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May 10, 2024

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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE & ARTS

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Trinity Mikalee Arroyo
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Tomas Alfonso Bascon Blacut
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Joseph Cole Bonds
Jacie Kay Bradbury
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Treyton Joshua Brown
Teleon Brown
Victoriya Ann Cheesman
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Lydia C. Copenhaver
Katy Rene Crail
Maya Ruth Curtright
Hanna Elizabeth Dawson
Gonzalo Onrubia Delgado
Kendal Elizabeth Edmondson
Braidan Brooks Elliott
Lilly Foster
Brayden William Fraasman
Tascha Niquole Gibson
Ana Guedes
Leticia Cristo Guimaraes
Austin Scott Hargrave
Jaylee Hayes
Annie Corrine Hays
Gary Dean Higginbotham
Brenna Higginbotham
Colin Mitchell Horneman
Caden Allen Huttenlocker
Melvin E. Christine III
Jaedlynn Jo Irvine
Hayden Russell Johnson

Michael Wayne Johnston
Autumn McKenzie Kelly
Grant William Kidwell
Macy Ann Knight
Rayven Maurice Knotts
Gunner James Lakins
McKenzie L. Love
Campbell Elizabeth McBride
Madisyn Lain McIntosh
Madison Mae McKenzie
Coltyn Dwayne Meadows
Guilherme Matos Melchiori
Sara LeeAn Mills
Curtus Edward Moak
Chance W. Moscardelli
Mateus Borsanelli Tofetti Moura
Kearsty Mignon Nielson
Owen Robert Payne
Krista Lynn Phillips
Jackson Royce Pittman
Graycie Victoria Poe
Brianna Michelle Price
Kambry Allyson Price
Liz L. Price
Tucker Wade Pruitt
Eric Russell Rawlings
Aaron William Richey
Krystle Marie Riggle
Eimy Gallegos Salcedo
Jaycee Taylor Salee
Hannah Jane Saucerman
Katharine Ann Schrader
Abbigail Neimah Shalhout
Jarret Smith
Zharina Lorynne Madarimot Stephens
Sean Bradley Stone
Collin Roy Sweeney
Olivia Ruth Teska
Abigail Breanne Vaughn
Carly E. Zachary

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Whitney Celine Hernandez Garcia

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Amonyne Alana Allen
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Jamarras J. McCray
Sara LeeAn Mills

Paul K. Osting
Oscar Scott Pegg
Michael Joseph Smolinski
Logan Bailey Webster

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Kaden J. Carter
Jordan Hope Christian
Karissa Elizabeth Decker
Devon Robert Hendrix
Stormy Nyte Kinnard
Paige RaNay Krick
Kayla Renee Layman
Amanda Nicole McKee

Alex Eugene Miller
Alaina Marie Morgan
Krystle Marie Riggle
Mason Marcus Schafer
Delainey Lee Shorter
Chelsea Francine Wesley
Matthew Cole William Wesner
Wrigley Adam Young

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Parker K. Alspach
Erin L. Boa
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Jennifer J. Cox
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Bruce Wayne Hardiman

Whitney Lee Hill
Lisa Livvix
Jade Nicole Reed
Natasha L. Townsend
Rebecca J. Wagner
Kaitlin Cierra Whiston
Reese LeeAnne Williamson
Katie Dawn Wood
Brooke Olivia Wright

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

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

Wesley Carlton Adams
Jonathan Robert Littlejohn
Cale Wayne Otey
Halle E. Piper

David Jacob Smothers
Daniel Bruce Young
Wrigley Adam Young

CERTIFICATE BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT

Olivia Kay Riggle

CERTIFICATE BROADBAND TECHNICIAN

Jonas Blayze Bachelor
Landon Michael Lagow
Jay William Prindable

Mason Marcus Schafer
Jarod William Weger

CERTIFICATE COMBO TECHNICIAN

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Jeremiah Scott Patterson

Austin Kent Wesley

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Caitlin Nicole Hendrickson

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CERTIFICATE PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Jordan Hope Christian

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Morgan Melisa Gill
Selina Nicole Harris
Nolan Patrick Hillard
Natosha D. Holt
Brittany Dawn McDonald
Jennifer Joan McVey

Mollie Marie Pittman
Jordan Alexis Schottman
Joseph Aaron Scott
Makhayla Lynn Skinner
Sarah E Valdez
Chelsea Francine Wesley
Emily Elizabeth Wolf

CERTIFICATE WELDING

Owen Roy Aldridge
Keaton Wade Ault
Trisdan Ann Vashti Baxter
Sam Garrett Brian
Ace Bailey Coulter
Gracie Lucille Groves
Aiden Jackson Hardig
Mayley Alana Harmon
Draegan Winchester Johnson
Steven William Kirchhoff
Carson Matthew Langley

Spencer Wyatt Legg
Max Hayden Lewis
Damien Grae Pierce
Abigail Grace Ramsey
Nicholas Dwayne Roberts
Keegan Rylie Rosson
Payton Collin Skaggs
Walker Stanley Skaggs
Remington Colt Spencer
Kylar Leigh Worstell

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

**THE JOSEPH C. PILAND EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
ABIGAIL VAUGHN & BRENNIA HIGGINBOTHAM**

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
MAYA CURTRIGHT, MADISON DAVIS, LETICIA GUIMARAES**

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
MADISYN MCINTOSH & SEAN STONE**

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

HIGHEST HONORS

Students with a GPA 4.0

Guadalupe Amicone
Tomas Alfonso Bascon Blacut
Treyton Joshua Brown
Ana Guedes
Gary Dean Higginbotham
Macy Ann Knight

Madisyn Lain McIntosh
Chance W. Moscardelli
Krista Lynn Phillips
Jackson Pittman
Aaron William Richey
Hannah Jane Saucerman

Katharine Ann Schrader
Delainey Lee Shorter
Sean Bradley Stone
Abigail Breanne Vaughn
Jarod William Weger
Amelia Marie Winters

HIGH HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.75-3.99

Kaitlyn Nicole Boerngen
Joseph Cole Bonds
Jacie Kay Bradbury
Addison D. Brasier
Olivia Nicole Bright
Emily Elizabeth Cissell
Lydia C. Copenhaver
Leticia Cristo Guimaraes
Autumn McKenzie Kelly

Landon Michael Lagow
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Jamarras J. McCray
Sara LeeAn Mills
Curtus Edward Moak
Mateus Borsanelli Tofetti
Moura
Diego Eduardo Aguilera
Olguin

Liz L. Price
Mason Marcus Schafer
Jarret Smith
David Jacob Smothers
Zharina Lorynne Madarimot
Stephens
Megan E. Young

HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.50-3.74

Caeden Elizabeth Bennett
Lauren Marie Clark
Maya Ruth Curtright
Kendal Elizabeth Edmondson
Whitney Celine Hernandez
Garcia

Isabella Martins Granja
Austin Scott Hargrave
Hayden Russell Johnson
Jonathan Robert Littlejohn
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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

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Maya Curtright
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Brenna Higginbotham
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Hannah Saucerman
Katharine Schrader
David Smothers
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Abigail Vaughn
Logan Webster

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Amye Allen
Jacie Bradbury
Olivia Bright
Victoriya Cheesman
Lauren Clark
Jennifer Cox

Jaedlynn Irvine
Sara Mills
Olivia Teska
Brooke Wright
Daniel Young

VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Tasha Niquole Gibson
Michael Joseph Smolinski

Matthew Cole William Wesner

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

Library science, Information science: Lemon

Public administration, public policy, foreign service: Peacock blue

Commerce, accountancy, business: Drab

Medicine: Green

Public health: Salmon

Dentistry: Lilac

Music: Pink

Science (social, natural and formal): Golden yellow

Economics: Copper

Nursing: Apricot

Social work: Citron

Education: Light blue

Oratory, communications studies, broadcasting: Silver gray

Theology, divinity: Scarlet

Engineering: Orange

Pharmacy: Olive green

Veterinary science: Grey

Fine arts, architecture: Brown

Philosophy: Dark blue

Forestry, environmental studies, sustainability: Russet

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 An Roy.

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.

Three Gold Cords: Highest Honors

Two Gold Cords: High Honors

One Gold Cord: Honors

Red, White, and Blue: Military Veteran

Blue and Gold Cords: Phi Theta Kappa

Royal Blue and Gold Cords: Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate

Red, Black, and White Cords: TRIO Student Support Services

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE PERSONNEL

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Austin Alexander
Reno Bemont
Carrie Brown
Tyler Browning
Jared Gullett
Pauletta Gullett

Elaine Hasty
Laurie Jenkins
Tina Lindley
Travis Matthews
Amie Mayhall
John McCarty

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Kimberley Schucker
Philip Thorsen
Angelia Williams
Connor York
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PART-TIME FACULTY

Kimberly Ahlert
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Donna Langley
Mike McElyea
Yvonne Newlin
Monte Newlin
Josh Pack
Samantha Poorman
Roselene Quick

Julia Randolph
Stacey Robinson-Rickman
Eric Schmidt
Mark Shaner
Kelsey Shilling
Marcia Thorsen
Karisa Vanderjack
Aaron White

FACULTY & STAFF AWARD WINNERS

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
MARCIA THORSEN & PHIL THORSEN

EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE EDUCATION AWARD
CARRIE BROWN & AMIE MAYHALL

STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD
DANA GOODWIN & ANGEL KERNER

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE PERSONNEL

FULL-TIME STAFF

Tona Ambrose
Erica Arnold
Cynthia Boyce
Kyrach Buchanan
Jamie Carman
Rachel Carter
Junsie Cotten
Julie Courtney
Jandi Cravens
Taylor Dahlberg
Danelle Davis
Sueko Davis
Christopher Ellington
Christopher Forde

Jesus Gonzalez
Dana Goodwin
Rena Gower
Rachel Greenwood
Jackson Hemrich
Jamie Henry
Cameron Ireland
Collyn Jewell
Angel Kerner
Zachary Loll
Andrea Loll
Amber Malone
Collin Maynard
David Mullins

Kelly Mullins
Taylor Newlin
Kenneth Pryor
Krystle Riggle
Linda Ryan-Catt
Jacquelyn Shamhart
Erin Volk
Michael Wagaman
Heather Watts
Brandon Weger
Candice Young
Robin Zachary
Cleo Ziegler
Cathy Ziegler

PART-TIME STAFF

Erin Allen
Zachary Bennett
Tana Coleman
Tori Courtney
Ryan Curry
Grace Dudley
Douglas Edwards
Dalton Hendrix

Paige Hensley
Autumn Hoalt
Mark Kollenbroich-Shea
Carol Mehler
Amanda Miller
Ronald Miller
Kyle Myers
Rebecca Pack

Jay Prindable
Christine Shields
Harry Smith
Kristi Weidner-Rawlings
Samuel Wells
Lynn Williams

BRASSMASTERS

Cartha Gustafson
Tim McCormick
Brent Ritter

Heather Setzer
Andy Whittington

GRADUATION MARSHALS

Erika Garrard
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Gracie Lemmon
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