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**LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE
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May 12, 2023

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PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES/CERTIFICATESCynthia Boyce
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THE AWARDING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES
ANNOUNCING THE GRADUATES..... Chris Forde
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Pomp and CircumstanceLTC Faculty Ensemble
by Sir Edmond Elgar

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CLOSING REFLECTIONS.....Cynthia Boyce
Dean of Instruction, Lincoln Trail College

THE RECESSIONALLTC Faculty Ensemble
We're Loyal to You, Illinois (Illinois Loyalty)
by T.H. Guild, arr. Paul Yoder

CLASS OF 2023

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Hallee Rhealynn Gauna
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Eli Parker Gooch
Evan Anthony Gower
Morgan Presley Hargrave
Nicholas Austin Harness
Timothy Harris
Luke Thomas Hatfield
Mitchell Jay Henneberry
Cristian Giovan Hernandez Zelaya
Hayden W. Hill
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Gregory Jenkins
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Reese Allen Johnson
Cole Richard Johnson
Samuel Richard Kestranek

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Jesse Donnard Laster
Tori A. Linnenkamp
Jackson H. Lorenz
Jake Thomas Lynch
Taylor Greg Maxwell
Coleton Spencer McMichael
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Alexis Joy Mendenhall
Abigail Ellen Metheny
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Allison Paige Miller
Rachael Moore
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Olivia L. Ridlen
Stephanie Leann Rinard
Hannah G. Rodgers
Harrison Rudd
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Kaleigh Wenjun Walin
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Krista Nicole Hemrich
Alexis Jane Koerner
Jennifer Lynn Lidster

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Kali Alasa Ann Murray
Makisha Jo Pesch
Caitlin Lee Purcell
Tiffany Michelle Sims
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Amy Jo Steele
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Madolyn Leann Wilhoit

The AAS in Nursing is granted in cooperation with Olney Central College

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Kaden J. Carter
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Kyle Lee Easton
Isaiah Makanaokeakua Henriquez

Jayden Harvey Pinkston
Trestan William Radloff
Curtis Alan Richey

CERTIFICATE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS

Laura Dollahan

CERTIFICATE MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Madyson Danielle Wright

CERTIFICATE OSP TECHNICIAN

Brendon Paul Luecke

CERTIFICATE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Genesis Lane Cadwell
Jordan Christian

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Tiann Shipman

CERTIFICATE PRACTICAL NURSING

Parker K. Alspach
Erin L. Boa
Cassie Jean Brinkman
Kasey Lee Brown
Jennifer J. Cox
Ciara Elkins
Halle Renae Ellis
Lindsey Graham
Taylor Renee Hall
Whitney Hill
Malaysia J. Johnson

April Ruth Marie Kessler
Kayley Airelle Moore
Jade Nicole Reed
Ashley Reese
Sarah E. Valdez
Rebecca J. Wagner
Kaitlin Cierra Whiston
Reese Leeanne Williamson
Katie Dawn Wood
Brooke Olivia Wright

CERTIFICATE WELDING

Carson Ray Adams
Dakota Charles Buttolph
Logan Anthony Collins
Reeve Dennis
Lorrie Lynn Grubb
Devon Robert Hendrix
Blake Rubien Hinterscher
Dylan Wade Johnson
Mason David Lewis
Madison Avery Martin
Elliott C. Meadows

Logan Michael Miller
Caleb Alexander Miller
Jerrett Ping
River Lane Potts
Dylan Lee Shearer
Jacob Eugene Shick
Kaedyn Jo Smothers
Bryce Michael Weger
Kinkade Taylor Whittaker
Garrett Wayne Winterrowd
Weston Dean Wright

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

THE JOSEPH C. PILAND EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ALEXIS DAVIS

The Joseph C. Piland Excellence in Scholarship Award is presented to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has demonstrated outstanding academic merit and sustained excellence in the classroom. The award is given to honor Joseph C. Piland who was the first President of Lincoln Trail College. His vision and passion for education were instrumental in the development of a comprehensive community college for Crawford County.

THE J. ROD HARMON EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

GUADALUPE AMICONE, TOMAS BASCON, AND JUAN SOLIVELLAS GARCIA

The J. Rod Harmon Excellence in Service Award is presented to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has demonstrated outstanding service to the college or the community. Rod Harmon served as a faculty member at Lincoln Trail College for 27 years and has been the Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation since 2005. He is well known for his rich sense of humor, dedication to his wife Diana, and commitment to creating opportunities for all residents of Crawford County to have access to a high-quality education.

THE BEV L. TURKAL EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

LETICIA GUIMARAES AND CLINT WICKLIFFE

The Bev L. Turkal Excellence in Leadership Award is presented to a full-time Lincoln Trail College student who has shown great Leadership qualities and skills. This award is given to honor Bev L. Turkal, a true Leader in Education, whose passion was to make a difference and change the lives of children, teens, adults and lifelong learners. Bev believed to be a strong Leader one must live life, care, and show empathy, must have high energy and be competitive to accomplish the goals set to make things happen!

HONORS RECIPIENTS

HIGH HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.90-4.0

Jonathan Myles Beverly
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Sydney Teresa Marie Byrley
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Lucas Wayne Davids-Badger
Maycee Nicole Decker

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Juan Vincente Solivellas Garcia
Luke Thomas Hatfield
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Harlei Rae Myers
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HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.50-3.89

Emma Donn Bailey
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Kaleigh Wenjun Walin
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Connor Fitts
Kacee Fulkerson
Blake Girdner
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Nicholas Harness
Jaleena Hemrich
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Hannah Janes
Carter Jewell
Reese Johnson

Samuel Kestranek
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TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Charles Catt
Summer Clapp
Jennifer Cox
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Halle Ellis
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Nicholas Harness
Hannah Janes
Malaysia Johnson
Abigail Metheny

Allison Miller
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Stephanie Rinard
Faith Sanders
Kaleigh Walin
Keisha Watkins
Brooke Wright

GRADUATION TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia includes a hood, tam, and gown. The hood represents the degree or discipline along with the school attended. The velvet edge represents the discipline, the satin colors the school, and the overall size and shape represents the achievement of the degree.

Agriculture: Maize	Journalism: Crimson	Physical education, manual therapy, physical therapy: Sage Green
Arts (liberal arts), letters (literature), humanities: White	Law: Purple	Public administration, public policy, foreign service: Peacock blue
Commerce, accountancy, business: Drab	Library science, Information science: Lemon	Public health: Salmon
Dentistry: Lilac	Medicine: Green	Science (social, natural and formal): Golden yellow
Economics: Copper	Music: Pink	Social work: Citron
Education: Light blue	Nursing: Apricot	Theology, divinity: Scarlet
Engineering: Orange	Oratory, communications studies, broadcasting: Silver gray	Veterinary science: Grey
Fine arts, architecture: Brown	Pharmacy: Olive green	
Forestry, environmental studies, sustainability: Russet	Philosophy: Dark blue	

GONFALON

The gonfalon carrier is responsible for carrying Lincoln Trail College's official flag during the graduation ceremony. It is considered an honor to be selected as the gonfalon carrier because it represents the highest level of academic achievement and leadership within the school community. The gonfalon carrier leads the procession of graduates and symbolizes the unity and pride of the graduating class. This year's gonfalon carrier is Gazi Rahman, who is retiring after 47 years of service to LTC.

HONOR CORDS

An honor cord is a token consisting of twisted cords with tassels on either end awarded to members of honor societies or for other academic and non-academic achievements, awards, or honors.

Two Gold Cords: High Honors
One Gold Cord: Honors
Blue and Gold Cords: Phi Theta Kappa
Red, Black, and White Cords: TRIO Student Support Services

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE PERSONNEL

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Krista Barber
Reno Bemont
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Pauletta Gullett
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Bradley Logsdon
Travis Matthews
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Michael Patilla

An Roy
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Phil Thorsen
Angie Williams
Connor York
Dennis York

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Tona Ambrose
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Chuck Bennett
Carla Cadwalader
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Brenda Harris
Teresa Hoecherl

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Donna Langley
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Yvonne Newlin
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Samantha Poorman
Stephen Potts
Roselene Quick
Gazi Rahman

Julia Randolph
Stacey Robinson-Rickman
Rebecca Schultz
Matthew Schumacher
Marcia Thorsen
Brennen Tracy
Ashley Waggoner
Aaron White

FULL-TIME STAFF

Erica Arnold
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Cyndi Boyce
Kyrrah Buchanan
Junsie Cotten
Julie Courtney
Tori Courtney
Jandi Cravens
Danelle Davis
Sueko Davis
Chris Ellington

Chris Forde
Cassandra Goldman
Dana Goodwin
Rena Gower
Jamie Henry
Autumn Hoalt
Collyn Jewell
Angel Kerner
Zach Loll
Javier Milla
Kelly Mullins

Tyson Murray
Taylor Newlin
Kenneth Pryor
Linda Ryan-Catt
Jackie Shamhart
Erin Volk
Mike Wagaman
Heather Watts
Robin Zachary
Cathy Ziegler
Cleo Ziegler

PART-TIME STAFF

Melissa Beane
Zachary Bennett
Charity Clark
Grace Dudley
Doug Edwards
Mikayla Gascich
Collin Maynard

Carol Mehler
Amanda Miller
Ronald Miller
David Mullins
Brooke Olaivar
Rebecca Pack
Jay Prindable

Chris Shields
Harry Smith
Kristi Weidner-Rawlings
Rilee Wells
Lynn Williams

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE ALMA MATER

CAREY-WILSON

Near our farm land, mill, and steeple,
Where the Wabash freely flows.
By a mandate of the people,
Our dear LTC arose.
Here amid the fields of corn,
We reflect our future way.
Though at times our hearts are worn,
We're renewed by each new day.
Strangers met and searched for knowledge;

Changed to friends with hearts of gold.
Lincoln Trail, our best-loved college,
Serving all – the young and old.

Refrain:

Alma Mater, hearts do bind;
Those who learned here to be true;
As we work for all mankind,
Lincoln Trail, we think of you.

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE FACULTY ENSEMBLE

Sophie Kershaw-Patilla, Flute
Michael Emmerich, Alto Saxophone
Dominik Bauer, Trombone

Michael Patilla, Guitar
Michael Bach, Bass

GRADUATION MARSHALS

Madisyn McIntosh
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Abigail Vaughn



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