



## HIGHLIGHTS



LTC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter earns awards as a chapter and for student project.



Lincoln Trail College Young Adult Theater prepares for first show.



New Lady Statesmen coach Daniel Shugars brings vision and heart to the program.

## LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE FOUNDATION INDUCTS NEW HALL OF FAME CLASS

**T**he Lincoln Trail College Foundation celebrated the newest members of its Hall of Fame and introduced a new honor, the Patrons of the Statesmen, during a ceremony recognizing alumni and supporters who have made a lasting impact on the College and its students.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include brothers Andrew "Andy" Corn and Ryan Corn, along with David Hasty. The College also honored Ken and the late Barb Hohlbaugh as the inaugural Patrons of the Statesmen for their extraordinary commitment to LTC Athletics and student success.

With the induction of Andy and Ryan Corn, the Corn family becomes the first family to have all of its members represented in the Hall of Fame. Don Corn was inducted as part of the inaugural class in 1994, and Melanie Corn followed in 2004. "The Corn family has demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to Lincoln Trail College," said Bill Sandiford, Executive Director of the LTC Foundation. "They've shaped the lives of students for decades—through education,

## UPCOMING AUGUST EVENTS

- 1 **Descendants the Musical**  
7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
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7 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 5 **Dual Credit Orientation**  
6 p.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 9 **Hunter Safety Training**  
8 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 11 **International Student Orientation**  
9:30 a.m., Statesmen Grill
- Moonlight Mondays**  
4-8 p.m.
- 13 **District Workshop at Olney Central College**
- 14 **Lincoln Trail College Faculty/Staff Workshop**  
8 a.m., Statesmen Grill
- 18 **Moonlight Mondays**  
4-8 p.m.
- 19 **New Student Orientation**  
8 a.m., Zwermann Arts Center Theater
- 21 **Fall Semester Classes Begin**
- Donut Stress with TRIO SSS**  
8:30-9:30 a.m., Williams Hall
- 22 **Board Games & Ice Cream**  
1-3 p.m., Learning Commons
- 25 **Welcome Back Blast & Club Rush**  
11-1, The Triangle
- Moonlight Mondays**  
4-8 p.m.
- 27 **Eagleton Book Club**  
6 p.m., Learning Commons
- Pool Party**  
7-9 p.m., Crawford County Recreation Center
- 28 **Lincoln Trail College Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
- Student Senate Movie Night**  
6 p.m., Statesmen Grill
- 29 **Pickleball Fun**  
7-8 p.m., Crawford County Recreation Center

mentorship, and service to our campus community."

Andy Corn, a 2003 graduate who went on to earn his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from SIUE, credited LTC with giving him the space to grow and find his direction. "LTC introduced me to a world of collegiate athletes," said Corn. "It led my family to open our home to those students—offering them meals, a place to relax, and a second home. A lot of them became family."



Andy Corn

Ryan Corn, a 1998 graduate and current Inspection Supervisor with Marathon Petroleum, reflected on how LTC helped him bridge the gap between adolescence and adulthood. "I always dreamed of going to a big school, but LTC was exactly what I needed," said Corn. "Those two years helped me grow up, set priorities, and prepare for success at the University of Illinois and beyond."



Ryan Corn

David Hasty, who graduated in 1983 with an Associate in Science degree, spent his career as a Spanish instructor and as a quiet force for good in his community. "My decision to come to LTC was absolutely the Best Decision Ever," Hasty told attendees. "I've always told my own students that I had just as good of teachers at LTC as I did at my four-year university."



David Hasty

The Foundation also introduced a new category of recognition this year—Patrons of the Statesmen—to honor non-alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary support for the College and its students.

Ken and Barb Hohlbaugh were named the first-ever inductees.





Ken Hohlbaugh

The Hohlbaughs were instrumental in forming the LTC Athletic Booster Club and created housing opportunities for student-athletes, often furnishing apartments themselves and treating students like family.

"Barb was the driving force behind so many of our efforts," said Ken Hohlbaugh. "She didn't just support the students—she believed in them. When we saw needs—whether it was uniforms, food, or a place to live—Barb stepped in and made it happen. She always said if you're going to do something, do it with heart."

"Ken and Barb didn't just support LTC students—they adopted them," said Sandiford. "They made sure students had food, clothes, and a safe place to live. Barb even made sure the homes had coffeemakers and framed photos on the walls. Their care was personal, thoughtful, and incredibly meaningful."

Sandiford said the new Patrons of the Statesmen category is designed to recognize individuals like the Hohlbaughs whose service to LTC goes far beyond traditional volunteerism. "This new honor allows us to celebrate those who give generously of themselves—not just their time or money—to make Lincoln Trail College feel like home."

For more information about the Lincoln Trail College Foundation, visit [lincolntailcollegefoundation.com](http://lincolntailcollegefoundation.com).



The Corn Family, Ryan, Don, Melanie, and Ryan, became the first family to be inducted into the LTC Foundation Hall of Fame

## LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE HALL OF FAME RECIPIENTS

1994:  
Susan Polgar, Mike Shimer, Don Corn

1995:  
Jane Branson, William Knight, Clark Pulliam

1996:  
Stephen King, Mark Shaner, Byron Tracy

1997:  
Debra Lowrance, Kevin McConnell, Rick Pearce

1998:  
Helen Howe, Yvonne Mikeworth, Kevin Sanders

1999:  
Franklin Mooney

2000:  
Phuong Quick, Bill Sandiford

2001:  
Eric Leggit, Roger Kull

2002:  
Mark Hall, Chris Knollenberg

2003:  
Deborah Valley, Cheryl Hamilton, Jackie Davis

2004:  
Melanie Corn

2005:  
Chris Whitney, Tommy Armour III

2006:  
Randy Rich, Dr. James Lindsey

2007:  
Von Meeks, Dean Tye

2008:  
Darla Tracy

2009:  
Carolyn Hamilton

2013:  
Jared Guyer

2015:  
Connie Calvert, Jay Coakley

2016:  
Yvonne Newlin

2017:  
Thomas Redman

2021:  
Michael Tracy

2024:  
Barbara Graves Shimer

2025:  
David Hasty, Andy Corn, Ryan Corn

## LTC PHI THETA KAPPA CHAPTER HONORED

Lincoln Trail College's Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has once again been named a Five Star Chapter, the highest level of recognition awarded by the international honor society. The chapter also received a prestigious College Project Award for its student-led initiative to improve campus food options.

"It is a great honor to be named a Five Star Chapter again," said chapter co-advisor Carrie Brown. "It demonstrates the hard work and dedication that our students have put into achieving this goal."



Chapters must meet rigorous standards in five categories—Reach, Network, Engage, Lead, and Discover—to earn the Five Star distinction. LTC's chapter achieved this by participating in regional events, completing professional development courses, and submitting award entries for both a College Project and an Honors in Action project.

"This says that our students strive to put their hard work and dedication into this achievement by working countless hours outside of school to improve their leadership skills," said Brown. "They are dedicated to improving our PTK chapter here at LTC."



The College Project, which earned separate recognition, focused on enhancing food service options at the Statesmen Grill. PTK students researched offerings at peer institutions, surveyed the LTC student body about their dining preferences, and presented their findings to campus leadership and food service staff.

"Our chapter created a 10-question survey to learn more about student dining needs and preferences," said Brown. "The results guided a discussion with our food services team to explore what new options could be implemented."

The achievement reflects the strength of LTC's academic community and the dedication of its student leaders. Phi Theta Kappa honors high-achieving students at two-year colleges, and the Five Star designation recognizes chapters that go above and beyond in engagement, leadership, and service.



## YOUNG ADULT THEATER PRESENTS DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL



Lincoln Trail College is excited to announce the cast for its first-ever Young Adult Theater production, Disney's *Descendants: The Musical*, set to take the stage August 1 and 2 at the Zwermann Arts Center Theater.

Directed by Taylor Dahlberg, the production brings together local young talent to perform in a high-energy musical based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies. The show blends comedy, adventure, and hit songs as it follows the teenage children of infamous villains—Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil—who must decide whether to follow in their parents' footsteps or forge their own path toward goodness.

"This is an exciting new addition to our theater programming," said Dahlberg. "It fills an important gap for students who have aged out of our Children's Summer Theater program but still want to perform. This gives these students a space to continue growing as performers, work with their peers, and take on more advanced roles in a supportive, creative environment."

The cast features Makenzi Carlen as Mal, Bri Carter as Evie, Al Crosley as Jay, and Tobin Bales as Carlos. Other leading roles include Ashtyn Reid as Maleficent, Jane Sutfin as Grimhilde, Dylan Batten as Jafar

and King Beast, Cara Batten as Cruella De Vil, and Cohlson Fearday as Ben.

Additional cast members include Claire Carter (Queen Belle), Corbyn Patterson (Fairy Godmother), Madison Hayes (Jane), Anna Osborn (Chad), Anna Bales (Audrey), Chloe Davis (Doug), Ariel Clayton (Royal Page), Kinley Bradbury (Maurice), Isabel Hill (Coach), and Brylee Tingley (Snow White).

Ensemble members include Madisun McCullough, Izzy Bastile, Lena Kreighbaum, Brylee Tingley, Isabel Hill, Kinley Bradbury, Ariel Clayton, Claire Carter, Dylan Batten, Cara Batten, Jane Sutfin, and Ashtyn Reid.

Performances of *Disney's Descendants: The Musical* will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2. Tickets will be available online at [cur8.com](http://cur8.com).

For more information about the Young Adult Theater program or upcoming performances, contact the Lincoln Trail College Box Office at 618-544-8657.

## LTC PREPARING TO WELCOME STUDENTS BACK TO CAMPUS



As Lincoln Trail College prepares for the upcoming academic year, students can look forward to a blend of helpful resources and exciting activities designed to set them up for success.

The 2025-26 school year kicks off with New Student Orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event introduces new students to campus life, student support services, and academic expectations.

"Orientation is a great way for students to get comfortable on campus and

start building connections," said Rena Gower, Director of the Learning Commons. "We want them to feel confident and supported as they begin this next chapter."

Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 21, and Lincoln Trail College is marking the occasion with ten days of events that are both informative and fun. Gower said the goal is to help students engage with their peers, meet faculty and staff, and learn about the opportunities available at LTC.

The schedule includes:

- **Aug. 21:** Donut Stress with TRIO SSS – Learn about TRIO Student Support Services and see if you qualify. (8:30–9:30 a.m., Williams Hall)
- **Aug. 22:** Board Games and Ice Cream – Enjoy a sweet treat and casual games with friends. (1–3 p.m., Learning Commons)
- **Aug. 25:** Welcome Back Blast and Club Rush – Meet student organizations and grab a free lunch. (11 a.m.–1 p.m., Outside Williams Hall)
- **Aug. 26:** Volleyball Home Opener – Wear LTC gear and cheer on the Lady Statesmen as they take on Southeastern Illinois College. (6:30 p.m., Sports Center)
- **Aug. 27:** Student Pool Party – Relax and socialize at the Crawford County Recreation Center. (7–9 p.m.)
- **Aug. 28:** Movie Night – Join Student Senate for a movie at the Statesmen Grill. (6 p.m.)
- **Aug. 29:** Pickleball Fun – Play and mingle at the Crawford County Recreation Center. (7–8 p.m.)
- **Sept. 2:** Trail Dog Day – Enjoy lunch at the Statesmen Grill, then support the volleyball team in the Orange Out against John A. Logan. (Game at 6:30 p.m.)
- **Sept. 3:** Self-Care 101 with Jamie Barbee – Enjoy pizza and tips for academic and personal success. (12 p.m.)
- **Sept. 4:** Rubber Duck Dunk – Students who attend events can earn ducks and enter a contest. (3 p.m., Crawford County Recreation Center)

In addition to the special events, the Learning Commons will be available for students needing help with Entrata and Canvans, along with those who need to talk about ADA accommodations, IEPs, and 504 plans.

"We want students to know they're not alone," said Gower. "Whether they need academic help, a sense of community, or just a break from the books, we're here to help them thrive."

## ***IECC PREPARES FOR DUAL CREDIT ORIENTATIONS***

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High school students taking dual credit classes at Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College will get the chance to prepare with dual credit orientations. FCC, LTC, and OCC will host in-person sessions and there will also be virtual sessions.

"Dual Credit Orientation is an introduction to what college classes are like," says IECC Director of Dual Credit Erin Volk. "College classes are a change for high school students, and we want them to be prepared so they can be successful."

IECC personnel who work with dual credit students will be in attendance during in-person orientations to present important information to the students and their parents and guardians.

"We want students to get prepared to start the year off right," says IECC Director of Dual Credit Megan Black. "The dual credit orientation sessions will help students learn how to be successful, understand important details of dual credit, and get an opportunity to visit campus ahead of starting classes."

The orientation sessions will give students a chance to meet key support staff, learn about their responsibilities and expectations in class, and review the academic calendar. The sessions also cover Entrata and Canvas, and cover accommodations for students with IEPs and 504 plans. Students attending the in-person sessions will get a chance to tour the campus.

There are in-person Dual Credit Orientation sessions on August 5 at Frontier Community College and Lincoln Trail College. FCC's session is at 1 p.m. and LTC's session is at 6 p.m. Olney Central College hosts a Dual Credit Orientation on August 7 at 1 p.m. There are online Dual Credit Orientations at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on August 12. Students can register for sessions online at [iecc.edu/dc](https://iecc.edu/dc).

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## ***SHUGARS BRINGS VISION AND HEART TO LADY STATESMEN BASKETBALL***

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When Daniel Shugars steps onto the court, he brings more than a whistle and a game plan—he brings a purpose.

"I've always loved the game of basketball," he says, "but what truly drew me to coaching was the chance to impact lives. Helping student-athletes grow on and off the court is what drives me every day."

That passion is now fueling a new era for Lincoln Trail College Women's Basketball, as Shugars takes the helm as head coach of the Lady Statesmen. With over 15 years of experience at both the high school and collegiate levels, Shugars is no stranger to the challenges—and rewards—of building strong, competitive programs.

Shugars comes to LTC from Riverdale High School in Louisiana, where he served as the head boys basketball coach. Before that, he led the girls basketball program at The Willow School in New Orleans, overseeing teams from 5th through 12th grade. His résumé also includes assistant coaching roles at Oglethorpe University and Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, as well as summer work at elite camps including Georgia Tech and Breakthrough Basketball.





"I love being part of their journey during such a formative time in their lives," Shugars says of his players. "Student-athletes are juggling academics, athletics, and personal growth. To be a mentor during that process is a privilege I don't take lightly."

At Lincoln Trail, Shugars is focused on laying a foundation of culture and accountability. He's not looking for shortcuts—he's building for the long haul.

"My immediate goals are all about culture," he explains. "I want to establish a foundation of hard work, communication, and mutual respect. From there, we'll focus on player development, building chemistry, and competing at a high level every single game."

He believes that success starts with relationships. His approach? Know your players, invest in their growth, and create a team identity rooted in shared purpose.

"I'll spend a lot of time getting to know each athlete individually," Shugars says. "We'll create a space where players support each other and understand the value of playing for something bigger than themselves."

Off the court, Shugars has a track record of academic mentorship and life preparation. More than 20 student-athletes he's coached have gone on to earn college scholarships across all levels of collegiate basketball.

"I believe in developing the whole person," he says. "On the court, I focus on fundamentals and basketball IQ. Off the court, I make sure they're staying on track academically, managing their time, and setting themselves up for life after basketball."

As for recruiting, Shugars has a clear vision of the type of athlete he wants in a Lady Statesmen uniform.

"I look for players who are hungry—athletically and academically," he says. "I want competitors who are coachable, committed, and understand the value of education. Once they're here, it's about creating a culture they want to be part of."

That culture, he says, is what will define the program for years to come.

"Success for me means growth—individually and as a team. Wins are important, but creating a sustainable program built on strong values is the bigger goal."

Shugars invites the community to be part of that journey.

"This program will be known for its toughness, its togetherness, and its heart," he says. "We're going to play hard, play smart, and represent Lincoln Trail with pride."





## AUGUST ATHLETIC EVENTS

### Men's Soccer

8	Jefferson College	3:00
16	at Oakland City University	11:00
18	at Lindsey Wilson College	6:00
22	at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology	6:00
26	at St. Charles Community College	5:00
30	at Parkland College	2:00

### Volleyball

23	at Rockford Tournament	12/6:15
24	at Rockford Tournament	9:30/11:30
25	Southeastern Illinois College	6:30
27	at Lake Land	6:30

### Women's Soccer

8	Jefferson College	1:00
16	at Oakland City University	1:00
21	at Columbia State Community College	7:00
26	at St. Charles Community College	3:00
31	Southwest Tennessee Community College	1:30

## OMOREGIE COMMITS TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS



Lincoln Trail College men's basketball standout Gabe Omoregie has committed to continue his academic and athletic career at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn.

Omoregie, a 6'4" forward, made a major impact during his two years with the Statesmen. He averaged 15.2 points per game while shooting an efficient 54.9% from the field. His dominance on the boards set him apart—

he led Region 24 in rebounding at 9.4 per game, ranking 16th nationally. His performances earned him All-Conference and All-Region honors.

"Christian Brothers is getting an outstanding basketball player, but more importantly, a phenomenal young man," said LTC Head Coach Junsie Cotten. "Gabe's character and attitude speak to who he is as a person. He embodies everything you want in a student-athlete."

Cotten described Omoregie as the best rebounder he's ever coached and praised his ability to score both inside and out as instrumental to the team's success.

"I am grateful to have coached him for the last two years at Lincoln Trail College," said Cotten. "His best is yet to come."

## WILLIAMS COMMITS TO UDC



Lincoln Trail College guard Ty Williams is set to join the University of the District of Columbia men's basketball program, following a standout sophomore season with the Statesmen.

Williams emerged as one of the top players in Region 24, leading the team in multiple statistical categories. He averaged 17.1 points, 4.5 assists, and 2.4 steals per game—the latter ranking 15th nationally. He also led the team in free-throw percentage at 84.3%. His all-around performance earned him All-Conference and All-Region recognition.

"Ty Williams is an elite combo guard who will do great things at the University of the District of Columbia," said LTC Head Coach Junsie Cotten. "He is one of the most resilient human beings I know,

and I applaud him for staying the course after getting injured early in his career."

Cotten said Williams' leadership and production on the court will be missed, but expressed confidence in his future.

"I am anticipating great things in the future," said Cotten. "His impact on our program will be missed."



## LTC IN PICTURES



A young welder puts skills into action during a hands-on session at LTC's Youth Welding Camp.



Capri Ramsey, a Lincoln Trail College Welding student, shares her expertise with a camp participant during a hands-on project.



Participants in LTC's Youth Welding Camp for grades 7-9 proudly pose outside the welding lab after completing their projects.



This group of future tradespeople gained hands-on experience and technical skills at Lincoln Trail College's welding camp for grades 9-12.



Young performers take center stage in a fun-filled scene from *The Aristocats Kids* at Lincoln Trail College.



Students wowed the audience with their performance of *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* as part of Lincoln Trail College's Children's Summer Theater.



The full cast and crew of *The Aristocats Kids* gather for a group photo following their fun-filled production at LTC's Children's Summer Theater.



The full team behind *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* gathers for a group photo following their colorful and imaginative production at LTC.