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HIGHLIGHTS



LTC alumnus returning for a book signing at Eagleton Library



Taylor Dahlberg is LTC's new Theater Director



LTC's Maxwell Layne hits historic homer at Busch Stadium

LTC PLANNING ARTS DAY RECRUITING EVENT

incoln Trail College is hosting the first of several recruiting events planned for the 2023-24 Academic Year on September 15. LTC Arts Day is designed to show students the opportunities they have in the arts.

"Throughout the course of the year we plan to give opportunities to high school students in all classes a chance to experience Lincoln Trail College," said Director of Enrollment Management Andrea Loll. "We're planning a variety of different theme days that will target different interests. We're starting with the arts."

Prospective students coming to the LTC Arts Day event will get the chance to meet students currently involved in the arts. They'll also hear about scholarships and learn about the classes they can take.

"One of the things we really wanted to do is give students a chance to do something hands-on," said Loll. "That's why we're going to have a variety of experiences for the students with instruments, theater, vocal, and art. We want them to actually experience the kinds of things they can expect when they come to Lincoln Trail College."

and the general public can learn more about LTC and enjoy free basketball games. One is November 18 and the other is January 20. LTC is planning a Junior Experience on April 19.

Loll says the day will end with drawings for door prizes.

The next recruiting event planned at Lincoln Trail College is October 25's Senior Day, which will give high school seniors a chance to experience the College. LTC is working with Crawford Memorial Hospital for a Health Career Expo at the Robinson Civic Center. The event is designed to introduce students to a variety of occupations in health care. CMH personnel will be partnered up with Illinois Eastern Community College program faculty at the event.

On November 17, a Future Statesmen Day is planned for high school freshmen and sophomores. There are two LTC Statesmen Day events planned where prospective students

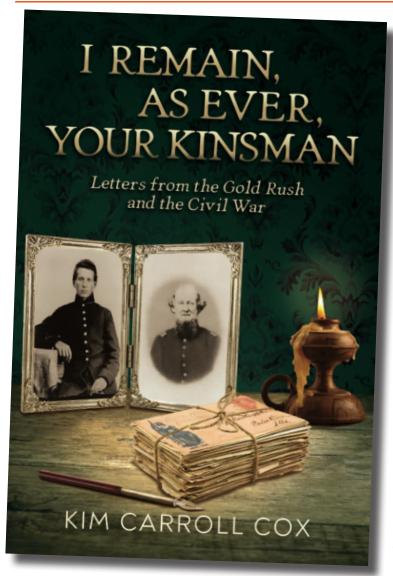
UPCOMING RECRUITING EVENTS

Sept. 15 LTC Arts Day
Oct. 25 LTC Senior Day
Nov. 8 Health Career Expo
Nov. 17 Future Statesmen Day
Nov. 18 LTC Statesmen Day
Jan. 20 LTC Statesmen Day
April 19 LTC Junior Experience





COX ('75) RETURNING TO LTC FOR BOOK SIGNING



A Lincoln Trail College alumnus who wrote a book is returning to the college for a book signing on October 4 from 7-8 p.m. at the Eagleton Library. Kim C. Cox ('75) wrote "I Remain, As Ever, Your Kinsman."

Cox is a fifth-generation native of Crawford County. His great-great grandmother, Eliza Ann Wilson Patton, was born in Palestine shortly before Illinois became a state, in 1817. His triple-great uncle, Joesph Kitchell, was a signer of the first state constitution.

The book is compiled of letters from Cox's ancestors regarding their participation in the California Gold Rush and the Civil War. Four of the five family members who tried their luck in the Gold Rush died. The survivor, Cullen Wilson, Eliza Ann's brother, returned to Palestine and then volunteered as Quartermaster for the Illinois Fifth Cavalry in the Civil War. His nephew, Allen Patton, Eliza Ann's son, volunteered as a private in the 21st Illinois, "Colonel Grant's Regiment." He was killed in battle at Stones River, in Tennessee. The book is available on Amazon.

Cox is a graduate of Robinson High School, Lincoln Trail College, and the University of Illinois. He obtained his law degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California.

A retired attorney, Cox managed the law office of California State Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny while she was serving in the state legislature. A politician himself, he was elected Chair of the California Presidential Electoral College in 1996. He served as a Judge Pro. Tem. of the San Diego County Superior Court for 15 years.

For 29 years, Cox was a part-time DJ on award-winning jazz station KSDS-FM. He serves as a Trustee of Delta Upsilon International Fraternity, and as Secretary of the San Diego Illini Alumni Club. Locally, he served as President of the James Jones Literary Society in 2007.

Cox is married to Anne Krueger, and lives in San Diego County, California.

AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR LTC'S PRODUCTION OF GOD OF CARNAGE





OCTOBER 27 & 28 7 PM NOVEMBER 3 & 4 7 PM NOVEMBER 5 2 PM Lincoln Trail College Theater Director Taylor Dahlberg announced audition information for the College's fall production of God of Carnage. Auditions will take place September 11 and 13 at 6 p.m. each night in the Twermann Arts Center Theater.

God of Carnage, written by Yasmina Reza, is the winner of the 2009 Tony Award for Best Play. The story follows two couples who meet to discuss a playground altercation between their children. However, as the night goes on, what starts as a civilized conversation turns into a boxing match, and as everyone's true colors begin to show, chaos ensues.

There are four parts available: Michael Novak, Veronica Novak, Alan Raleigh, and Annette Raleigh. All of the characters are in their late 30s-40s and auditions are open to those 18 and up. No previous theater experience is required to audition.

Dahlberg is offering tips for people auditioning. She says that when you arrive, you will fill out an audition form and then get called into the theater. Once you enter the theater, you will chat with the director and then do a short reading of your chosen monologue from the show. Dahlberg says after you've done your monologue, you'll be paired up with other auditioners and be given a scene to read. "You'll have a little bit of time to read through it together in the hallway

before you come back to the theater and read it for the director. The director may ask you to change the way you are reading or give you some notes to try during the scene," said Dahlberg.

She's also offering advice to people auditioning. Dahlberg says you don't need to memorize the audition materials, but you should take time to go over them in advance. She's also encouraging people to research the play to help learn about the characters so you can embody the character while auditioning. Audition materials are available on Lincoln Trail College's website.

Performances of the Arts at Lincoln Trail College's production of God of Carnage are October 27 and 28 and November 3-5. God of Carnage does contain some mature language that may not be suitable for everyone.

DAHLBERG NAMED NEW THEATER DIRECTOR



Lincoln Trail College has named Taylor Dahlberg its new Theater Director. In this role, Dahlberg will be responsible for directing LTC productions, facilitating Summer Children's Theatre, managing the Zwermann Performing Arts Center, and occasionally teaching theater classes.

Dahlberg, who grew up in Iowa, had a winding road to theater. As a child, she wanted to be a veterinarian and as she got older she wanted to be an English teacher. She started college as an English major. "A friend talked me into taking a theater class which led me to getting involved in the productions, and then I became a theater major."

She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and then completed a Master of Fine Arts in Directing at Western Illinois University. "As an undergraduate student I had a mentor who taught me so much about theatre and life, and it is primarily because of her that I decided I wanted to go into theatre education. One of my passions is teaching, and I love getting to mentor students who are on their own journeys, which is why I decided to pursue my MFA."

In addition to directing, Dahlberg also does stage management, design, stage combat, some choreography, and playwriting. "I love working in the arts because I get paid to be passionate and creative. I absolutely love that I rarely know what each day is going to look like. It is all about problem solving and finding creative solutions, often under pressure, and I find that really fun."

Outside of work, she enjoys attending other theatrical productions. In college, she studied abroad in London, England where she visited one of her favorite theaters, the National Theatre. In the three months she was there, she saw 35 different theatrical productions. She also enjoys crafting, spending time with her cat Smidge, and reading.

She says her family has been amazingly supportive of her career. "I wouldn't be where I am today without all of their love and support. "My aunt and grandma, especially, are two of my biggest fans, and one of my favorite things to do is call and regale them with news of my adventures."

LTC, IECC CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY



Illinois Eastern Community Colleges will observe Constitution Day on Monday, September 18, 2023 (www.iecc.edu/usa). The IECC colleges will observe Constitution Day with a variety of activities and resources to promote the study of the Constitution.

The IECC colleges will be participating with various events:

FCC - Frontier Community College

Frontier Community College will have a Constitution display in the Learning Resource Center. Constitution booklets will be available for students. The Constitution text will be played on a loop on the monitors throughout the campus all morning.

LTC - Lincoln Trail College

Eagleton Library will have a Constitution window display with free U.S. Constitution booklets for students. The local DAR will host a luncheon in the Lincoln Room featuring guest speaker, Mr.

Mark Hill. Representatives will be on campus registering voters or updating their registration. Information on mail in voting and ballots or absentee ballots will be distributed. We will have Constitution trivia on our campus TVs, leading up to September 18th, and provide a small prize.

OCC - Olney Central College

Olney Central College will celebrate Constitution Day on Monday, September 18, 2023. A Constitution Day exhibit will be on display in the Anderson Library, and free booklets of the Constitution will be available to students. "Creating the Constitution" will be played on monitors in the Library gallery and the hallways of the campus.

WVC - Wabash Valley College

Wabash Valley College educates students and the community with a Constitution Day display prominently featured in the Learning Resource Center. Copies of the U.S. Constitution booklet will be available to students and WVC-TV will telecast a reading of the preamble.

To learn more about the Constitution visit: The National Constitution Center at www.constitutioncenter.org, Fascinating Facts at www.constitutionfacts. com, or Constitution Day at www.ConstitutionDay.com.

LTC IN PICTURES



A group of students gather to play a game of corn hole during Lincoln Trail College's Welcome Back Blast.



Student-athletes had the opportunity to bond with each other with an event at the Robinson City Park.





Lady Statesmen volleyball players celebrate a five-set win over Rend Lake College.



 ${\it Students sign up for Student Senate during Lincoln Trail College's Welcome Back Blast.}$



 $\label{lincoln} \textit{Irail College students} \ \textit{had a fun evening of bonding and pancakes at Student Senate's Pancake Night.}$



Kim Schucker helps answer a student's question during Introduction to Statistics.



Fans come out to support the Lincoln Trail College men's soccer team.



OCTOBER ATHLETIC EVENTS

Baseball

3	at Olney Central College	2:00
6	Fall JUCO Showcase (at Millington, TN)	TBA

Golf

2 MWAC Conference Tournament 9-10 at Rend Lake Fall Invitational

Men's Basketball

	at Danville Area Community College	TBA
8	at Vincennes Jamboree	TBA
15	at John A. Logan Jamboree	TBA
23	at Brescia	TBA

Men's Soccer

4	at Oakland City JV	3:00
8	at Illinois Central College	2:00
15	at Jefferson College	4:00
17	at Heartland Community College	2:00

Softball

	Oakland City University	11:00
	Brescia University	1:00
	Lincoln Land Community College	3:00
7	vs. Indiana Wesleyan University (at Kokomo)	1:00
7	vs. Anderson University (at Kokomo)	4:00
8	vs. Butler University (at Kokomo)	1:00
8	vs. IUPUI (at Kokomo)	4:00

Women's Basketball

7	at Illinois Central College Jamboree	TBA
20	at Brescia College	7:00
27	Missouri Baptist	5:00

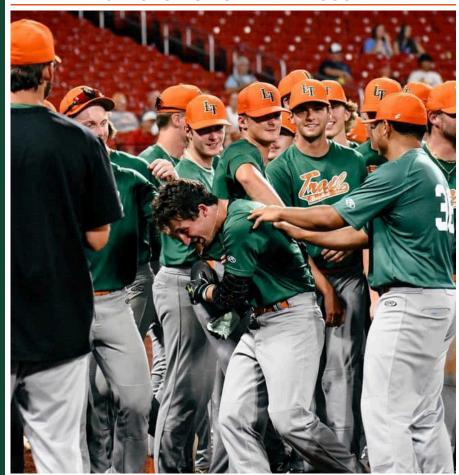
Women's Soccer

	at Southwest Tennessee CC	2:00
8	at Illinois Central College	3:00
11	at Wabash Valley College	6:00
13	vs. Southwest Tennessee CC (at Mt. Carmel)	6:00
15	at Jefferson College	12:00
17	at Heartland Community College	12:00

Volleyball

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	at Millikin University	11:00
	vs. Quincy College (at Decatur, IL)	1:00
2	at Rend Lake College	7:30
4	Lake Land College	7:30
9	at Shawnee Community College	7:30
13	Wabash Valley College	6:30
16	at Kaskaskia College	6:30
18	Southeastern Illinois College	7:30
20	at Frontier Community College	6:00
23	Southwestern Illinois College	6:30
25	Saint Mary of the Woods JV	6:00

LAYNE HITS HISTORIC HOMER AT BUSCH



Lincoln Trail College freshman outfielder Maxwell Layne made history at Busch Stadium in St. Louis when the Statesmen played Lincoln Land Community College on September 3. Layne became the first player to ever hit a home run in the history of amateur games held at the Major League Baseball stadium.

Amateur games at Busch Stadium are limited to two-and-a-half hours or nine innings. There were only about 20 minutes left in the game when Layne stepped into the batter's box.

Layne connected on his pitch and drove the ball to left field and into the stands. It was announced as the first home run in amateur game history. It was also Layne's first collegiate homerun.

Layne was given the ball as well as a certificate from the Cardinals to honor his achievement.