

## Making college her career

### Student life leader wants students to get most out of time at LLCC

By Leanna Churchill  
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SPRINGFIELD — Marie Robert enjoyed the time she spent in student organizations so much that she made a career out of it.

The new student engagement coordinator, Robert said she enjoys helping students enjoy their time in college and to get the most out of the experience.

Robert replaced Michelle Burger, who is still at Lincoln Land as a career development specialist in counseling and advising.

Robert graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in higher education administration.

After 2014 graduation, Robert packed up

her 10-year-old Boston terrier and moved to Springfield to be with her soon-to-be husband, Dominic Watson.

She started at Lincoln Land that year, helping with student orientation, but when the opportunity as student engagement coordinator in student life came up, she knew it was a perfect fit.

As the student engagement coordinator, she is a face of many student events because she coordinates smaller, weekly events on campus and larger ones, such as the New Student Luncheon, Loggerpalooza, Multicultural Festival

and homecoming. She also advises the Student Government Association.

"My relationship with you guys is really more of a resources, but it really depends on what you're looking for," Robert said. "I can be a mentor, counselor or just a connection. It all depends on the relationship I have with the student."

Not having attended a community college, she found the atmosphere of students commuting from a variety of hometowns to be a

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Sue the baby Virginia opossum is shown to students visiting the A.Lincoln Commons on Aug. 26. Student life welcomed the Henson Robinson Zoo with a Zoo to You event for the welcome-back week. BELOW: Easton, a 23-year-old endangered Asian brown tortoise, walks around students in the commons.

## Zoo visits campus

### Students crowd around to see unusual animals during first week

By Steven Hoskins  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — New students weren't the only fresh faces in the A.Lincoln Commons during the first week of classes.

Other newbies included Ashton the eastern screech owl, Tobias the red tailed hawk, Sue the baby Virginia opossum, several snakes including a carpet python who goes by the name of Arrow, a blue-tongued skink, and finally, this year's crowd favorite, the 23-year-old endangered Asian brown tortoise named Easton.

Student Life hosted Zoo to You event for students on Aug. 26. The Henson Robinson Zoo brought a variety of animals to campus.

The animals delighted the crowd, but none as much as Easton who, despite being a tortoise, was constantly on the move looking for shoe strings to bite and tables to climb under. Nearly as popular was the adorable baby opossum whose small size and cute appearance would almost make one forget that opossum are generally considered a pest animal.

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## Not all 9/11 heroes were humans

### One rescue dog still alive today

By Teresa Brummett  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 11, 2001, the United States of American was brutally attacked, and innocent Americans paid the price.

Every year since then, we celebrate their lives and the heroes who came to help — either as a professional or as a volunteer.

Heroes come in many different sizes and ages. And let's not forget



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get the K-9 kind. Many different dog breeds were used during the 9/11 attack. And these K-9s gave their best in the search and rescue, which later turned to recovery.

Most of the dogs worked up to 18 hours. It wasn't uncommon for these same dogs to stay on site for seven, or even 14 days. Ten years later, it was reported that only 12 dogs out of more than 350 that had responded to downtown areas in New York after 9/11 were still alive, according to TopTenz.net.

Along with the 350 K-9's who were at Ground Zero, there were 300 more that were used as therapy dogs during this time. Helping people to cope with the tragedy of what had happened.

Sambro, a retriever who lived on Staten Island was one of these therapy dogs after 9/11. And had passed away in 2013 at the age of 13 years. Which leaves only one dog alive today.

That special dog is Bretagne, pronounced as Brittney. She is a golden retriever who was one of the first responders to the Ground Zero area.

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# Review: Happy Sushi offers tasty fare

By Joe Hay  
Staff Writer

Do you like sushi? What about ramen? Have you ever had instant ramen? Do you like it in the squares, or maybe even in the cup?

Well, if you do, I have something even better for you. Happy Sushi is a Japanese restaurant at 846 S. Grand Ave. East in Springfield.

Its hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 4:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Happy Sushi has several choices of appetizers, as well as a variety of main dishes, including teriyaki, gyoza, katsu (cutlets) tempura, fried rice and udons.

So, what does Happy Sushi have to do with ramen? Well, they make authentic ramen there, and it is delicious. There are several options for the ramen, which include normal, mild or spicy broth, with or without vegetables. Diners can include chicken, beef, egg or any combination of the three in it.

This amazing bowl of ramen is not only great tasting, but it's affordable too, at about \$7 to \$10 per bowl.

In terms of serving size, diners won't be disappointed. I leave full every time and so do my dining companions.

It gets better though, as the name suggests, Happy Sushi also sells a variety of sushi/sashimi.

Not only does the sushi taste incredible, but the plating is beautiful.

Happy Sushi has options for vegetable-only rolls, the standard rolls that most places provide and then its special rolls.

The staff is also welcoming. I am always greeted by the owner as soon as I walk in the door, and then the servers who are always friendly will offer recommendations if asked.

For anyone considering a visit, I would recom-



Joe Hay/Lamp staff photo

**A bowl of ramen from Happy Sushi is a delicious option and very filling, too, according to reviewer Joe Hay.**

mend a bowl of ramen, paired with either a 10.10 or a Mexican Crunch roll.

The 10.10 roll is my favorite, which costs \$10.10, and is made with cream cheese, spicy crab and shrimp tempura deep fried.

I think my favorite part of eating at Happy Sushi is the atmosphere. Among the great service, great food and friendly staff, there is also just a feel

about the place. Every time I go, which is frequently, it just seems like everyone is content and in a good mood.

If looking for an affordable place with a welcoming feel that leaves one full and satisfied, I definitely recommend trying Happy Sushi.

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## Meet the new faculty

### Britta Lothary, Nursing

#### Work/teaching experience prior to LLCC?

I was a cardiac ICU nurse for 3.5 years at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. I have worked as a nurse practitioner for 1.5 years in Springfield.

#### Degree(s) and Alma Mater(s)?

University of Missouri-Columbia: bachelor of science in biology and nursing

Maryville University: master of science in nursing; adult nurse practitioner

#### Tell us about your family/pets/etc.

Husband, Chad. Got married in Las Vegas with 50 family/friends on March 15, 2014.

Boston terrier, Fenway

#### Most challenging course taken in college?



Organic Chemistry 2 and Biochemistry

#### Best memory in college (besides graduating)?

I organized the 2003 Mizzou

Homecoming parade in which the grand marshal was Sheryl Crow. She was so nice to meet.

#### One thing very few people know about you?

I was one of 1,000 seniors in high school chosen across the country to dance in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for the Mike Miller Dance Team.

#### Best prank pulled on someone?

I never was a kid that pulled pranks.

#### When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

An astronaut. I loved space (and still do). I went to Space Camp several times as a child. What halted my career was my first plane flight. I was terrified, and I remember my mom telling me that was a big part of the job!

#### What was the worst job you ever had?

I got paid \$7 (one dollar for every

room) to clean the house every week as a kid. Dust, mop, vacuum, bathrooms, kitchen, etc., etc., etc.

#### What was your first job?

Pro shop girl at a country club and lifeguard at a local public pool.

#### Farthest you've ever traveled from home.

Multiple places in Europe: Turkey, Santorini, Greece, Italy, France, Sweden, Spain, Norway, Estonia, Germany

#### If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Sydney, Australia, to see the Opera House. I feel that it is a huge icon, and I would love to see the brilliance of it in person.

#### Any historical figure you'd like to meet – and why?

Maya Angelou. Her quote, "They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel," are words to live by, and just to be in her presence, would be calming.

## New hires, promotions and more

Lincoln Land started the 2015 school year with several new hires, promotions, one job transfer and one new title.

#### New hires

■ Don Kallembach was hired as program director of the occupational therapy assistant program, starting July 13.

■ Lucas Ostendorf was hired as a new campus police officer, starting June 15.

■ Theresa Olson was hired as a new campus police officer, starting June 22.

■ Jolene Adams was hired as Culinary Institute coordinator, starting August 1.

■ Michael Bates was hired as public safety assistant at the Litchfield campus, starting May 11.

■ Christi Hustedt was hired as program assistant for advising and counseling, starting August 11.

■ Scott Maruna was hired as public safety assistant at the Jacksonville campus, starting May 26.

■ Patricia Petersen was hired as program assistant in nursing, starting June 29.

■ Sarah Klebe was hired as a human resources assistant, starting July 6.

■ Vanessa Horne was hired as educational service representative for the Litchfield campus, starting July 27.

■ Kent Bragg was hired as public

safety assistant at the Taylorville campus, starting August 17

■ Gailyn Draper was hired as assistant to the vice president of student services, starting August 10.

#### Promotions

■ Lindee Hall was promoted to student records evaluator, starting May 11.

■ Libby Elder was promoted to account specialist, starting July 15.

■ Scott Stallman was promoted to associate vice president of LLCC outreach, starting June 1.

■ Christine Lang was promoted to administrative assistant at the Litchfield campus, starting June 16.

■ Keri Mason was promoted to di-

rector of the Jacksonville and Beardstown campuses, starting June 1.

■ Dee Krueger was promoted to director of the Taylorville campus, starting June 1.

■ Marie Robert was promoted to student engagement coordinator, starting August 17.

#### Job transfer

■ Michelle Burger transferred from student engagement coordinator to career development specialist, starting August 4.

#### New title

■ Nancy Sweet was given a new title as director of the culinary program and operations, starting July 1.



Steven Hoskins/Lamp staff photos

**Easton, a 23-year-old endangered Asian brown tortoise, was one of the popular animals at the Zoo to You event during the first week of classes in the A.Lincoln Commons. Below are a blue-tongued skink and Ashton the eastern screech owl.**

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The show wasn't just for fun, though as one handler, a man named Larry, explained to an interested crowd: "We go to schools and churches, showing off the animals to educate people and to get them interested in conservation."

Education was indeed the main attraction for the event as student after student fired off questions to the volunteers:

"What do the animals eat?" one student asked.

"The snakes and birds eat frozen mice, so that there is no threat of harm. Easton eats vegetables mostly cabbage, and Sue eats mushed up cat food," the zoo employee answered.

"Is the opossum a rescue?" another student asked.

"Yes," the staff said. "But she is a very rare case as the zoo doesn't normally handle rescues. She was introduced to humans so early that she can't go back to the wild."

"Why dose the Tortoise move so much, I thought they were slow and lazy?" a student asked.

"Easton is exploring his environment looking most likely for food and shelter, his basic needs," the staff explained.

The Volunteers handled every question both quickly and very precisely with hardly a glance at their cheat sheets.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Henson Robinson Zoo at special events and educational activities can contact Emily McEvoy by the zoo phone number 217-585-1821 or by email at [emcevoy@hensonrobinsonzoo.org](mailto:emcevoy@hensonrobinsonzoo.org)

Another way to show support is a visit to the zoo. It located in Lake Park, near Lake Springfield, at 1100 E. Lake Shore Drive.

The park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and until 6 p.m. on weekends.

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When she arrived, she was definitely more than excited about getting to work, unlike her handler/owner Denise Corliss, who told Toptenz.net that she felt the overwhelming magnitude of what had happened that day.

And now fourteen years later New York wanted to celebrate all that she had done during those horrific days.

Bretagne, who was 2 years old at the time, just celebrated her 16th birthday in style on Sept. 4.. with a little help from New York City.

Bringing Bretagne and her family back to the city she was given a weekend stay in a luxury hotel suite along with surprises which included, doggie toys, a dog friendly birthday cake and an entire weekend full of pampering.

The weekend ended with Bretagne receiving a "Cobblestone plaque" to honor her for her bravery and hard work efforts during that devastating time.

Bretagne was also given a "bone to the city," which is equivalent to the "key to the city." She and Corliss were also surprised with a large billboard with a photo of the two of them from New York. Thanking them for their dedication and hard work for the cause.

"Ground Zero" wasn't Bretagne's only heroic job. She was also involved during the after math of Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Other K-9s have held jobs similar to Bretagne. They have helped with earthquakes, water rescues, DNA evidence, avalanches and terrorist attacks.

During their weekend getaway while walking around New York, Bretagne and Corliss were stopped several times by people on the streets who recognzezd her. Thanking them both for all they'd done.

Today, Bretagne has retired from disaster work, but still, she's been using her talents to help first-graders who are learning to read aloud at a local elementary school, Corliss recently said on NBC's Today Show.

Almost 3,000 innocent people lost their lives, not including the recent addition of 21 more names to the FDNY memorial wall of people who died from respiratory problems, according to a recent Associated Press report. As you remember them and the heroes who helped, remember that not all of these are on two feet. Some of those biggest unsung heroes during the aftermath were on four.

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**Bistro To Go**  
reopens Sept. 14

SPRINGFIELD—Bistro To Go, Lincoln Land's student-ran cafe, opened its doors for the fall semester on Sept. 14.

There menu changes weekly and is developed by the culinary students. They have a variety of food, including soups, salads, sandwiches and entrees.

They also have baked goods, coffee drinks and smoothies.

They are open 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays until Nov. 18.

The menu can be found each week on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LlccCulinaryArtsAndHospitalityProgram>



Madison Mings/Lamp staff photo

**Marie Robert will be planning and assisting with various student activities on campus. She is the new student engagement coordinator in student life office.**

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change. One thing she hopes to improve is student feeling more connected to the college. Seeing it as more than just coming to class and going home.

She hopes students enjoy the experience more and not just see it as a buffer period between high school and transferring to another school or entering the work force, Robert said.

Student life coordinates a lot of events on campus, and she hopes it can forge relationships with the community, too.

"I love my job because there is always something to do," Robert said. "I never get a break, and that's good for me because the second I start relaxing, my brain shuts down. I get to be hands on and active all of the time, and that's perfect for me."

Robert was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, and was the middle child, with two older and two younger siblings.

"I don't consider our family a big

family, but when we are together, it seems like there's 10 of us," Robert said.

Robert described her family as a very close-knit one, but added, with a big smile, that she's definitely a "daddy's girl."

Robert will have a little bit larger family — and a new name on Sept. 26 — when she marries her fiance. She met Watson at the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

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## Recent retirees



Kitterman



Provines



Jones



Terry



Bixby



Fischberg

Nine Lincoln Land Community College employees retired in the last year. Those retiring include were:

■ Jay Kitterman retired as director of culinary institute and special events on Dec. 31, 2014, after 19 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Bev Provines retired as an administrative assistant on Jan. 15 after 27 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Don Jones retired as a professor of chemistry on May 15 after 17 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Larry Warcup retired as public safety assistant on May 28 after nine years with Lincoln Land.

■ Susan Aherin retired as a senior accountant on May 31 after 29 years with Lincoln Land.

Charles Nicols retired as a community services officer on May 31 after 10 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Jan Terry retired as executive director of the Jacksonville campus on May 31 after 19 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Ruth Bixby retired as director of occupational therapy assistant program on July 31 after 18 years with Lincoln Land.

■ Eve Fischberg retired as professor of occupational therapy assistant program on August 15 after 17 years with Lincoln Land.

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