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LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 9, 2025

Ms. Tona Ambrose, Presiding

THE PROCESSIONAL.....	Brassmasters
WELCOME	Tona Ambrose President, Lincoln Trail College
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....	Tona Ambrose President, Lincoln Trail College
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Kylee Hosman Lincoln Trail College Class of '25
INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.....	Cyndi Boyce Dean of Instruction, Lincoln Trail College
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Nolan Hillard Lincoln Trail College Class of '25
STUDENT AWARDS.....	Tona Ambrose, Cyndi Boyce
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES/CERTIFICATES	Cyndi Boyce Dean of Instruction, Lincoln Trail College
THE AWARDING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES	
ANNOUNCING THE GRADUATES	Chris Forde Director of Marketing & Communication, Lincoln Trail College
CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES.....	Barb Shimer Board of Trustees, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
CLOSING REFLECTIONS	Cyndi Boyce Dean of Instruction, Lincoln Trail College
THE RECESSIONAL	Brassmasters Brass Quintet
<i>Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D</i> by Edward Elgar	

CLASS OF 2025

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE & ARTS

Chayse William Aldrich
Louison Jacques Beaumont
Madison Beck
Marlon Elias Bennett
Kyndal Rae Brewer
Brady Judson Carr
Cyrus Joesph Chester
Kelliann Kaden Clapp
Daniel Scott Davis
Bailey Ann Duke
Dane Garrett Ebel
Ronnie Deshawn Ellis
Harleigh Alexis Haddix
Anna Jean Marie Hargrave
Kevin J. Hilton
Dawn Ajel Holmes
Khamryn Zahiere Hopkins
Kylee May Hosman
Aleah Rosa Inboden
Jaedlynn Jo Irvine
Avery George Jahraus
Aurora Lynn Teter
Coltyn Dwayne Meadows
Benjamin William Meier
Brooke Emily Miller
Samiah Mylesa Mitchell
Evan Nicholas Moore
Maecee Belle Neighbors
Candice Kay Newlin

Austin James Oden
Gabriel Oluwatobi Omoregie
Garrett O'Rourke
Jazmin Amorita Osborn
Rodney Lorenzo Rachel
Levi Wayne Richardson
Samuel Liam Rickman
Robert Earl Riddle
Griffin M. Schabel
Kassey J. Shipman
Maci Lynn Smith
Adyson Sue Smith
Gracie Shaye Stallings
Sara Joan Swinger
Kendyn Scout Syfert
Macy Jane Thompson
Cole Richard Tingley
Hayden Michael Trier
Aiden Joseph Vandehatert
Brynndalynn Rose Varner
Jazmin A. Vega
Isaac Harper Waggoner
Cody Robert Waggoner
Paige Erin Waggoner
Elijah Michael White
David Mark Eugene Ortega Wilson
Kendrick Ray Wimberly
Kaydence Renee Woodsmall

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

James Michael Nugent
Autumn Rose Stevenson

Sean Bradley Stone
Joelee Lauren Wiseman

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Joseph Cole Bonds
Evan Jacob Daugherty
Daniel Scott Davis
Erika Nicole Garrard
Justin Melvin Hoevel

Maxwell Anthony Layne
Gracie Arlene Lemmon
Hayden Lee Slate
Hayden Michael Trier
Carsen Benjamin Wickline

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES

Haley Marie Anderson
Barbara Ann Golish
Harleigh Alexis Haddix
Inchun Han
Caitlin Nicole Hendrickson
Madalyn Marie Miller

Rebecca L. Newlin
Olivia Kay Riggle-Jahn
Jeremy Lee Schwartz
Amelita Marie Shanes
Stacie Louise Stewart

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Adrienne Roxanne Joslin

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE NURSING

Ella Rae Baxter
Selina Nicole Coombes
Nolan Patrick Hillard
NaTosha D. Holt
Hannah Sue Houser
Jennifer Joan McVey

Mollie Marie Pittman
Jordan Alexis Schottman
Joseph Aaron Scott
Chelsea Francine Wesley
Rachel Brianna Wilson

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Kashtyn Tammille Perisho

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

Branden Christopher Baker
Kacie Moore Cox
Madison Leigh Davis
Reeve Kyler Dennis

Clayton Joseph Allen Gaiter
Jerrett David Ping
Garrett Wayne Winterrowd

CERTIFICATE BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT

Kaiden Michael Anderson-Wisnewski
Courtney Casper
Alia Carolyn Crosley
Layton Robert Crumrin

Lilly Raine Garrard
Milaina Mattilynn Kramme
Jennifer Steinkamp

CERTIFICATE BROADBAND TECHNICIAN

Collin Scott Alger
Jonas Blayze Bachelor
Kaden Chase Bonesteel
Daniel Lee Hemrich

Jeremiah Scott Patterson Jr.
Lucas Andrew Smith
Gavin Lee Wright

CERTIFICATE COMBINATION TECHNICIAN

Robert Gunner Eller
Justin Ray Howell

Kyle Ryan Kilpatrick

CERTIFICATE MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Amber Mae Greenwell
Breanna Lynn Heath

Adrienne Roxanne Joslin

CERTIFICATE PRACTICAL NURSING

Sidney Breann Akers
Steven Aiden Birchfield
Marissa Marie Daugherty
Marie Elizabeth Galyen
Victoria Jill Goodman
Jessica Sue Harden
Kyleigh Breann Johnson
Elizabeth M. Kocher

Zoe Jean Elizabeth Martin
Emily Christine McColpin
Cheyanne Nicole McDonald
Amada Sue Pringle
Tiann Marie Shipman
Makhayla Lynn Skinner
Amanda Dawn Wineinger

CERTIFICATE PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

Skylar Kade Harmon

CERTIFICATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Addyson Grace Brush
Maddox K. Pargin
Khyzaiah Gregory James Poole

Jameson Michael Poorman
Kadin James Danielle Thacker
Chase Allen Wimberly

CERTIFICATE WELDING

Elijah Michael Bearden
Blake Isaac Buchanan
Dylan Robert Casarotto
Shawn Joseph Divine
Hunter David Ivers
Owen Henry Lathrop
Kody Lane Lewis
Hunter Lane McBride

Kaden Levi Miller
Merle Verdean Newman
Samuel Dennis Owens
Kreighton Evan Parker
Noah Avery Schick
Brandon Lee Thacker
Camden Porter Tiffany

GRADUATION MARSHALS

Leigh Carnes
Samantha Craig

Luis De Oliveira
Josh Silva

BRASSMASTERS BRASS QUINTET

Cartha Gustafson
Michael Livingston
Tim McCormick

Heather Setzer
Andy Whittington

HONORS RECIPIENTS

HIGHEST HONORS

Students with a GPA 4.0

Collin Scott Alger
Addyson Grace Brush
Kelliann Kaden Clapp
Madison Leigh Davis
Robert Guner Divine
Khamryn Zahiere Hopkins
Milania Mattilynn Kramme
Garrett O'Rourke

Samuel Dennis Owens
Lucas Andrew Smith
Adyson Sue Smith
Autumn Rose Stevenson
Sean Bradley Stone
Kadin James Danielle Thacker
Brynndalynn Rose Varner
Paige Erin Waggoner

HIGH HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.75-3.99

Chayse William Aldrich
Louison Jacques Beaumont
Bailey Ann Duke
Andrew Michael Gilliam
Kylee May Hosman
Gracie Arlene Lemmon
Benjamin William Meier

Rebecca L. Newlin
Jazmin Amorita Osborn
Samuel Liam Rickman
Gracie Shaye Stallings
Elijah Michael White
David Mark Eugene Ortega Wilson

HONORS

Students with a GPA of 3.50-3.74

Jonas Blayze Bachelor
Elijah Michael Bearden
Steven Aiden Birchfield
Joseph Cole Bonds
Kaden C. Bonesteel
Blake Isaac Buchanan
Marissa Marie Daugherty
Shawn Joseph Divine
Erika Nicole Garrard
Barbara Ann Golish
Harleigh Alexis Haddix
Dawn Ajel Holmes
Kyleigh Breann Johnson
Maxwell Anthony Lane
Hunter Lane McBride

Cheyenne Nicole McDonald
Samiah Mylesa Mitchell
Gabriel Oluwatobi Omoregie
Kreighton Evan Parker
Jeremiah Scott Patterson Jr.
Kashtyn Tammille Perisho
Khyzaiah Gregory James Poole
Levi Wayne Richardson
Jeremy Lee Schwartz
Kassey J. Shipman
Maci Lynn Smith
Kendyn Scout Syfert
Cole Richard Tingley
Aiden Joseph Vandehatert
Kaydence Renee Woodsmall

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

THE JOSEPH C. PILAND EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: LUCAS ANDREW SMITH TRANSFER: KELLIANN CLAPP

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 SEAN STONE

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 KYLEE HOSMAN

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!

VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Levi Wayne Richardson

IECC STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The IECC Student Advisory Board is comprised of students from each of the IECC campuses. The ISAB serves as a liaison between the collective student body and the IECC's Board of Trustees, administration, and faculty in order to maintain the best learning environment for all students and ensure productive and quality programs and activities within the IECC.

Kylee Hosman
Adyson Smith
Sean Stone

Dymond Waiters
Ace Zink

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges, recognizing academic excellence and providing leadership, scholarship, and service opportunities for high-achieving students. To qualify, students must have completed at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Chayse William Aldrich
Ella Rae Baxter
Joseph Cole Bonds
Madison Leigh Davis
Andrew Michael Gilliam
Kevin J. Hilton
Kylee May Hosman
Maxwell Anthony Layne
Gracie Arlene Lemmon
Zoe Jean Elizabeth Martin
Cheyanne Nicole McDonald
Benjamin William Meier
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Samuel Liam Rickman

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government serves as the official voice of the student body at Lincoln Trail College. Members represent student interests and promote campus involvement.

Chayse Aldrich
Bailey Duke
Ronnie Ellis
Justin Hoevel
Kylee Hosman
James Nugent

Gabriel Omoregie
Kendyn Syfert
Aurora Teter
Brynndalyn Varner
Issac Waggoner

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed to help eligible college students succeed through academic support, mentoring, and personal development resources.

Kelliann Clapp
Jaedlynn Irvine
Zoe Martin
Brooke Miller

Kassey Shipman
Adyson Smith
Joelee Wiseman

LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE PERSONNEL

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Austin Alexander
Reno Bemont
Brooke Bower
Carrie Brown
Tyler Browning
Jena Combs
Jared Gullett

Elaine Hasty
Abigail Holdrieth
Laurie Jenkins
Tina Lindley
Travis Matthews
Amie Mayhall
Anuradha Roy

Kimberley Schucker
Philip Thorsen
Kathleen White
Angie Williams
Connor York
Dennis York

PART-TIME FACULTY

Kimberly Ahlert
Michael Bach
Matias Carrasco-Kind
Angela Compton
Andrew Gaines

Brenda Harris
Teresa Hoecherl
Monte Newlin
Yvonne Newlin
Roselene Quick

Julia Randolph
Stacey Robinson-Rickman
Marcia Thorsen
Keegan Tucker
Aaron White

FULL-TIME STAFF

Tona Ambrose
Cyndi Boyce
Jamie Carman
Tana Coleman
Junsie Cotten
Julie Courtney
Jandi Cravens
Taylor Dahlberg
Danelle Davis
Rachel Dollahan
Grae Drake
Chris Ellington

Chris Forde
Jesus Gonzalez
Rena Gower
Rachel Greenwood
Jackson Hemrich
Jamie Henry
Autumn Hoalt
Collyn Jewell
Caleb Kamplain
Angel Kerner
Collin Maynard
David Mullins

Kelly Mullins
Taylor Newlin
Jayden Pinkston
Krystle Riggle
Jackie Shamhart
Erin Volk
Michael Wagaman
Colin Walls
Heather Watts
Michelle Woods
Candice Young
Robin Zachary

PART-TIME STAFF

Erica Arnold
Zach Bennett
Jimmy Chapman
Tori Courtney
Ryan Curry
Grace Dudley
Doug Edwards

Dana Goodwin
Dalton Hendrix
Paige Hensley
Amanda Miller
Ron Miller
Jay Prindable
Jennifer Saad

Mark Shea
Harry Smith
Kristi Weidner-Rawlings
Sam Wells
Christine White
Josiah Wright

GRADUATION TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic regalia includes a gown, hood, and cap or tam. The hood represents the degree and discipline, along with the school attended. The velvet edge indicates the academic field, the satin lining shows the school's colors, and the overall size and shape reflect the level of degree earned. Regalia for individuals with doctorates is slightly different, featuring gowns with velvet panels and bars on the sleeves, as well as the option to wear a soft velvet tam instead of a traditional mortarboard. The color of the tassel reflects the academic discipline of the wearer.

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

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 Travis Matthews.

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.

Gold Cords and Gold Tassel: Highest Honors

Silver Cords: High Honors

Bronze Cords: Honors

Red, White, and Blue Cords: Veteran of the Armed Forces

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



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