Sail Away is Theme for 17th Annual Gala

Welcome aboard ladies and gentleman. This is your captain speaking … Thank you for joining us for the 17th Annual Gala. Upon arrival, guests were greeted with a signature drink and indulge in fabulous appetizers including oysters from the Robert’s Seafood Oyster Shucking station. The voyage continued with a delicious four-course gourmet meal prepared and served by LLCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students and staff. It is with great pride that we offered our guests a maritime experience complete with LLCC’s award-winning choir, followed by dancing with a steel drum band. The infamous wall of wines featuring exceptional wines returned and the fun continued with guests trying to score prizes from the claw machine. All hands were on deck as those who scored a key tried to unlock the treasure box to win the beautiful pendant donated by Giganti & Giganti Fine Jewelry & Gifts.

Keziah Gragg, LLCC scholarship recipient and student speaker

Boat bar built by LLCC Highway and Construction Careers students and instructor Tom Spears

LLCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students prepare the appetizer course for Gala


LLCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management students

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Huddleston Named LLCC Honored Alumna

Brice R. “Hud” Huddleston, retired Colonel, U.S. Air Force, was recognized as the 2023 LLCC Honored Alum at the college’s commencement ceremony on May 12. (Read more about “Hud” in the Spring 2023 Circle of Friends edition.) The award was crafted by LLCC alum and artist Bryon Hartley.
Faculty and Staff Give Back for Students

Illinois State University Gamma Phi Circus entertained the crowd

Congratulations to the following programs that received 2023 LEAGUE grants:

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
- Surgical Technology Program
- Radiology Program
- LLCC Medical District
- Math and Computer Science
- Litchfield, Jacksonville, Taylorville Outreach Centers
- Accessibility Services
- Adult Education and Literacy

Circus was the theme for the 2023 annual faculty and staff giving campaign known as LEAGUE. Faculty and staff gathered around campus this spring to participate in some fun activities, enjoy lunch and watch the Gamma Phi Circus perform.

Approximately $50,000 was raised to benefit student learning at LLCC through scholarships, the Pay It Forward student emergency assistance fund and new equipment and curricula.

Agriculture and Workforce Career Expo

An exciting opportunity for local area employers will take place at Lincoln Land Community College in early fall. A career expo targeting Agricultural and Workforce initiatives at LLCC will be held on September 21 in conjunction with the Lineworkers’ Safety Rodeo (LSR) held at LLCC. The LSR provides a safe environment for lineworkers to practice their skills while competing professionally.

The goal of the Workforce Careers Expo is to provide employers with one event to reach as many students as possible to inform them about employment opportunities available in fields including:

- Agriculture
- Agribusiness
- Precision Agronomy/Fertilizer
- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Mechanics
- Commercial Electrical Maintenance
- Construction
- Diesel Technologies
- Electrical Distribution Lineman
- Horticulture and Cultivation
- HVACR
- Industrial Maintenance/Manufacturing
- Truck Driver Training
- Welding

The Career Expo will target area high schools within LLCC’s 15-county district throughout central Illinois and students enrolled in the Capital Area Career Center. Employers will have the opportunity to display equipment for demonstrations and will be able to promote career opportunities to high school and college students. Tours of the Workforce Careers Center and Kreher Agriculture Center will be available.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities for the Workforce Careers Expo, please contact the Foundation at 217-786-2785.

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More than $664,000 Awarded in LLCC Scholarships

The LLCC Foundation received nearly 540 scholarship applications during the application period of Dec. 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023. From those applications, the LLCC Foundation Scholarship committee awarded 272 students more than $664,000 to help with tuition and fees for students attending LLCC. As one past recipient says, “This scholarship has been such a blessing and has made the financial impact of trying to find a way to pay for my last semester of nursing school possible. Being a first-generation college student and having my four children watch my experience, the impact of the scholarship goes much further than just myself and my future patients.”

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