

NETWORK



JULY 2024



HIGHLIGHTS



Miller Lake trails named in honor of Harmons.



Shimer inducted into Lincoln Trail College Foundation Hall of Fame.



LTC holding dance camps this summer.

FBLA WINS NATIONAL AWARDS

Lincoln Trail College's Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate chapter is celebrating several awards after attending the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Orlando.

LTC's chapter took 7th place in the Outstanding Chapter Award. The Outstanding Chapter program is a series of membership engagement-focused challenges that chapters may complete for recognition. Tasks come from areas like recruitment, national programs, professional development, and chapter management.

The team of Krista Phillips and Madisyn McIntosh won first place in the Community Service project. This year's project was the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. LTC's chapter assisted qualifying residents with their taxes from February to April. The VITA program offers free tax assistance to low-to-moderate income, elderly, limited English-speaking taxpayers, and those with disabilities. Altogether, LTC completed 57 returns and processed more than \$54,000 in refunds.



UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- 7-8 Workshops**
- 13 New Student Orientation**
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 15 Fall Semester Classes Begin**
- 19 Counselor Chat**
12-1, Statesmen Grill
- 22 LTC Foundation Meeting**
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- Fall Show Auditions**
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 23 Fall Show Auditions**
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 27 Active Minds Meeting**
12-1 Statesmen Grill
- 28 Eagleton Book Club**
5:30 p.m., LTC Learning Commons
- 29 LTC Foundation Concert Series: Southern Cross**
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater

Vasco Bernardes and Faith Shull took 8th place in the State of the Chapter Presentation. That competition asks students to describe the chapter's program of work and summarize a year of activities. It covers things like recruitment, fundraising, leadership development, career exploration and preparation, and community service.

Shull, Phillips, and McIntosh teamed up in the Business Presentation and finished in 9th place. This year's topic had presenters imagine that ten years from now they are invited to a career day to present to students. Their seven-minute presentation was about their chosen career and information that would be pertinent to someone considering that career.

McIntosh finished in 10th place in the Foundations of Management competition, which is a 100-question multiple choice test covering a variety of competencies including communication, decision-making, group dynamics, leadership, structure, and policies and strategies.

"I am so proud of what our chapter accomplished," said chapter advisor Amie Mayhall. "I'm proud of the hard work and effort these students did to

prepare, present, and test. This was nice work and a great way to represent LTC!"

In addition to the competitive events, the students had the opportunity to attend workshops and heard from keynote speaker Gorick Ng. He is the Wall Street Journal Bestselling author of *The Unspoken Rules: Secrets to Starting your Career off Right*. The book was published by Harvard Business Review Press and named by Thinkers50 as one of the top 10 management books of 2022. Ng is a career advisor at Harvard College, specializing in coaching first-generation, low-income students. He is also a faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley.

SUMMER PROGRAMS SEE SUCCESS



Lincoln Trail College is celebrating the tremendous success of its summer programs, which have set the stage for future student enrollment. The Children's Summer Theater program captivated audiences with four sold-out shows, showcasing the remarkable talents of young actors and highlighting the community's enthusiasm for the arts.

The Explore a Welding Career program offered participants hands-on experience in welding, providing valuable skills and insights into a rewarding career

path. Similarly, the Explore a Broadband Career program immersed participants in the world of telecommunications, equipping them with knowledge and skills for this rapidly growing field. Both programs also gave students a chance to tour working sites.

The College for Kids program engaged young minds with a diverse range of educational and recreational activities, sparking curiosity and a love for learning. These programs not only enriched participants' lives but also created a pipeline for future enrollment at LTC.

Lincoln Trail College President Tona Ambrose expressed pride in the programs' success, noting their role in building a foundation for continued academic growth and community engagement. The high levels of participation and positive feedback underscore LTC's commitment to excellence and its vital role in the community, ensuring a promising future for student enrollment.

MILLER LAKE TRAILS NAMED IN HONOR OF HARMONS



Rod Harmon described Miller Lake as his legacy and now the trails surrounding the lake will be named in honor of him and his wife. Lincoln Trail College Foundation President Tony Pleasant surprised the Harmons at Rod's retirement party by announcing the trails will be named the Rod and Diana Harmon Tribute Trails.

Harmon retired this year as the Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation. He spent 47 years at LTC as first a faculty member and then as the Executive Director of the Foundation.

"I love you all," said Harmon. "This has been special and now we're going to have a tribute trail."

A new sign with a picture of Miller Lake and the story of the Harmons on one side and the story of Ivan Miller on the other side was put up the day after the retirement party.

"That [Miller Lake] was our first major project for the [Foundation] Board," said Harmon. "There was some discussion about what to do with Miller Lake and there were some on the board who thought we should just cut the levy, drain the lake, and fill it in."

Harmon said at that time the lake was not in good shape. "It was not very pretty. It wasn't inviting."

Harmon said he wanted to make Miller Lake a beautiful place. "I thought if we lost the lake, we would never get the lake back. I thank the board so much for their work."

He also made sure to thank his wife, Diana. "We have had a great time, and I couldn't go without saying something about Diana because she made it happen. I love her so much and she puts up with so much, I promise you."

While Harmon is retiring as the LTC Foundation's Executive Director, he is planning to stay on the Foundation Board. He's been working with Bill Sandiford, who is taking over as the Executive Director.

An emotional Harmon concluded his speech by thanking people.

"Thank you so much. What a wonderful surprise and what a wonderful evening. I appreciate you so much. Thank you."

SHIMER INDUCTED INTO LTC FOUNDATION HALL OF FAME



The Lincoln Trail College Foundation inducted Barbara Shimer into its Hall of Fame on June 11. Shimer has been involved with Lincoln Trail College as a student, an instructor, and a member of the Illinois Eastern Community College Board of Trustees.

Shimer graduated with High Honors from LTC in 1985 with an Associate of Science Degree. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Music Degree.

From 1992-2000 Shimer served as an adjunct music and theater instructor. During that time she directed eight Children's Summer Theater productions and with the Concert Choir performed major works with orchestra and combined choirs with Olney Central College and Vincennes University for multiple performances.

From 1999-2007 she worked with Robinson Unit Two Schools as a music and theater instructor. She taught music and fine arts classes to grades 3-12, led five choirs, revived the All-State music program at Robinson High School, started the 5th Grade Annual Musical, directed high school music and theater productions, 8th grade musicals, and multiple choral programs.

Shimer returned to Lincoln Trail College as a theater and music instructor from 2007-2018. While at LTC, she directed more productions than any other LTC theater director. She conceived and directed a 40 Years of Theater at LTC Reunion, which drew participants from across the nation. Shimer also started a collaboration with the Robinson High School building and trades classes in designing and building sets. She also volunteered for the Theater Renaissance project.

Since she retired from LTC, Shimer has been active in the community. She's served as a Community Resource Representative for the United Way of Crawford County since 2018. She serves as the chair of the Crawford County 100 Women Who Care, which makes donations to local non-profits. She also serves as an adjudicator for the District 5 Music Contest. Shimer joined the Illinois Eastern Community College Board of Trustees in 2021.

LTC OFFERS DANCE CAMPS

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Students ages 14-18 will get the chance to learn about the history of the style and dance it for themselves! Each class costs \$20. Register in the LTC Learning Commons.

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MUSICAL THEATRE CHOREOGRAPHY

JAZZ

MODERN

Jessica CHEESEMAN
MUSICAL THEATRE CHOREOGRAPHY
JULY 13, 12-4

Keegan TUCKER
JAZZ DANCE
JULY 20, 12-4

Lincoln "Jake" WRIGHT
MODERN DANCE
JULY 27, 12-4

The Arts at LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

The Arts at Lincoln Trail College is offering a trio of dance camps for students ages 14-18. Each class will be taught by a different instructor and will cover a different type of dance. Students will learn about the history of that style and have the opportunity to dance it during the camp.

The first camp is July 13 and covers musical theater choreography. The second camp is July 20 and covers jazz dancing and the final camp is July 27 and covers modern dance. Each camp runs from 12-4 p.m. and the cost of each camp is \$20.

Jessica Cheeseman is teaching the musical theater choreography camp on July 13. She serves as the color guard coach for Robinson High School and has taken Winterguard International courses on dance technique, floor movement, visual display, and flag/rifle technique. She has also choreographed 10 productions at Robinson High School and Lincoln Trail College including Grease, The Music Man, Aida, The Little Mermaid, South Pacific, and Chicago.

Keegan Tucker is teaching the jazz dance camp on July 20. Tucker has been dancing since he was a child, primarily focusing on jazz and tap. He started choreographing shows as a sophomore in high school and has served as the primary choreographer for Olney Central College for the last six years. In graduate school, Tucker took musical theater dance classes that focused on tap, ballet, and jazz for the musical stage. He's taken dance classes with Broadway's Ryan Steele (Newsies, An American in Paris) and Tony Nominee Robyn Hurder (Moulin Rouge, A Beautiful Noise).

Lincoln "Jake" Wright is teaching the modern dance class on July 27. He has been dancing and performing in musical theater for over 15 years and got his start choreographing during his senior year of high school. Wright has performed in South Bend and Indianapolis where he performed in several lead roles. Much of his focus turned to dance where he started in featured dancing roles, then became a dance captain, and then moved to assistant choreographer to lead choreographer. Wright considers Bob Fosse and Gene Kelly as inspirational figures.

Students interested in the camps can register by visiting the Learning Commons at Lincoln Trail College. Students do not need to register for all three camps – they can register for one or more of the camps.



AUGUST ATHLETIC EVENTS

Men's Soccer

23	at Iowa Western	7:30
29	at Indian Hills	3:00

Women's Soccer

25	vs. Motlow State (at Mt. Carmel)	12:00
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Volleyball

16	Alumni Game	6:00
23-24	at Rockford Tournament	TBD
26	Saint Mary of the Woods	6:00
28	at Frontier Community College	6:30

LTC HOSTS SOCCER CAMPS

Lincoln Trail College will hold a pair of soccer camps in August for kids from kindergarten through 12th grade. The camps will be held at Statesmen Park at Lincoln Trail College.

The first camp will be for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It will take place on August 5th and 7th from 6-7:30 p.m. each night.

The second camp is for students in 9th through 12th grades and takes place on August 6th and 8th from 6-7:30 p.m. each night.

The camp will be run by LTC soccer players and coaches and will help players develop their soccer skills.

The cost of the camp is \$50 and people can visit ltcathletics.com to register. Players will need to bring their own soccer balls for the camp.

ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL GAME PLANNED

Lincoln Trail College is excited to announce the annual Alumni Volleyball Game on August 16. LTC is inviting volleyball alumni to join in the fun.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity for former players to reconnect, reminisce, and showcase their volleyball skills once again," said LTC Volleyball Coach Dana Goodwin.

The Alumni Volleyball Game will take place at the Lincoln Trail College Sports Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. All volleyball alumni are encouraged to participate.

"This event aims to foster a sense of community and school spirit, bringing together generations of Lady Statesmen for an evening of camaraderie and friendly competition," said Goodwin. "We're thrilled to host this event and look forward to seeing many of our alumni return to campus."

Volleyball alumni are encouraged to wear Lincoln Trail College gear to show their school pride. Alumni with questions about the event can reach out to Goodwin by calling 618-544-8657 or by emailing goodwind@iecc.edu.

ARROYO HEADING TO SAINT THOMAS



Trinity Arroyo has officially signed to join the soccer program at Saint Thomas University.

Arroyo's decision to join Saint Thomas University was carefully considered, with proximity to home and the competitive atmosphere playing significant roles. She stated, "I found this college through NCSA and did some research. I wanted to be closer to home, so it worked out perfectly. I chose this school because it was closer to home and more my speed. After the visit and speaking with their coach, I felt like I would fit in. It's a very competitive atmosphere that I love because I like being pushed to be my best abilities."

During her time at Lincoln Trail, Trinity started 23 games out of 24 played in, and had 5 assists.

MELCHIORI TO SAINT PETER'S



Guilherme Melchiori has officially committed to Saint Peter's University following his graduation from Lincoln Trail College.

"I am looking forward to how this team plays. I'm excited to compete at the level they're competing at. I expect to get there, adjust to the level, and help the team win the

conference," he enthusiastically shared.

During Melchiori's time at Lincoln Trail, he started 27 of the 33 games he appeared in, had 27 goals and 4 assists.

WEBSTER HEADS TO EUREKA



Logan Webster has committed to continue her athletic and academic pursuits at Eureka College following her graduation.

Her commitment at Lincoln Trail has not only led to personal growth but has also been impacted by the entire soccer program at Lincoln Trail.

Reflecting on her journey, Webster expressed gratitude for the support she received at Lincoln Trail. "Honesty, Lincoln Trail made me a stronger player. Playing with girls who have so much grit and drive was a huge factor in me becoming a better player. Lincoln Trail gave me the opportunity to keep doing what I love and gave me the chance to meet so many different people. Having coaches and people who support your dreams and believe in you make a huge difference on and off the field. I am so grateful to have all of that here."

As a Statesmen, Logan started 20 games out of 25 appeared in and ended with one goal.

MCKENZIE SIGNS WITH RIO GRANDE



Madison McKenzie officially signed to further her academic and athletic career at the University of Rio Grande in Rio Grande in Ohio.

McKenzie's decision to join the RedStorm comes after careful consideration and a deep connection to both the soccer program and the educational opportunities offered at Rio

Grande. She expressed her excitement about the upcoming chapter in her life, citing the welcoming environment and strong programs as major factors in her decision-making process.

"The coach reached out to me after watching my highlights," said McKenzie, reflecting on the recruitment process. "My cousin is also going there so I knew about the school enough to look into it." This personal connection, combined with the coach's interest, played a significant role in solidifying her decision.

During her time at Lincoln Trail, she started 16 out of 17 games played, 4 goals and 5 assists.

LOVE SIGNS WITH HARRIS-STOWE



McKenzie Love has officially announced her commitment to join the soccer program at Harris-Stowe State University.

Love's decision to commit to Harris-Stowe State University was informed by careful consideration and a deep sense of alignment with the school's values and opportunities. She explained,

"I chose Harris-Stowe University because I felt it was the best fit for me. When I visited the school, I felt very happy knowing that I would be welcomed in by my new teammates and coach. I love the program and have heard from many people that this school is amazing. My new coach actually majored in Psychology, which is what I am majoring in, and he said that the program was very good."

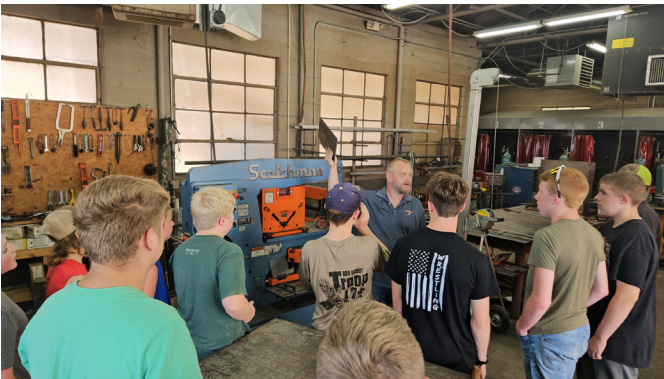
LTC IN PICTURES



Rod and Diana Harmon react seeing the sign that now hangs at Miller Lake dedicating the Rod and Diana Harmon Tribute Trail.



Students participating in College for Kids take some time to read a story.



Jackson Hemrich gives students a tour of the McCoy Welding Center during LTC's Explore a Welding Career event.



Students participating in Explore a Welding Career had a chance to try LTC's virtual welder and visit SENCO Construction.



Students had a chance to visit a fiber to the home project during LTC's Explore a Broadband Career event.



Students participating in LTC's Explore a Broadband Career pose with Connexus employees.



Children's Summer Theater went for an underwater adventure with a production of Disney and Pixar's Finding Nemo KIDS.



Children's Summer Theater had a spellbinding performance of Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR.