## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 19, 2024

## LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION

	(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)	
New Jersey	000-51371	57-1150621
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	14 Sylvan Way, Suite A, Parsippany, NJ 07054	
	(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
	Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 736-5	9340
	Not applicable	
	(Former name or former address, if changed since last report	
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to	simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under a	ny of the following provisions:
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☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange	Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) u	under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) u	under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Securities registered	l pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value per share	LINC	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth c 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	ompany as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230	.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of  Emerging growth company
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registra pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. $\Box$	nt has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying	

### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 19, 2024, Lincoln Educational Services Corporation (the "Company") hosted an Investor Day. The Company issued a press release related to the Investor Day on the same date, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

As previously announced, a live webcast and a presentation will be available on Lincoln's website at <u>lincolntech.edu</u> and a replay of the webcast will be available for 90 days following the event at <u>lincolntech.edu</u>. These materials are included as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

A copy of the press release and Investor Day Presentation issued by the Company on March 19, 2024 is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Title
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release, dated March 19, 2024, issued by Lincoln Educational Services Corporation as to the Investor Day.
99.2	Investor Day Presentation
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File — the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Date: March 19, 2024

By:

/s/ Brian K. Meyers
Brian K. Meyers
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Name: Title:

Exhibit 99.1

#### Lincoln Educational Services Projects Student Start Growth of Approximately 15% During First Quarter 2024

Reiterates Full year 2024 Outlook

Company Hosting Investor Day Today Beginning at Noon ET

PARSIPPANY, N.J., March 19, 2024 – Lincoln Educational Services Corporation (Nasdaq: LINC), which is hosting its first Investor Day today at its new East Point campus in Georgia, expects to continue its strong business momentum during the first quarter ending March 31, 2024. Student start growth is projected to significantly improve from the prior year, with growth of approximately 15.0% compared to 6.4%, excluding the transitional segment in 2022.

"Our team continues to successfully execute the Company's transformative growth strategies as the interest in skilled trade careers continues to grow," said Scott Shaw, President and CEO. "Our expected strong start growth in Q1 builds on the momentum we generated during 2023, which led to increased student starts, student retention, graduation and placement rates with employers as well as the achievement of all of our financial guidance objectives during the year. During today's Investor Day we look forward to reviewing our strategies for 2024 and beyond while showcasing our new East Point campus."

The Company's Investor Day presentations start at 12:00 p.m. ET. The live webcast of the presentations along with a question-and-answer session with the Company's executive leaders and guests will focus on Lincoln's strategic priorities and growth initiatives. To access the live webcast of the Investor Day call, please go to the investor relations section of Lincoln's website at <a href="lincolntech.edu.">lincolntech.edu.</a> Participants may also register at: <a h

An archived version of the webcast and presentation will be accessible for 90 days at lincolntech.edu.

The Company plans to report financial results for the three months ending March 31, 2024 on May 6, 2024.

### ABOUT LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Lincoln Educational Services Corporation is a leading provider of diversified career-oriented post-secondary education helping to provide solutions to America's skills gap. Lincoln offers career-oriented programs to recent high school graduates and working adults in five principal areas of study: automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business and information technology, and hospitality services. Lincoln has provided the workforce with skilled technicians since its inception in 1946 and currently operates 22 campuses in 13 states under 4 brands: Lincoln College of Technology, Lincoln Technical Institute, Lincoln Culinary Institute, and Euphoria Institute of Beauty Arts and Sciences. For more information, please go to www.lincolntech.edu.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this press release and in oral statements made from time to time by representatives of Lincoln Educational Services Corporation regarding Lincoln's business that are not historical facts, including those made in a conference call, may be "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the federal securities law. The words "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "estimate," and "continue," and their opposites and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on information available at the time those statements are made and/or management's good faith belief as of that time with respect to future events, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results on dwill not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by, which such performance or results will be achieved, if at all. Generally, these statements relate to business plans or strategies and projections involving anticipated revenues, earnings, or other aspects of the Company's operating results. Such forward-looking statements include the Company's current belief that it is taking appropriate steps regarding the pandemic and that student growth will continue. The Company cautions you that these statements concern current expectations about the Company's future performance or events and are subject to a number of uncertainties, risks, and other influences, many of which are beyond the Company's control, that may influence the accuracy of the statements and the projects upon which the statements are based including, without limitation, impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic or other epidemics or pandemics; our failure to comply with the extensive regulatory framework applicable to our industry or our f

#### Contact:

### **Lincoln Educational Services Corporation**

Brian Meyers, CFO 973-736-9340 bmeyers@lincolntech.edu

# Investor Day 2024

Presented by: Scott Shaw President and CEO

3/19/2024



## Safe Harbor Statement

Statements in this presentation regarding Lincoln's business that are not historical facts may be "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by, which such performance or results will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are based on information available at the time those statements are made and/or management's good faith belief as of that time with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to: our failure to comply with the extensive regulatory framework applicable to our industry or our failure to obtain timely regulatory approvals in connection with a change of control of our company or acquisitions; our success in updating and expanding the content of existing programs and developing new programs in a cost-effective manner or on a timely basis; risks associated with changes in applicable federal laws and regulations, including final rules that took effect during 2011 and other pending rulemaking by the U.S. Department of Education; uncertainties regarding our ability to comply with federal laws and regulations regarding the 90/10 rule and cohort default rates; risks associated with the opening of new campuses; risks associated with integration of acquired schools; industry competition; our ability to execute our growth strategies; conditions and trends in our industry; the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our business and the U.S. and global economics; general economic conditions; and other factors discussed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see "Risk Factors" in Lincoln's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, and Lincoln undertakes no obligation to revise or update this news release to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof.



## Mission Statement

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Lincoln's mission is to provide superior education and training to our students for indemand careers in a supportive, accessible learning environment, transforming students' lives and adding value to their communities



## Strong Regulatory Focus Enables Long Term Growth

- We always strive to do the right thing!
- Our students are our customers
- · We are fully engaged with our regulators

### **Accreditors**

- · Staff members volunteer time for reaccreditation visits
- · A Campus President sits on the Board
- · Very positive reaccreditation visits

### State

- We maintain close relationships with our 13 states
- Engaged in state trade associations
- Partner in state initiatives
  - CT CareerConn
  - · MD Maryland Career Quest
- Assist with teach outs Stone Academy in CT

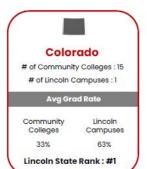
### **Department of Education**

- 90/10 81%
- · Cohort Default Rate negligible
- Financial Responsibility Ratio 3.0
- FA processing no major findings

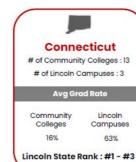




## Lincoln Vs Community College Graduation Rates

















\*Excludes community colleges from calculation if there were no graduation data reported

\* Source College Scorecard

4-Year Institutions: Cohort of Fall 2015 Reported Fall of 2021

Less than 4-Year: Cohort of Fall 2018 Reported in Fall of 2021



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## Lincoln Tech Graduates Make A Difference



PAT GELSINGER
CEO of Intel, former CEO of
VmWare, youngest VP at Intel,
8 patents, Invited to the State
of the Union Speech



CARLTON ROSE
Former President,
Global Fleet
Maintenance &
Engineering and LINC
Board Member



WADDELL WILSON
NASCAR Legend and
Member of the NASCAR
Hall of Fame. He was a
crew chief and engine
builder and his engine
still has the Daytona
500 speed record.



HOMER HOGG

VP of Truck Services at
Travel Centers of
America
He has a radio show on
Sirius XM called
Maintenance Matters.
He is on the Board of
Directors of ASE and he
Chairs the TMC S16
Study Group



LEON KAPLAN
For 40 years he had a radio show on KABC in Los Angeles called the Motorman



# Changing Lives



Shana Williford-Johnson is 2012 Medical Assisting graduate who become a critical care registered nurse



Marcus Williford is a 2006 Electronic Systems Technician graduate is a supervisor at Comcast



Devin Williford is 2011 Collision Repair & Refinishing who is thriving as a selfemployed entrepreneur



Marlo Johnson is a 2012 Electronic Systems Technician Degree graduate and is now a manager with Johnson Controls





# **Investment Opportunity**



Skills Gap

**Employers** Lincoln is a cannot find leading, enough technical, technically hands-on trained educator and employees and trainer serving with the high demand infrastructure bill industries passed demand (transportation, for skilled skilled trades workers should and healthcare) be even greater facing this Skills Gap

Leader



Growth

Proven ability to grow population and revenue in high and low unemployment markets



Profitability

Returning to long term significant operating leverage with approximately 40% of incremental revenue dropping to the bottom line.



**Balance sheet** 

Strong balance sheet with resources to expand programs and campuses to accelerate growth



**Increasing Efficiency** 

Continuing efforts to streamline and standardize operations including moving to a more efficient hybrid learning model, and standardizing curriculum.

Hybrid model is more attractive to students







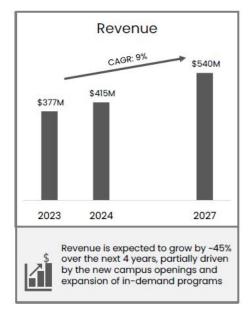


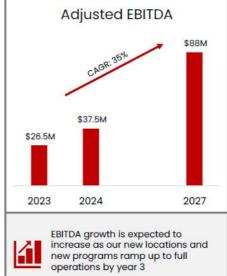


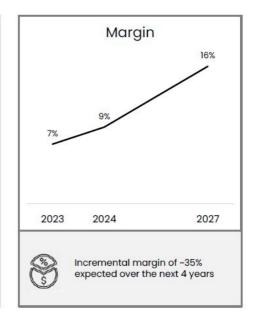




# Financial Highlights – Total Company









## Lincoln Tech's Vision



## How To Achieve Our Vision

- Focus on high ROI programs
- Exceed outcome goals of 70% graduation and 85% placement rates
- Simplify and streamline the operation to create a more scalable and efficient operation
- Offer affordable, accelerated programs
- Be partnered with companies
- The Lincoln Tech brand needs to mean quality career education that results in employment





# Lincoln Tech

Largest Provider of Automotive and Skilled Trade Graduates in the East



# Highly Fragmented Market

## LINCOLN TECH HAS ONLY 2% OF THE ADDRESSABLE MARKET

Automotive		Diesel		Heavy Equipment	
# Institutions w/Grads	782	# Institutions w/Grads	331	# Institutions w/Grads	57
2022 Grads	38,139	2022 Grads	10,762	2022 Grads	958
BLS Annual Demand	82,800	BLS Annual Demand	24,300	BLS Annual Demand	15,100
Lincoln Tech's share of Industry		Lincoln Tech's share of Industry		Lincoln Tech's share of Industry	
Demand	1.8%	Demand	2.5%	Demand	1.3%
Institution	2022 Grads	Institution	2022 Grads	Institution	2022 Grads
Number 1	5,058	Number 1	1,376	Lincoln Tech	194
Lincoln Tech	1,524	Lincoln Tech	596	Number 2	105
Number 3	611	Number 3	343	Number 3	56
Number 4	544	Number 4	291	Number 4	49
Number 5	467	Number 5	239	Number 5	40
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## Renaissance Of The Skilled Trades

## **GROWTH EVEN WITH LOW UNEMPLOYMENT**



- The education system became designed to send everyone to college
- Society believed that going to college would lead to a better life
- · Blue collar jobs became stigmatized

The data clearly shows that going to college is <u>not</u> for everyone.

- Only ~60% graduate in 6 years
- Students cannot repay their debt
- Graduates are in jobs that don't require a degree
- Today the general public is looking for less expensive, faster ways to start a meaningful career that will provide economic security and personal satisfaction.
- Career training meets this need
- · The stigma has lessened Essential Workers



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# Lincoln Tech

# **Lincoln Tech**

SCHOOL OF AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL



SCHOOL OF SKILLED TRADES



SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTHCARE





# Programs By Campus\*

Allentown, PA Columbia, MD Denver, CO East Point, GA East Windsor, CT Grand Prairie, TX Houston, TX '26 Indianapolis, IN Iselin, NJ Lincoln Mall, RI Mahwah, NJ Marietta, GA Melrose Park, IL Moorestown, NJ Nashville, TN New Britain, CT Paramus, NJ Philadelphia, PA Queens, NY S. Plainfield, NJ Shelton, CT Summerlin, NV Union, NJ

Auto	Skilled Trades	Healthcare	Other
	EEST	LPN, MA	CNST
Auto	EEST, HVAC & Welding	MA	Culinary
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Auto, Diesel, Collision	EEST, HVAC & Welding	MA	CNC
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Auto	EEST		
DieSel, HE	Welding		
	EEST, HVAC	LPN, MA	Culinary
			Cosmo
Auto	EEST, HVAC		

<sup>\*</sup>Programs in black will commence in the next 24 months



# Experienced Management Team



Scott Shaw President and CEO (23)



Brian Meyers EVP, CFO & Treasurer (21)



Chad Nyce EVP, Chief Innovation Officer (4)



Alexandra Luster EVP, General Counsel & Secretary (29)



Stephen Ace SVP of Human Resources (16)



Susan English SVP of Career Services & Industry Partners (40)



Francis Giglio SVP of Compliance and Regulatory (20)



James Rasmussen SVP Admissions (17)





Val Thomas SVP & Chief Information Officer (14)



## **Board Of Directors**



J. Barry Morrow
Non-Executive Chairman,
Lincoln Educational
Services; Founder & Chief
Executive Officer, BK
Capital Group



John A. Bartholdson Co-Founder & Partner, Juniper Investment Co. LLC



James J. Burke, Jr. Founder & Managing Partner, JJB Capital Partners LLC



Kevin M. Carney
Former Executive Vice
President & Chief Financial
Officer, Web.com Group
Inc.



**Dr. Michael A. Plater** Former University President, Strayer University



Felecia Pryor Chief Human Resources Officer, John Deere



Carlton Rose Former President, Global Fleet Maintenance & Engineering, UPS; 1981 Lincoln Tech Graduate



Scott M. Shaw President & Chief Executive Officer, Lincoln Educational Services



Sylvia J. Young Former President & Chief Executive Officer HCA Continental Division





# **Discussion Topics**

- Uniquely Qualified Faculty
- Cutting-Edge Training Tools
- Efficient Instructional Model

Program Portfolio Strategy



# Uniquely Qualified Faculty



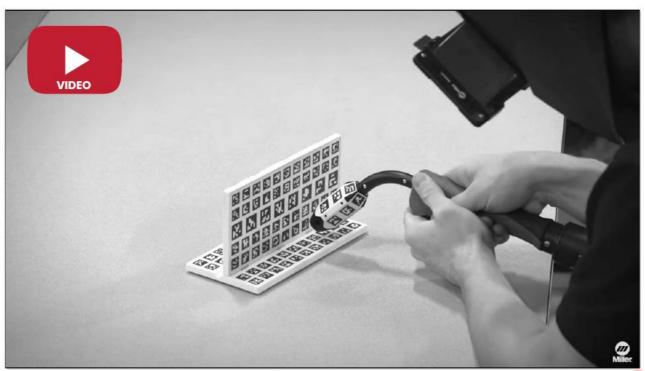
Program	Certification	Faculty with Certification
Transportation	ASE Master Automotive & Light Truck Certification	85
	ASE Master Medium-Heavy Truck Certification	22
	ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Certification	15
	ASE World Class Technician	11
Skilled Trades	EEST Craft Instructor	103
	EEST Master Craft Instructor	1
	Certified Master HVACR Educator (CMHE)	n

## ASE World Class Technician Facts:

- · Less than 50 earn this annually
- Must attain 22 specific ASE certifications to receive World Class Recognition

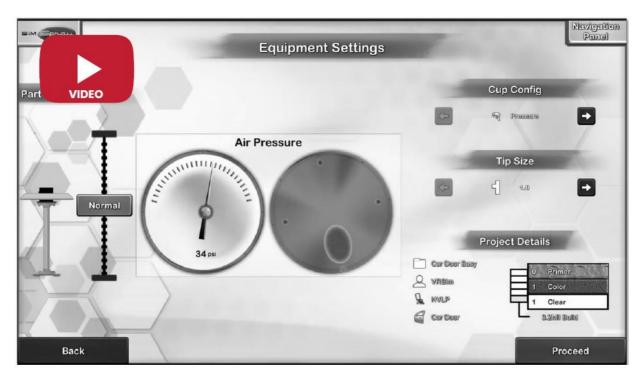


## Miller MobileArc™ Augmented Reality Welding System





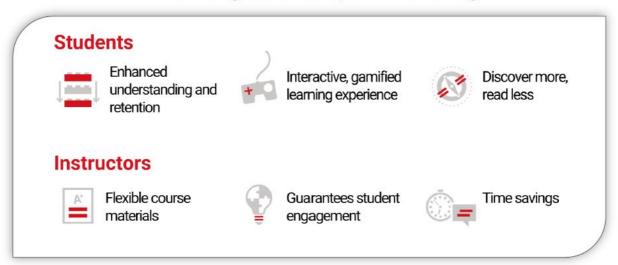
## Sim Spray Virtual Reality Paint Spraying Trainer





## Electude - Auto and Diesel Curriculum

A Reimagined Way of Learning





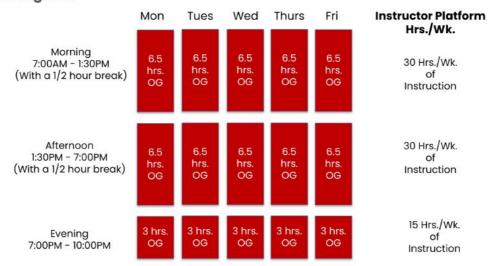
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# Legacy Instructional Model

## Example: 1,200Hr. Program

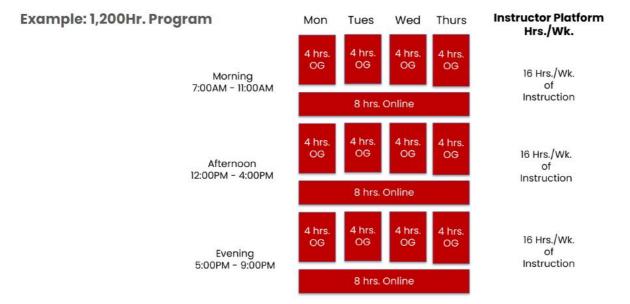


## **Legacy Instructional Model Limitations:**

- Students required to go to school 5 days per week
- Faculty required to work 5 days per week
- · A minimum of 2.5 instructors are required to tech 3 cohorts
- Facility inefficiencies (large number of dedicated classrooms plus a large cafeteria/student break room
- Students in the evening cohort take two times longer to complete their program (lower retention for longer programs)



## **Efficient Instructional Model**

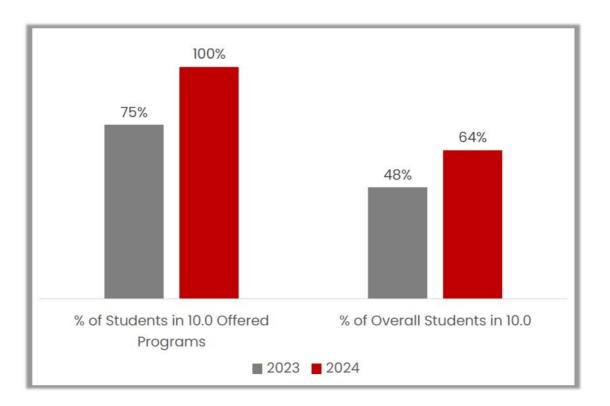


### **Efficient Instructional Model Benefits:**

- Students are required to go to school only 4 days per week (more time to work a PT job)
- Faculty are required to work only 4 days per week (less burn out)
- Fewer instructors are required to teach 3 cohorts
- More efficient facility utilization (less classrooms and smaller student break areas)
- Students in the evening cohort can complete their program in 1 year (higher retention rates and faster revenue recognition)



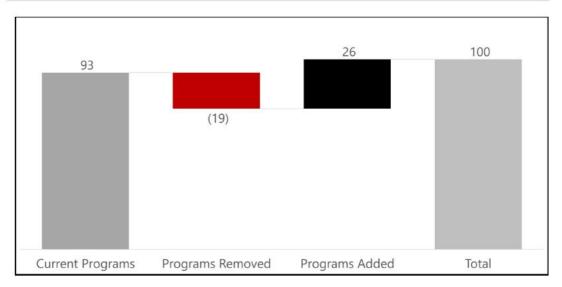
# Efficient Instructional Model Rollout



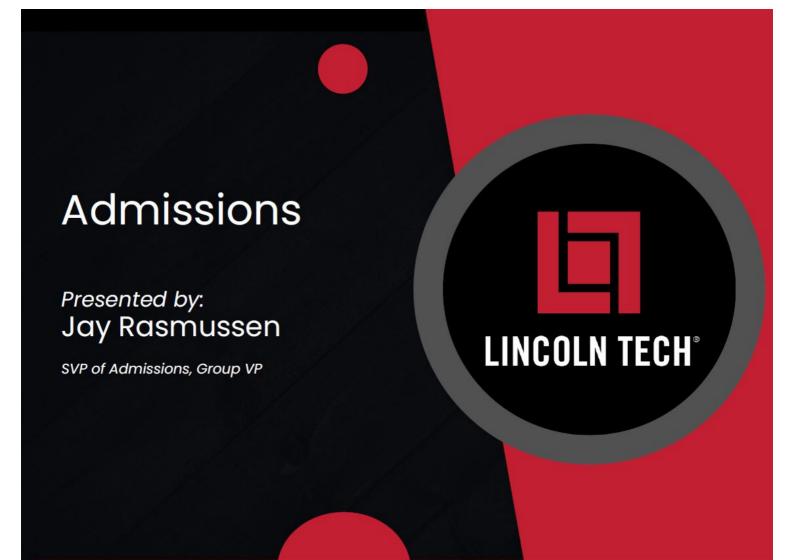


# Program Portfolio Strategy

	Current Programs	Programs Removed	Programs Added
Transportation	23	-2	4
Skilled Trades	32	-3	22
Healthcare	26	-2	0







# Why Students Choose Lincoln Tech

- Nationally recognized and respected
- Practical hands-on training for high demand career fields
- Shorter length of curriculum means students enter the workforce sooner
- Skills acquired at Lincoln apply directly to their chosen career field
- High return on investment





### We Train for Careers That Are In Demand

Based on market
demand, we are
replicating programs
throughout our current
footprint and at new
locations. These
programs have proven
to have greater interest
and increased
employability, providing
a higher return on
investment for our
students.



















\*National figures cited above are based on projected annual job openings, which refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement. This data was compiled from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, onetonline.org, for the years 2022-2032, captured on November 19, 2023.



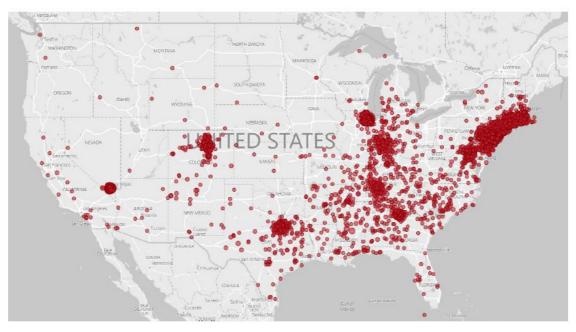
# Populations We Currently Serve

#### **Commuter Based Locations**

• These locations have populations that primarily commute to attend Lincoln Tech

#### **Destination Locations**

 These locations have populations with typically younger students that have relocated to attend Lincoln Tech. These include Denver, Grand Prairie, Indy, East Windsor and Nashville.





### **Our Student Trends**

#### **High School**

- Prospects that are currently in their last year of High School and those who have graduated within the current year
  22% of our students are directly out of High
- School

#### Adult

Prospects that have graduated High School and are beyond their year of graduation account for 78% of our population

#### Veteran

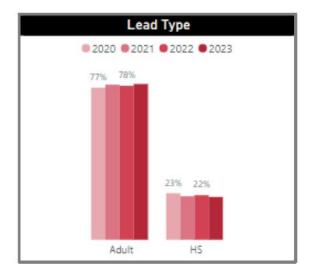
· 5% of our students are veterans looking to reenter the workforce

#### **Employed**

 About 70% of our students are employed in full-time or part-time positions while attending

#### **Dependents**

 About 27% of our new students have dependents





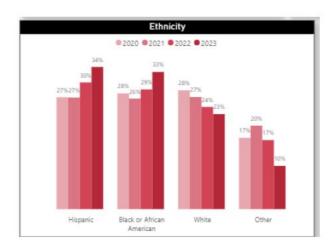
# Demographics

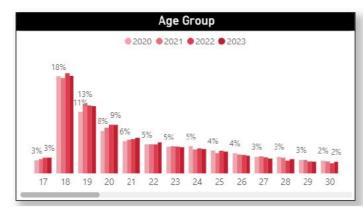
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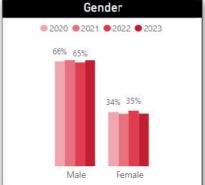
 50% of our students are 21 years of age or younger

#### Gender

- Male and female trends are remaining steady
- Ethnicity
- Hispanic populations have surpassed all other ethnic groups









### Student Life Cycle













Orientation and the Start

Inquiry

Inquiries enter the system from any one of our marketing sources.

They are then assigned to our Admissions Support Center. ASC

ASC makes the first attempt at contact through a phone call and text messaging.

If no contact,
ASC then assigns
it to a campus. If
we make
contact, the
agent attempts
to warm transfer
or books an
appointment
with the

prospect.

**Campus Staff** 

The Rep Interviews all prospects to determine eligibility.

The Rep remains the prospect's guide throughout the entire admissions process. Financial Aid

Each student is guided through the Financial Aid process. For students, this is often the most intimidating part.

The Rep follows up to ensure the prospect understands and has the ability to keep their funding commitment. Caretaking

Caretaking can be as short as 3 days or as long as a year. To remain on track to start, each student is handled differently based

High School students, for example, can take up to 12 months from application to starting school.

on their timeline.

This is a fantastic day for the student and family as they start out on a new journey.

Admissions hands off the student to Education to care for them throughout the program.

Through the above process of guidance and care, we develop lifelong relationships and a superior bond with our students.

Our compassion for their successes is what separates us from all others



# Admissions – Corporate Structure







# Admissions – Teams



#### **CAMPUS ADMISSIONS EMPLOYEES:**

22 Local Directors

174 Admissions Representatives

7 High School Regional Directors

90 High School Representatives





### **New Student Starts Trending**

#### **Start Trend**

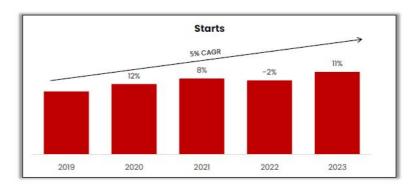
- We are averaging 5% over the last 5 years
- 2023 showed strong growth with a notable uptick in Q4

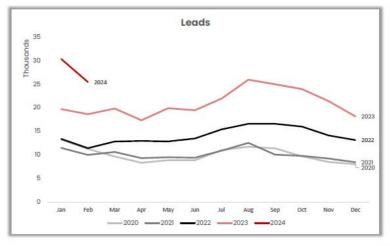
#### **Market Conditions**

- Looks to be moving in our direction
- Positive Media Exposure
- Traditional College is being reevaluated for the value proposition

#### **Inquiry Trends**

- Have exceeded expectations and continued at this pace into 2024.
- We first saw a spike in interest in August of 2022







# CAREER SERVICES & INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

Presented by: Susan English

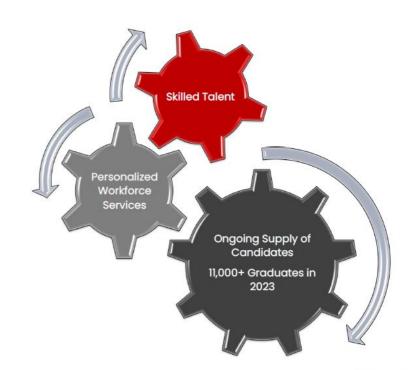
SVP of Career Services & Industry Partnerships



## Career Services & Industry Partnerships

### BOTH DIVISIONS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL RESOURCES FOR OUR STUDENTS AND OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Across the country, in the next
ten years, there are projected to
be more than 7.4 million\* job
openings in the Auto-Skilled
Trades & Healthcare fields alone

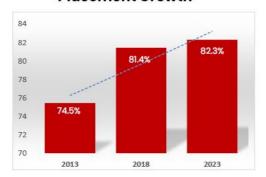


\*National figures cited above are based on projected annual job openings, which refers to the average annual job openings due to growth and net replacement. This data was compiled from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, onetonline.org, for the years 2022-2032, captured on November 19, 2023.

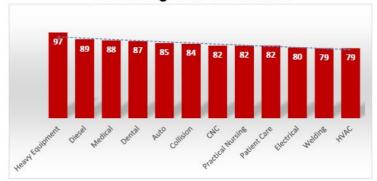


# Career Services: Our Report Card

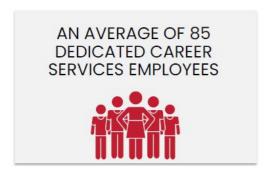
#### Placement Growth\*

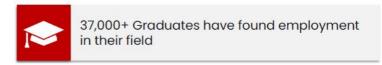


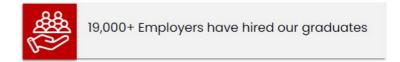
#### 2023 Program Performance



#### Over the last 5 Years





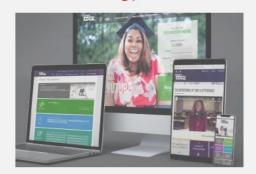


\*Placement percentages based on graduate cohort dates of July 1 - June 30 and placed by December 31.



### **Student Resources**

#### **Technology Products**



#### **CAREER PREPARATION TOOLS**

- Resume Builder
- · Interview Simulator
- Mock Job Application



**Job Board** 

Students receive daily job postings to their mobile devices

### **Employer Engagement on Campus**





**Dedicated Employer Days** 

Immediate Decision Days





Career Fairs

Mentoring

## Professional Skills Training Courses Blended Learning





# **Employer Demand**

### **Employer Pain Points**



# How Employers are Partnering with Lincoln & Our Students



Funding tuition balances for select students



Providing scholarships



Improving salary and benefit packages to be more competitive



Tool and equipment donations

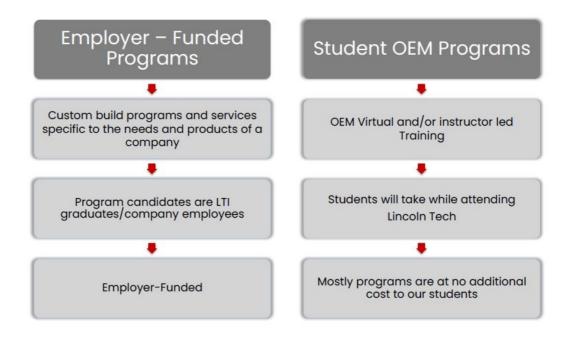


Formalizing an *Early Hire Program* to launch later this year



### Industry Partnership Division





MORE THAN 1,100 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN 2023



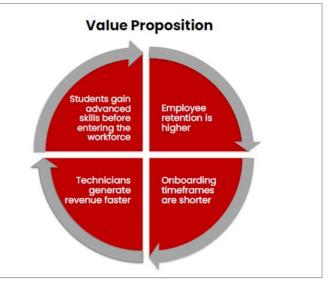
# Student Programs

#### **Independent Online Programs:**

- Audi AEP Certificate Program
- Genesis
- Hyundai
- Stellantis Mopar CAP 1
- Toyota TECS
- Mazda
- Toyota TECS Elite Program

#### **Student Paid Training**

- BMW Fast Track
- Stellantis -Mopar CAP 2
- Volkswagen



























# OUR TEAM PROVIDES INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS, CUSTOM BUILT TO OUR PARTNER'S WORKFORCE NEEDS

Custom Program Development Program Staffing and Management

Training Space

Recruitment Services

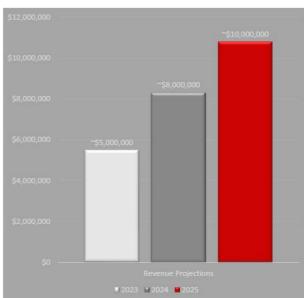
Retention Services



# Revenue Generated Through Partnerships

#### As Projected Through 2025





#### Assumptions:

- Projected growth achieves budgeted targets
- · All legacy renewals due by 2025 continue



# Lincoln Tech: Collaborating With Our Partners







# Marketing Strategy

### **Keys to Continued Growth**

- Create greater efficiencies in lead generation
  - Increase conversion rates
  - Reduce cost per start
- Gradually eliminate the need for PPL/Affiliates
- Strategically increase Paid Social Media
- Position Lincoln as authority in industries we serve
  - Top of funnel web content (blogs, podcasts, articles)
  - Focus on instructors' industry experience
- Successfully launch new campuses
- Expand existing core programs

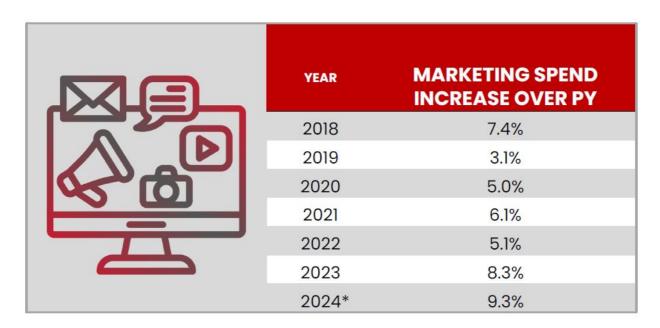








# Marketing Budget

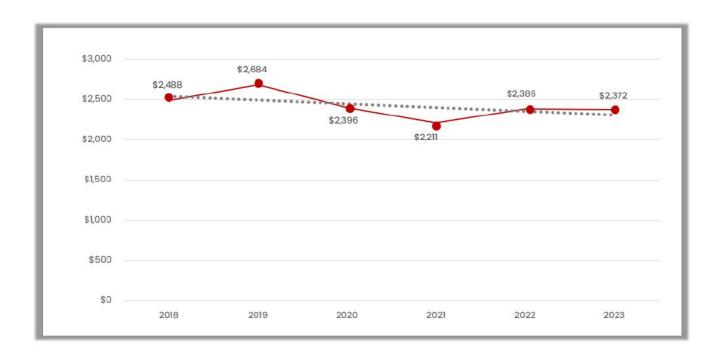


Growing paid search and paid social and shrinking third party affiliates Also driving more organic searches better SEO and blog content

\*Based on Projected Budget



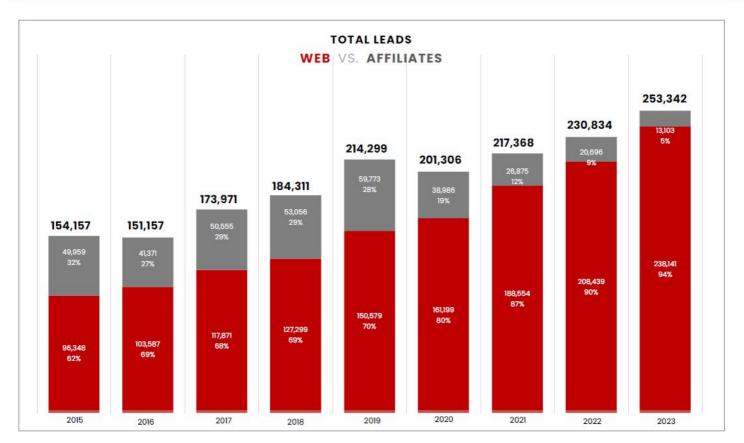
### Cost Per Start\*



\*Based on starts generated by media spend; Excludes starts generated by field HS Teams



### **Lead Growth**





# **Creative Strategy**

#### **What We Want to Communicate**

- Motivate students to follow their passion
- Proven alternative to 4-year colleges
- · Lower investment / quicker route to employment
- · Create awareness for program offerings
- Acquire in demand skills that can't be exported or replaced by AI
- · Leverage our partnerships
- Engagement with employers
- Profile successful graduates







LINCOLN TECH

# Lincoln Tech: Vital to Employers





# Lincoln Tech: Committed To Our Students





# Traditional College: Not For Everyone







Presented by: Brian Meyers

EVP, CFO & Treasurer



## Strategic Financing Developments



Monetized our real estate at a time of high value / low rates, significantly improving our liquidity





#### **Balance Sheet Strength**

Real Estate proceeds plus over \$75 million of Operating Cash Flow since 2020 allowed Lincoln to enter 2024 with a cash balance of \$80M and no debt

executed a sale-leaseback

- New \$40 million credit facility (Q1 2024) further adds to our liquidity
- Well-positioned to implement our growth initiatives



### Building On Our Strong Financial Track Record

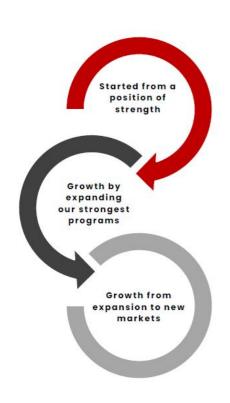
Final 2023 Guidance		2023 Actuals	2024 Guidance		
Revenue	\$370M to \$375M	<b>\$376.6</b>	\$410M to \$420M		
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$24M to \$26M	<b>\$26.5</b>	\$35M to \$40M		
Adjusted Net Income <sup>1</sup>	\$12M to \$14M	<b>\$14.8</b>	\$10M to \$15M		
Starts	+8% to +11%	<b>+</b> 11.4%	+7% to +12%		
Capital Expenditures <sup>2</sup>	\$30M to \$33M	\$31.2	\$65M to \$70M		

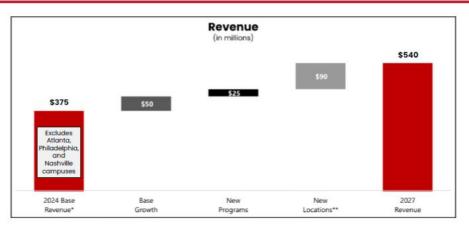
<sup>1.</sup> Excludes the impact of the new Atlanta, GA campus, as well as costs associated with the Company's Transitional segment, one-time expenses not considered part of the Company's normal business operations, and gain realized on the sale of the Nashville, TN property.

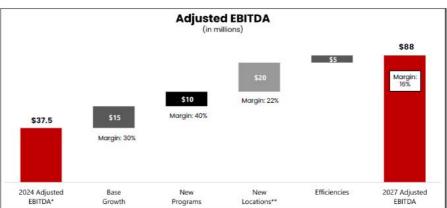


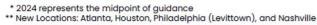
<sup>2. 2023</sup> excludes \$10M related to the new Levittown, PA campus.

### Strategic Growth Plan



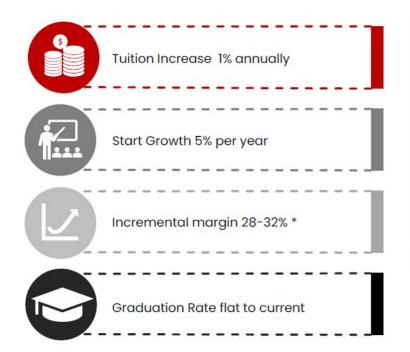


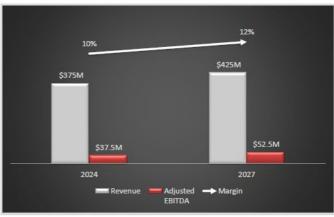






### Base Growth Assumptions





Base excludes new programs and new locations: Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia, and Nashville (including current operations in Philadelphia and Nashville)

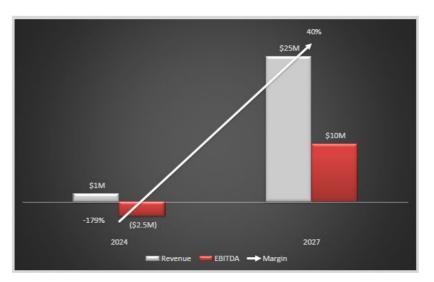
• Excluding \$5M efficiencies from Lincoln Hybrid Learning Model (Lincoln 10.0)



### Allocating Capital To Highest Demand Programs

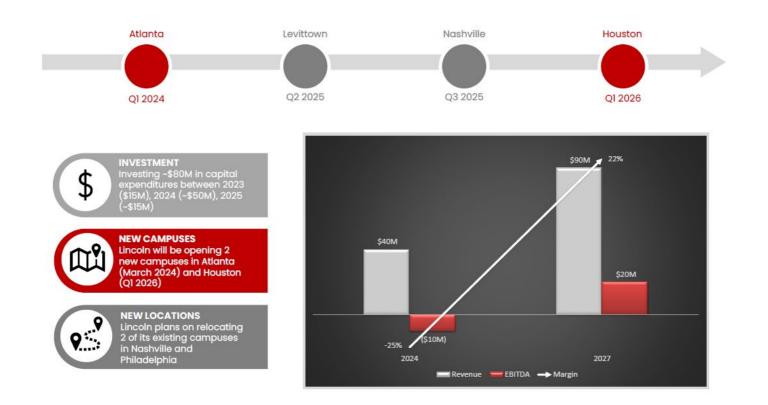
Launching 7 new skilled trade programs from Q2 2024 through Q1 2025







### Growth By Expansion To New Markets



Includes locations for which Lincoln Tech has acquired space or signed a lease and does not reflect additional opportunities the company may pursue in the future



### Lincoln Hybrid Learning Model

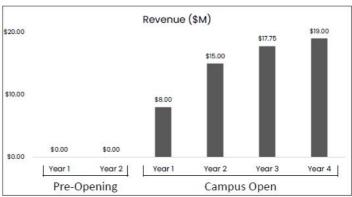


- Expands capacity at existing campuses
- Efficiencies from Lincoln's hybrid program (Lincoln 10.0) are expected to generate ~\$5M in savings (~5% of current instructional payroll expense)
- Creating standard scheduling methodology across all campuses to drive further efficiencies
- Standard curriculum design and three schedule options improve student experience and outcomes

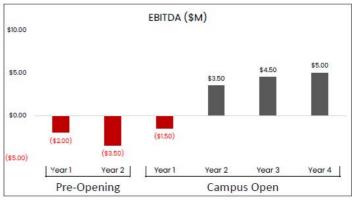


### New Campus Pro-Forma Hybrid Learning Model









EBITDA includes corporate allocations



### Summary

- Improved financial performance and real estate strategy provides ample growth capital
- Strong demand from students and employers continues to drive base business growth
- Making substantial investment in high return growth initiatives
  - \$30 million of capex last year (including Atlanta & new programs)
  - \$10 million for 7 new programs
  - \$65 million by 2025 for new locations in Houston, Philadelphia and Nashville
- Hybrid learning model provides efficiencies and more scalable platform
- Opportunity to continue to invest in highly profitable growth beyond announced plans
  - Expect to enter 2025 with ~\$70M in cash and availability, after ~\$70M in 2024 capex





# Lincoln Tech - Growing for our Future

- The nation's middle skills gap is real and will only be getting worse in the short term which means opportunity for us
- Lincoln has years of experience in offering hands-on training in multiple career fields, and we are clearly a leader in a highly fragmented market
- We provide quality education with a highly accomplished faculty using technology that engages and excites students
- · We are focused on compliance and exemplary student outcomes delivering high ROI programs
- Understanding our students' needs differentiates us from traditional
- · Lincoln's scale appeals to local, regional and national employers
- · We have a strong balance sheet and operational leverage that will fund our growth
- We will continue to leverage the Renaissance in the skilled trades to grow our existing campuses
  while we strategically replicate our most successful programs and open new campuses to
  expand our reach



# **Appendix**



### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information

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# Adjusted EBITDA And Net Income Reconciliation

	2024 Guidance (Midpoint)				2023 Adjus			ted	
	E	EBITDA		Net Income		EBITDA	Net Income		
Net income	\$	5,200	\$	5,200	\$	25,997	\$	25,997	
Interest income, net		700				(2,281)		235	
Provision for income taxes		2,000				9,642		-	
Depreciation and amortization		13,200				6,770		192	
EBITDA		21,100				40,128			
Stock compensation expense		4,200				5,894		3,514	
Impairment of goodwill and long-lived assets		-		-		4,220		4,220	
Severance and other one-time costs		(20)		( <u>*</u>		1,831		1,831	
New campus start-up costs		9,700		9,700		2,451		2,451	
Program Expansions		2,500		2,500		(=)		-	
Transitional segment		-		-		1,900		1,900	
Gain on sale of Nashville, Tennessee		-		-		(30,939)		(30,939	
FMV of Nashville, Tennessee rent		_		_		1,015		1,015	
Tax effect		-		(4,900)		-		4,364	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	37,500	\$	12,500	\$	26,500	\$	14,780	

