

# Circle of Friends

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## A golden year with more success to come

We are ever grateful for the generosity of community friends who believe that Lincoln Land Community College is worthy of their investment. For 50 years, Lincoln Land Community College has been serving our communities. It is a milestone that is possible because of visionaries, board members, faculty, staff, students and community members who believed.

Lincoln Land Community College was founded in February 1967. The college's first classes were held in fall 1968 at a temporary campus consisting of metal buildings near Route 72 and 6th Street in Springfield, moving to our current main campus in 1974.

We have come a long way since then, expanding from two buildings to the current 17, including facilities in Springfield's downtown and airport, as well as Jacksonville, Beardstown, Taylorville, Litchfield and Hillsboro.

We kicked off our celebration at the beginning of the school year with a very special guest. Bill Ames, the first LLCC student, still carries his LLCC student ID with the number 00001. He credits LLCC with starting him on the right path to a 30-year career in accounting.

Our Founders' Day event will mark the college's official birthday. Our



*Dr. Charlotte Warren, LLCC President*

I cordially invite you to join us Saturday, February 18, as we celebrate Founders' Day.

commemorative 50th anniversary book will also make its debut that day and we invite you to pick up a copy.

Thank you for your continued belief in LLCC and our students and for playing a major role in our storied history. As a first-generation college graduate myself, I am still very thankful for those who believed in the value of education and gave me a strong start that led me here to Lincoln Land Community College. I am proud to lead this incredible institution!

For 50 years, our communities have stood by our side. We continue to honor our history, treasure our past and are truly excited about what lies ahead!

Join us

**May 6, 2017**

for the 50th Anniversary edition of the  
**LLCC Foundation Gala**



It's a

**MAD PARTY**  
You would be MAD to miss it!

**\$125 per person**

**Tickets and sponsorships available**

**217.786.2785**

**LLCC.Foundation@llcc.edu**

**llccfoundation.org**

**Be a part of our history and help students for generations to come.**

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STONES

Purchase your brick at [www.llccfoundation.org/stepping-stones](http://www.llccfoundation.org/stepping-stones) or call 217.786.2785.

Supporting LLCC students and programs through the LLCC Foundation "Grow Beyond" Endowment Fund

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## Ag Career Expo

The Foundation would like to thank the sponsors of the Agriculture Career Expo held at the college November 22.

- Brandt
- Canteen Vending
- Christian County Farmers Supply Company
- First National Bank of Litchfield
- Growmark
- Illinois Pork Producers Association
- M & M Service Company
- Subway

More than 200 students from area high schools within LLCC's 15-county district



attended the event and participated in mini-lessons in agronomy, ag mechanics and animal science. They also met with ag faculty and professionals in the field and toured campus.



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## New board members welcomed; officers elected

At its December annual meeting, the ALLCC Foundation Board of Directors welcomed new members and bid farewell to others. For their dedicated service on behalf of LLCC students, the group recognized outgoing board members Kyle Killebrew and Jackie Richie.

Ken Elmore of Waggoner was installed as Board Chair for 2017. Tim Schroeder of Springfield was elected Vice Chair and Ronda Folkerts of Springfield was elected Treasurer. Four community friends also joined the Board.

Kathy Dierkes of Chatham is the Chief Financial Officer at M.J. Kellner in Springfield. She has worked there for 15 years



and is also a certified public accountant. Kathy and her husband have three children, one an LLCC graduate, with her youngest a current student.

Mitch Rogers of Springfield is the Administrator of Cardiovascular Services for Memorial Health System. Mitch holds an associate's degree in Nursing from LLCC, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees from Benedictine University. Mitch and his wife have two sons and two daughters.



Jennifer Stice of Ashland is Assistant Vice President and Senior Trust Officer at Town and Country Bank. She has been with Town and Country for nine years and has worked in banking for 12

years. Jennifer is a graduate of Western Illinois University and also holds an MBA from the University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS). Jennifer and her husband have three children.



Mitch Wernsing of Springfield is Corporate Controller of Bunn-O-Matic Corporation serving there since 1995. He is originally from Harvel and grew up on his family's farm. Mitch is an LLCC alum and holds a bachelor's degree from Sangamon State University, now UIS. He has two grown daughters.



## Annual scholarship appreciation reception

In November, the Foundation held its annual Scholarship Donor Appreciation Reception, honoring our generous supporters and connecting them with their student recipients. More than 200 students receive scholarship support from the LLCC Foundation annually.

The application period for scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year is now open. The deadline to apply is March 1. The online application is available on the Foundation website at [www.llccfoundation.org](http://www.llccfoundation.org).



Please join us as Lincoln Land Community College celebrates . . .

# FOUNDERS' DAY

1 p.m. • Saturday, February 18

LLCC Student Union

Menard Hall

5250 Shepherd Road • Springfield



### FEATURING . . .

- THE LLCC BIG BAND
- TIME CAPSULE OPENING
- HISTORIC DISPLAY OF LLCC MEMORABILIA
- WOMEN'S (1 P.M.) & MEN'S (3 P.M.) BASKETBALL GAMES AND INTRODUCTION OF THE 2017 CLASS OF THE LLCC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME