

# REAL EXPERIENCE REPORT

## LINDENWOOD STUDENTS EXPERIENCE REAL POLITICS



Anna Costello (pictured left), a Lindenwood senior majoring in public health, is gaining “Real Experience” in community education. This fall, Costello is interning in Nine Network’s Community Early Education Department. Nine Network is taking steps to serve low-income families in the St. Louis region through a grant-funded initiative that focuses on education. The program is called “Ready to Learn.”

Although Costello’s experience at Nine Network has focused on community education, Anna’s internship also offered her the opportunity to work the Josh Hawley vs. Claire McCaskill debate in October. Costello, a native of Florida, said that the debate offered her the chance to “see the sausage be made - to learn more about the political initiatives and culture in the state of Missouri.” Costello was involved in preparation for the debate and was able to watch the actual debate in person. As a member of the watch party, she got an insider’s feel for how the people of Missouri felt about each candidate.



### Julia Thorne (left)

Julia, a psychology major, interned with Planned Parenthood and participated in the Women’s March in downtown St. Louis.



### The Lindenwood College Republicans

In September, the College Republicans engaged in a meet and greet with Senator-elect Josh Hawley. The students asked questions and gained more insight on ballot initiatives.

### Additional Student Involvement in Political Initiatives:

**Jessie Basler** (political science, public administration, and sociology) - Congressional District 3

**Kyle Kisner** (nonprofit administration and political science) - New Approach Missouri

**Brooke Sherry** (public health) - Bill Otto Campaign

**Kristin Wilmes** (psychology) - Coalition for Life



## ALUMNA HIGHLIGHT

With over 30 years experience in human resources, Holmes has compiled her experiences and written a book, *Job Hunting. NOW What?* The book helps people hone their professional skills and offers advice on job hunting in their desired fields. Holmes credits her writing abilities to her time as a Lindenwood undergraduate student. “I have very fond memories of my time at Lindenwood. The professors had a wealth of real-world experience and were really focused on students’ success. In my undergraduate program, we were required to write a 50-page paper. My professor suggested I develop a strategy in my writing, and I used that same strategy to write my book.”

Lisa Holmes graduated from Lindenwood University with her Bachelor of Arts degree in human resource management in 2002 and her Master of Arts degree in 2003.

## RECRUITING TABLES

- 11/26** TLC for Kids  
LARC  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 11/29** Comfort Keepers  
LARC  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## LINDENWOOD STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OFFER REAL EXPERIENCES

Lindenwood University has over 70 different organizations that offer student engagement and opportunities to build resumes. While clubs are a great extracurricular activity, they also offer students the ability to connect, network, and learn from community and campus leaders. Dr. Shane Williamson, associate vice president of student life and diversity, encourages all students to get involved on their campus.



“Joining a student organization has several benefits — they develop leadership skills, provide opportunities to meet new people, increase the ability to make friends, and increases a person’s support network. Ultimately, when you are involved, you have more people invested in your success as a person.”

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