.

"COVID-19 has changed the college recruiting landscape," says Director of College Access Tona Ambrose. "Like many other colleges, we're using technology to adapt to highlight Lincoln Trail College and our programs to prospective students. The virtual visit on January 27 is just one of the ways we're doing that."

The virtual visit is designed to mirror what a typical college visit at LTC looks like but

will be done completely online. Prospective students will get a virtual tour of the LTC campus and they'll learn about the Process Technology and Broadband Telecom programs. Students will be able to talk with current students in the program along with faculty members and also see hands-on demonstrations. Recent alumni will also talk about their experiences at LTC and how a degree from the college helped get their careers started. Other LTC staff members will cover topics like financial aid and the admissions process.

"Broadband Telecom and Process Technology are two of our more popular programs that many students ask about," says Ambrose. "Graduates from these programs end up with rewarding careers and we're thrilled that some of our alumni will talk about how LTC helped them."

While this visit is focusing on Broadband Telecom and Process Technology, Ambrose says more programs could be added and highlighted in the future.

Prospective students, parents, and guidance counselors that want to learn about Broadband Telecom and Process Technology can register for the free virtual visit at iecc.edu/ltc. Once they register, they will receive information on how to access the Zoom program that will run from 2-3 p.m. on January 27.



Broadband Telecom student Taylor Galloway records a fiber spliding demonstration for the January 27 Virtual Visit.

LTC PLANS AUDITIONS FOR CULTURE IN A CORNFIELD



With the construction of the Theater Renaissance Project underway and continued COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Lincoln Trail College Theater Department is making some changes to its spring production. Director Tara Gallion says instead of a typical on-stage production like in years past, this year there is going to be a collection of skits in a production playfully titled "Culture in a Cornfield."

"This will be a lighthearted collection of short comedy skits," says Gallion. "It will also be completely prerecorded."

Gallion says she's hoping to include as many people as possible in the variety of skits. She says it is a great chance for people who have always wanted to try theater but have maybe been intimidated by being in front of a crowd or who don't have the time to commit to a larger production.

Auditions for Culture in a Cornfield are on January 18 and 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

Since the show will be taped in advance, theater patrons will be able to purchase an online ticket that will give them an access code to watch the show. "Additionally, we intend to offer in-person tickets for watch parties at the Theater if

COVID guidelines allow for that."

Gallion says the plan is to return to performing regular productions in the theater with live audiences as soon as possible.



LTC RELEASES FALL ACADEMIC HONORS

Lincoln Trail College has released its academic honor lists for the Fall 2020 Semester. Three lists have been established by Illinois Eastern Community Colleges to indicate students who have achieved academic excellence. They are the Chancellor's Academic Honors List, the President's Academic Honors List and the Dean's Academic Honors List.

To qualify for any of the honor lists, a student must be enrolled full-time (12 hours or more) and must be taking college-level classes.

To be named to the Chancellor's Academic Honors List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.90 or greater on a 4.0 scale; between 3.75 and 3.89 for the President's Academic Honors List; and between 3.50 and 3.74 for the Dean's Academic Honor's List.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

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	SPORT GOLF	TEAM GPA 3.73		
	BASEBALL	3.44		
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VOLLEYBALL	3.42 3.38		
	SOFTBALL WOMEN'S SOCCER	3.35 3.28		
	MEN'S BASKETBALL MEN'S SOCCER	3.12 2.40		
	LTC ATHLETICS OVERALL	3.25		
	14 CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS WITH AN OVERALL GPA ABOVE 3.0.			
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Lincoln Trail College student-athletes combined for a GPA above 3.0 for the 14th consecutive semester. In the Fall 2020 Semester, the department had a combined GPA of 3.25.

"We had a lot of challenges this Fall," says Baseball Coach and Athletic Director Kevin Bowers. "I'm proud of the fact that our athletes rose to the challenge. Their effort is very commendable."

Seven of the eight teams earned GPAs over 3.0 led by the golf team's 3.73 GPA. The baseball team had a 3.44 GPA followed by the women's basketball team's 3.42 GPA. The volleyball team had a GPA of 3.38 and the softball team had a 3.35 GPA. The women's soccer team finished the Fall Semester with a 3.28 GPA and the men's basketball team had a 3.12 GPA. The men's soccer team had a 2.4 GPA in the Fall.

"Our coaching staff places a strong emphasis on academics," says Bowers. "We're here to prepare them for the future and academics is a big part of that."

Bowers says it is more than the coaches that work hard to make sure student-athletes perform so well in the classroom. "There are so many people at Lincoln Trail College that work hard to make sure that all of our students have the guidance they need to succeed. We have faculty members that are invested in the lives of our students and there's a strong support staff that's there to make sure our students and student-athletes can find the resources they need to succeed."

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DANIELS SELECTED FOR PROJECT RISE



Lincoln Trail College assistant men's basketball coach Dantiel Daniels is one of 11 coaches across the nation to be selected to be a part of JUCO Advocate's Project Rise. The mentorship program's goal is to connect Black coaches with mentors to help their careers.

The program was started by Brandon Goble, who uses JUCO Advocate to connect Junior College basketball players with NCAA and NAIA coaches. He found that 75 percent of Division I head coaches are white.

"That number gets even worse when you remove Historical Black Colleges and Universities. The goal of Project Rise is to help get more Black coaches hired as head coaches at the Division I level."

Project Rise will connect coaches with head coaches at the Division I level. It will also include components like emotional intelligence and networking training.

"I'm honored to be selected for this mentorship program," says Daniels. "I strongly believe in diversity and inclusion. They'll be pairing me with a more experienced coach so they can mentor me and teach me how to become a better coach. There are very few head coaches that are Black, so this will help me make connections as well."

Daniels is in his first year at Lincoln Trail College. He played basketball at Southern Illinois University and Colorado State University before playing professionally in Finland. He returned to Colorado State to serve as a graduate assistant before joining the Statesmen coaching staff.

"As a young coach I love to learn from people that are more experienced. This mentorship program will help me learn to create better scouting reports, learn how to break down film, be a better game coach, as well as become a better recruiter."

Daniels says he'll immediately be able to apply what he learns at LTC both as a coach and recruiter.

	Women's Basketball	all	
20	Triton	6	
23	at Lake Land	1	
26	Spoon River	5	

JANUARY ATHLETIC EVENTS

Men's Basketball

5:00

1:00

7:30

5:00

:00 5:00

6:00

6:00

Parkland (at Olney)

at Lincoln Land

at Illinois Central

Illinois Prep (at Olney)

Volleyball

22 at Vincennes

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dr. Ann Wolven talks to her class on the first day of the Spring Semester.

It was good to see students begin to return to campus for the start of the Spring semester. Once again, care has been taken to ensure that cleaning protocols are in place and adhered to for a safe return of students and faculty. Mitigation efforts also continue as social distancing rules and mask requirements remain in place. Hopefully, we will see circumstances allow for restrictions to be loosened soon.

Student-athletes returned to campus the week of January 5th and required COVID tests were administered. Athletic Director, Kevin Bowers, along with the men's and women's coaching staff have done a terrific job of ensuring that the testing phase is complete. As we approach the start of spring sports activity in men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball in the next few weeks, testing and mitigation protocols will be adhered to with the goal

of providing our student-athletes, coaches, and fans with the best experience possible given the circumstances. Some good news is that despite all the challenges, the LTC combined GPA of all student-athletes was 3.25 the first semester.

Repairs to the LTC Natatorium are almost complete. It looks like we will be able to meet the goal of February 1st to open the pool. That is welcome news to the community! Of course, the opening of the facility will require adherence to IDPH guidelines.

Work on the addition to the Performing Arts Center continues as foundations and slab are now in place. Over the break, work continued to prepare for the metal building which is due to arrive in mid-January. The landscape of the entry to LTC will look different very soon. Fundraising to allow for the inclusion of sound-proof practice rooms continues to go well.

Looking forward to a very rewarding spring semester!

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First Robinson Savings Bank's Rick Catt presents a check to Rebecca Carmack for the Perfect Pitch Project, which seeks to enhance to Theater Renaissance Project with sound proof practice rooms.

Roger Eddy Interim President