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**Homecoming
2017 Coming
in October**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE BEGINNING OF THE JOURNEY



Recently, as we were putting the finishing touches on our new Library and Academic Resources Center, our library staff organized a “book brigade”—a human chain to pass the last 50 of our 80,000 books from Butler Library to the new building. I stood at the end of the chain. FUN!

That amazing new building is open now, and we hope you'll come check it out during Homecoming or at the grand opening on Family Day, Sept. 16. It was a long journey to get here, but it's not the end. It's the beginning. In this edition of Lindenwood, you will find many stories about people who have already accomplished much at or near the beginning of their journeys.

Filmmaker Joe Puleo's short film, *Top Son*, has been getting some excellent notices in film festivals from St. Louis to Hollywood and even Canada. Check him out online while you can, because at this rate, if you want to see one of his films, you are going to have to buy a ticket.

Anastasia English, who has two Lindenwood degrees and works for Caleres in St. Louis, was recently named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* 30 Under 30 list. The marketing database specialist was selected from more than 250 nominees.

One of our fine broadcasting graduates, Suzanne Herman (DeMerit), recently won an Emmy for her work at KVVU-TV in Las Vegas. She says now that she has won the award, she'd like to win another. The odds are good; she has a long career ahead of her.

On page 10 is a story about a group of our sport management graduates, all of whom graduated within the last couple years, who are now working for major league sports teams. We've also checked in with our six first-team academic all-Americans to see what they have been doing since graduation. Needless to say, it's some pretty impressive stuff, on and off the field of play.

Also in this issue, you'll see a complete list of Homecoming activities on our St. Charles and Belleville campuses, as well as a variety of other great stories, sports, and Alumni News and Notes. You've probably noticed we've changed the name of the magazine; it's now called Lindenwood, because that's what it's all about—the alumni, the students, and the entire Lindenwood community.

We've had a great summer, and we're heading into the 2017-18 academic year with momentum. As always, please keep in touch, and we hope to see you soon.

MICHAEL D. SHONROCK, Ph.D.
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Values-centered liberal arts education—preparing students for life

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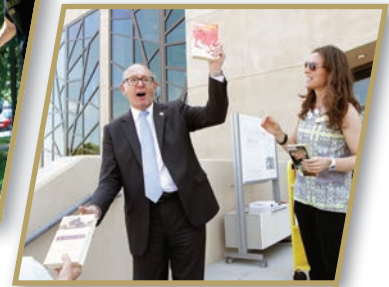
Watching Lindenwood's sports teams, including the annual Homecoming football game, is one of the most popular activities at Homecoming.

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A "book brigade" was held Aug. 24 to transfer the final 50 books from Butler Library to the new building.



Dr. Michael Shonrock and library staffer Lisa Young received the books at the end.

NEW LIBRARY GENERATES 'WOW' FACTOR

Classes have started on Lindenwood University's campus in St. Charles, but there is a little more buzz in the air this fall. There are many reasons for the excitement, but chief among them is the opening of the 100,000-square-foot Library and Academic Resources Center.

While the official LARC grand opening ceremony isn't until Family Day on September 16, the building has been brimming with activity, said Dean of Library Services Elizabeth MacDonald.

For instance, faculty, staff, and students gathered for a Book Brigade on Aug. 24—a ceremonial hand-to-hand, person-to-person transfer of books from old Butler Library to the new LARC.

And, donors had the chance to sneak a peek at the facility that evening during a special preview reception.

MacDonald said the university's leadership "left no stone unturned carefully planning the library of the future.

"There were the obvious things, like offices, library collection, circulation and reference desks," MacDonald said. "But it's the not-so-obvious things that make this space amazing, like programmable high-tech glass, a Help Desk that is combined with the main floor information desk, and a flexible technology infrastructure that will allow spaces to change and update along with the changing needs of our student body."

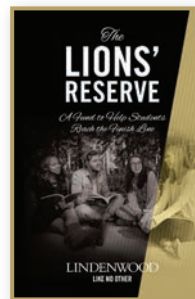
The front entrance to the building is called the Grove, offering a beautiful two-story atrium and a gathering space for both

academic and social purposes. Adjacent to the Grove is a full-service Starbucks. On the third level is a high-tech media lab that includes audio and video editing, as well as access to an 81-seat theater that allows students to display their work to audiences right away. The theater serves as a student lab but can be used for many other purposes, MacDonald said.

"We are also very excited about our gaming center," MacDonald said. "It includes all of the major gaming consoles attached to wall-mounted TV screens. We also have a virtual reality station and a perfect space for collaborating on game design, one of our new degrees."

MacDonald said central to the administration's planning for the building was student convenience, which led to a "one-stop shop approach for academic support services."

LINDENWOOD WILL MATCH GIFTS TO LIONS' RESERVE FUND



Tyrona was so very close to completing her degree – all she needed was a three-hour class. She had run out of money, and she figured she was out of options.

One could imagine her delight when she learned of Lindenwood University's new Lions' Reserve Fund, designed specifically to help students like Tyrona complete their degrees.

The Lions' Reserve Fund campaign launched in the summer and has the ability

to meet a critical need, providing support for students whose funding has dried up just prior to graduation.

Vice President for Development and Alumni Dan Grigg said the fund is a "godsend for people like Tyrona. We're going to try to help people get across the finish line with the Lions' Reserve Fund."

Tyrona, by the way, completed her final class toward her degree this summer and is eligible to walk in graduation.

Grigg said there are many more deserving students, "but we need help providing a bridge for them to complete their journey and reach their dreams."

Grigg said he hopes to raise \$100,000 in the next year to provide a base for the Lions' Reserve Fund.

Lindenwood University President Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D., has pledged to match every dollar given to the program. Through philanthropic giving and support from donors, the Lions' Reserve Fund will help Lindenwood students graduate, get into the workforce, and become productive members of society.

Please call (636) 949-4903 today or give online at www.lindenwood.edu/reserve.

AFTER EDUCATION CAREER, DREHER TAKES A SWING AT BEING HIS OWN BOSS

by **SCOTT WUERZ**



Paul Dreher ('00)

Paul Dreher ('00) is mixing business with pleasure, giving up a career as a school administrator to start his own playground equipment business, St. Louis Swings in O'Fallon, Mo.

The new business has grown rapidly in just a year and a half, selling trampolines and lacrosse equipment in addition to cedar playsets that feature swings as well as slides, climbing walls, and clubhouses.

Dreher, originally from Florissant, Mo., wasn't always so sure that his career would turn out to be fun and games. He originally went away to college in Tennessee only to struggle and eventually quit. He came home without a plan for the future, ultimately signing up for classes at Lindenwood as an effort to get things moving in the right direction.

"I was late diagnosed with a learning disability," said Dreher. "When I went away to school the first time, they didn't realize it. But when I came to Lindenwood, they recognized that I was a visual learner. My instructors told me to watch them while they talked and to find someone who takes good notes that I could get from them later."

That advice proved to make a big difference for him.

"It was transformational for me," he said. "I went from failing school to a 3.5 grade point average—not that the classes weren't rigorous. But my instructors figured out how to get through to me."

Dreher's choice for a note taker paid off in more ways than one. Bethany Eshelman ('00) not only helped Paul get his degree, but the couple married in 2001 and have two sons, Tyler, 6, and Nathan, 4.

After graduating with his bachelor's degree in human service agency management, Dreher moved to Atlanta and worked with a nonprofit organization, but he found himself called to education and eventually became a special education teacher. He said, as a high-functioning person with a learning disability, he could really relate with the children in his classes. He eventually got a master's degree in education and a specialist certification from Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

Dreher worked for about 10 years in education, and while he enjoyed it for the most part, he and Bethany decided it was time to come home where they could raise their kids near their families.

"Working together to create this new business is something that we're all really excited about," Dreher said. "I tell my sons that they're my vice presidents and give them jobs to do."

While he is not working directly in education anymore, the new business utilizes his background and passion for learning.

"I really wanted to do something close to my educational roots, and our products are all about learning and development," Dreher said. "Kids today are bombarded with so much information. They never have a chance to just breathe. They need a chance to get outside and let their brains absorb everything; then they start making connections."

"Working together to create this new business is something that we're all really excited about."

Paul Dreher

Monica Flippin Wynn, Ph.D.

MONICA FLIPPIN WYNN SERVES AS NEH FELLOW OVER SUMMER

by **CHRIS DUGGAN**

Dr. Monica Flippin Wynn, director of the Undergraduate Communications Department in the School of Accelerated Degree Programs, spent a large portion of her summer in a fellowship with the National Endowment for the Humanities, specifically at the Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy.

The institute was in session June 11-30 at Jackson State University in Mississippi, where Flippin Wynn served as a tenured communications professor for six years before coming to Lindenwood in 2016. She said she applied for the fellowship in January, which was followed by an interview process, and was notified in March that she was among the 25 people selected.

"It was not a vacation, by any means," she said. "I read 27 books to prepare, 19 of them completely. "We had a full agenda, homework, and a final presentation."

Fanny Lou Hamer was a civil rights activist from Mississippi who advocated for a number of issues throughout the South, such as voting rights. The focus of the institute was civil rights and the role of different communities. Presenters from all over the country came to speak daily to the group, including the curator of the new African American Civil Rights Museum in Washington, D.C. With a background in communications, Flippin Wynn said her focus was on the news media and its role in the civil rights movement.

"The idea is that we take that back and incorporate it into our courses—different ways to look at activism—and incorporate that into the critical thinking process with our students," she said. "They want us to branch out and find programs that make us better teachers and administrators."

Among the 25 fellows were faculty members and some administrators from Denver, Boston, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and Mississippi, among others.

"When you bring together an eclectic and diverse group of scholars, it affects the dialog," Flippin Wynn said. "We got lots of different perspectives from all kinds of institutions, along with great speakers. It can be nothing but positive for Lindenwood. I've already had a student doing a three-hour independent study on the history of journalistic coverage of civil rights in Missouri, with whom I was able to use what we talked about."

She credits Gina Ganahl, dean of the School of Accelerated Degree Programs, and Vice President and Provost Marilyn Abbott, along with other administrators, for supporting her efforts to attend the institute. She also said the university's library was invaluable in helping assemble all the reading material.

Ganahl said Flippin Wynn's fellowship experience will ultimately lead to improvements in the Accelerated Degree Programs' B.A. in communications program.

"She plans to incorporate what she learned about the influence of communications on social reform to reshape the communications curriculum in ways that engage students in constructive strategies for positive activism and civic participation," Ganahl said.

"We got lots of different perspectives from all kinds of institutions, along with great speakers."

Dr. Monica Flippin Wynn

While this was her first experience with the NEH, Flippin Wynn previously served as a fellow with the National Institutes of Health in a two-year program in which she focused on obesity in children, specifically as it correlates to the amount of time spent in front of TV, computers, and electronic devices. She said research continues toward putting those findings into a paper.

"My hope is to do my own NEH institute here at Lindenwood," Flippin Wynn said. "I was thinking about focusing on women journalists. It would be in 2019 at the soonest."

Joseph Puleo ('14)
and Jonathan
Holden ('16)
at a film festival
in Montreal.



Movie poster
for *Top Son*.

PULEO'S TOM CRUISE SATIRE MAKES WAVES IN FILM FESTIVALS

by **CHRIS DUGGAN**

Some would consider making it in the film industry “mission impossible.” Though it is a “risky business,” Joseph Puleo ('14) hopes he’s making “all the right moves.” If the reception his short film *Top Son* is receiving is any indication, he may soon be saying, “Show me the money.”

The film is a comedy done in a “mockumentary” style about a young man trying to make it as a Tom Cruise impersonator and earn the respect of his judgmental father. Like a documentary, the film includes interviews with his eccentric family members, who have varying reactions to his chosen vocation.

Puleo said the seeds of the story were planted when he was still studying at Lindenwood toward his Bachelor of Fine Arts in digital cinema.

“To begin with, I’m a big fan of Tom Cruise,” Puleo said. “I thought it would be funny to have a character who was obsessed with Tom Cruise.”

He considered it for his capstone project, but instead made a film called *Hit*, about a college baseball superstar. In 2015, Puleo’s adviser, Ben Scholle, steered him toward an internship working on a low-budget film in the St. Louis area. There, he met Abby Wathen, an actor

on the film, whom he showed *Hit* and an earlier project, *The Birthday Dinner*.

Puleo told her about his Tom Cruise fan idea, and she put him in touch with a Tom Cruise impersonator she knew, Evan Ferrante of Beverly Hills. Puleo sent a rewritten script to Ferrante, who said he would do it. Wathen also signed on to play the sister.

“It got lots of big laughs and really connected with the audience. The experience was a definite whirlwind.”

Joseph Puleo

Ben Giessman ('06), Steve Silvester ('15), and Steve Cakouros ('14) produced the film with Puleo, funding the \$1,300 production cost with their own money. Lindenwood grad Joey Jetton ('13) shot the film, and Jonathan Holden ('16) played the brother. The film was shot in three days in part at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts and on a stretch of road in Linden Terrace women’s housing, all with university permission.

The film was completed in spring of 2016 and since then has been well received in a handful of film festivals, including the St. Louis International Film Festival and St. Louis Filmmakers’ Showcase, at which

it won awards for Best Comedy and Best Actor for Ferrante. On the same day in spring of 2017, the film was selected for the Holly Shorts festival in Hollywood and for the Just for Laughs Eat My Shorts competition in Canada, presented by comedian Kevin Hart’s Laugh Out Loud Network. *Top Son* was among 400 films selected from 4,000 submissions for Holly Shorts, and it was among 20 selected from 650 entries for Eat My Shorts. Through fan voting, the film went on to place in the top five, which earned Puleo and Holden a trip to Montreal, along with red carpets, interviews with the media, and a showing of the film to an audience of 900, introduced by Hart.

“It got lots of big laughs and really connected with the audience,” Puleo said. “The experience was a definite whirlwind.”

Puleo has since written a feature-length version of the film, and now the short serves as a “proof of concept” for that project to show to film studios and possible financiers. He hopes to be able to move forward with that project within the next year.

“Joey is a talented director and producer,” said Peter Carlos, professor of cinema arts. “An excellent student of film, he lives and breathes movies. We’ll be hearing in a couple of years that he’s written, produced, and/or directed a film.”

Professor Jeremiah Ratican helps a game design student.



Paramedicine students learn from Air Evac crew.



NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS ADDED FOR FALL 2017

Lindenwood University has recently added a number of new degree programs, some of which are available online or in a hybrid online-classroom format.

Digital content strategy and game design, which will be housed in the School of Arts, Media, and Communications, are both available online.

Digital content strategy offers a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, minor, and certificate. Communications Professor Andrew Smith says that the field is ready to grow.

“Digital content strategist is a job that did not exist 10 years ago,” Smith said. “More and more companies are now figuring out they need people who understand digital media to go with their more traditional marketing and public relations personnel.”

Smith added that digital content strategy is a field that doesn’t just include social media, but the entire spectrum of digital media, including how to manage and monetize it.

The Bachelor of Arts in game design will ready students for a career working in a game studio environment, focusing on game art, design, and quality assurance, all while working with the latest equipment in classrooms designed for game design.

“We will cover game testing, rapid and paper prototyping, level design, and character design, and we will use various game engines,” said Professor Jeremiah Ratican. “Students will work in teams creating full playable games. Also, we are bringing in game developers working in the field to assist and mentor the students.”

Ratican said that it’s an exciting time for game design with job opportunities on the rise with game companies and independent game designers.

Students can now earn a Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine (BSP) through the School of Health Sciences. The Department of Paramedicine is led by Professor Nick Miller, a respected professional in the field of paramedic education and training.

Miller said that there are three tracks students can take within the program: traditional, for students without any previous paramedic education; licensed paramedic, which allows paramedics to continue their education at the baccalaureate level; and military medic, which trains military medics for paramedic certification. The licensed paramedic and military medic tracks are available on-campus or online.

Paramedicine students will also have their choice of one of six emphases, a minor in a medical science, or other department-approved minor.

“The BSP program is more than just a paramedic certification program,” Miller said. “It is an integrated bachelor’s degree that is designed to develop critically thinking paramedics that can perform as advanced clinicians and practitioners. It also provides students with marketable expertise and the foundational education necessary to advance throughout their careers.”

Lindenwood has also added master’s degrees for two programs which had existing undergraduate degrees, journalism and fashion business and entrepreneurship, plus a new bachelor’s degree in therapeutic recreation, also in the School of Health Sciences.

“The BSP program is an integrated bachelor’s degree that is designed to develop critically thinking paramedics.”

Professor Nick Miller

Anastasia English
(’10, ’11)



ENGLISH NAMED TO BUSINESS JOURNAL’S 30 UNDER 30 CLASS

by RACHEL JOHNSON

Anastasia English (’10, ’11) has been employed in the corporate workforce for less than a decade but has already been recognized for her professional accomplishments as a member of the *St. Louis Business Journal’s* 30 Under 30 class for 2017. She was chosen from among more than 250 nominees by a panel of previous 30 Under 30 winners and by the *Business Journal* editorial board.

“I got a phone call notifying me I was selected, and nothing could have wiped the grin off my face that day,” English said.

The 29-year-old Texas native and current St. Louis resident has worked since 2014 as a marketing database specialist at Caleres, Inc. (formerly Brown Shoe Company). Her work requires that she analyze customer data to mine insights and make recommendations to marketing teams and other departments within the company, such as consumer services and loss prevention.

“Recently, by eliminating a number of no-value benefits, I was able to help refocus \$2.7 million in customer bonuses back into the budget,” English said. “The cut inefficiencies simplified the program, creating a better and easier experience for our customers.”

English recalled that she always wanted to work in marketing, and she discovered during her time as a Lindenwood University student that she was fascinated by statistics and uncovering patterns about people and their behaviors. She cultivated those interests by earning undergraduate degrees in studio art and marketing, as well as an MBA from Lindenwood, before launching her career.

She credits her degree in studio art with helping her initially get hired at smaller companies, since she had learned the skills necessary to complete graphic and package design, blogging, social media, and general analytical marketing tasks. Her skills and professional passion helped shape her success from that point on.

“The wonderful thing about data is that there’s always new information to learn, new lenses to look at the data through, and new ways to market to target audiences,” said English. “Moving forward, I look forward to furthering my work in data and to all the new discoveries to be made within it.”

She also offered words of encouragement to recent and future Lindenwood graduates about remaining persistent in the pursuit of satisfying and rewarding careers.

“Just keep your heads up,” she said. “I entered the job force when there were few jobs to be had, so I moved across county for awhile to try something new. Even if it’s scary and totally out of your comfort zone, you’re paving the way for the best possible future for yourself, and that is worth all the worry and anxiety of the present.”

“I look forward to furthering my work in data and to all the new discoveries to be made within it.”

Anastasia English

HERMAN WINS PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMMY AWARD

by BAILEY E. KINNEY



Suzanne Herman
(DeMerit)
(’03, ’11)

Winning a Regional Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is an honor truly like no other. Two-time Lindenwood graduate Suzanne Herman (DeMerit) (’03, ’11) joined that hallowed group on June 25, 2017, when she won an Emmy from the Pacific Southwest Chapter of the organization.

A St. Louis native, Herman was bitten by the journalism bug back in high school when KSDK anchor Kay Quinn spoke at Notre Dame High School. Herman was hooked and went to college knowing that journalism was the only field for her. She was drawn to Lindenwood University when she visited campus as a high school student.

“Lindenwood had a really good radio/television department,” she said. “When I came to visit as a high school student, I knew I was in the right place. Plus, the campus was beautiful.”

Herman went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications with an emphasis in electronic journalism and radio/television and graduated from Lindenwood in 2003.

“I was always drawn to writing and the creative side of communications,” Herman said. “I interned at Fox2 my senior year of college. After graduation, I took part-time production assistant jobs at KMOV and then KSDK. I was paying almost as much to park in Downtown St. Louis as I was making, but I was working television.”

“It was easy to sell other students on the LU experience, because I had such great memories from my time there.”

Suzanne Herman (DeMerit)

Those production assistant positions earned her an opportunity as a producer at KMIZ in Columbia, Mo., where she cut her teeth producing newscasts. It wasn’t long until she had gained enough experience to return to her hometown to produce at the very same station from which Kay Quinn visited her in high school, KSDK. Her journey came full circle when she returned to Lindenwood as a graduate student and director in the Office of Evening and Graduate Admissions.

“It was easy to sell other students on the LU experience, because I had such great memories from my time there,” she said. “Once I started taking graduate classes through LCIE (now the School of Accelerated Degree Programs), I was able to tell students exactly what it was like balancing classes, homework, life, and a full-time job.”

Herman now produces the 10 p.m. newscast for KVVU-TV Fox5 in Las Vegas. Her special, “Vegas Is Hockey,” earned the Emmy in the News Special category in the 2017 Pacific Southwest Regional Emmy Awards.

“There was such a fun energy behind ‘Vegas Is Hockey,’” she said. “The announcement of the NHL coming to Las Vegas was huge. It was our first major league sports team. Many people living in Las Vegas are transplants from other parts of the country and have hometown teams. I know, of the things I miss most about home is sports and being able to catch a game with family and friends. Now, people are going to be able to do that here. Our news special touched on so many aspects of securing the team and the excitement it would bring to southern Nevada.”

So, with a coveted Emmy in hand, what’s Herman’s next goal?

“Now that I have an Emmy, I’d love to get another one,” she said. “It’s not necessary, but it is always nice to be recognized for something I am so passionate about.”

Tim Schmidt ('14)



Adam Ure ('14, '15)



Lindsay Sorenson ('15)



Tom Heimrich ('15)

SPORT MANAGEMENT GRADS SCORE WITH MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS

by **SCOTT WUERZ**

Even though most can't hit a 450-foot home run, score a three-point shot over a 7-foot-tall defender, or outrun a world-class sprinter to the end zone, Lindenwood University graduates regularly place in the big leagues.

Students with diplomas from the university's Sport Management program have landed positions with major league franchises in baseball, basketball, football, and hockey. Here are a few notable examples.

Tim Schmidt ('14) works as a ticket representative in the ticket office for the Cincinnati Bengals of the National Football League. It's his second job with a pro club.

"I've always wanted to work for a professional sports team, so I was extremely fortunate that I graduated on a Saturday and went to work for the St. Louis Rams on Monday morning," said Schmidt. "I had an internship with the Rams while I was still in school, but it was still surprising how things came together to make my dream of a career in professional sports a reality."

Schmidt said he was concerned that dream would be short-lived when the Rams announced that they'd move to Los Angeles following the 2015 season. Fortunately, he was able to land his second job nearly as quickly as the first.

"I was hired by the Bengals about a week after the Rams announced they'd move," Schmidt said.

A native of Arnold, **Adam Ure ('14, '15)** grew up playing youth hockey in the area while rooting on the NHL St. Louis Blues. Now with his bachelor's in sport management and an MBA from Lindenwood as well, he works for his favorite team as a client retention specialist.

"This is a picture-perfect career for me," said Ure. "It's the next-best thing to being on the ice. I hope to stay with the organization and continue to grow into a position in the business office."

Tom Heimrich ('15) got a job in the ticket office of the St. Louis Cardinals right after graduation, but he couldn't pass on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join a new sports franchise being created from scratch.

"It's a lot of fun, and it's always interesting. I'm very grateful for the opportunities I've had because of my Lindenwood education."

Lindsay Sorenson

"I was hired by the NHL expansion team the Las Vegas Golden Knights," Heimrich said. "I was one of their first 10 employees to sign on after the team was created, so that's a pretty unique experience."

Heimrich said one of his first responsibilities as an account executive with the fledgling team was to convert the thousands of deposits the team received into season ticket accounts.

"It's been a long process to get the team up and running," said Heimrich. "But I'm excited to be a part of it and I can't wait until the games start to be played."

Lindsay Sorenson ('15) already had her bachelor's degree when she arrived at Lindenwood. She planned to get a master's in sport management, but she decided to pursue an MBA instead to broaden her marketability. That didn't stop her from pursuing her dream of working in professional sports.

Sorenson also started her career as a ticket sales representative with the Cardinals, but after moving on to work on the Orange Bowl Committee, she settled into a job as a group sales account executive with the Memphis Grizzlies of the National Basketball Association.

"I work with a lot of church, high school, and scouting groups," said Sorenson. "It's a lot of fun, and it's always interesting. I'm very grateful for the opportunities I've had because of my Lindenwood education, including my first job in sports working as a graduate assistant in the Athletics Department. I wouldn't change a thing."



PENN & TELLER, NEWHART, COLORS OF CHRISTMAS ROUND OUT FALL SCHEIDEGGER SEASON

by CHRIS DUGGAN

Kenny Loggins kicked off the 2017-18 Touring Series at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts on Sept. 9 with an evening of chart-topping favorites and movie soundtrack gold from his decades-long career. And that was just the beginning.

The fall portion of the season continues later this month with **Penn & Teller** at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29. The duo have astounded audiences with their magic while making them laugh at the same time. In addition to their 16-year run at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, they have appeared on Broadway, in world tours, and on numerous television specials and shows, including their current show, *Fool Us* on the CW network.

The timeless **Bob Newhart** follows at 8 p.m. on Oct. 7 with a night of “buttoned-down” comedy as only he can deliver it. Newhart starred in two long-running television shows, the 1970s-era *Bob Newhart Show*, about a therapist and his wife living in Chicago, and the 1980s-era *Newhart*, in which he plays the transplanted owner of an inn in a small Vermont town that is populated by a collection of eccentric characters, such as Larry, his brother Darryl, and his other brother Darryl. He has also appeared in 14 feature films and won an Emmy for his recurring role on the hit series, *The Big Bang Theory*.

The fall portion of the season concludes with **The Colors of Christmas** at 8 p.m. on Dec. 16. This concert features a collection of rhythm and blues luminaries, including **Peabo Bryson, Marilyn McCoo, Billy Davis Jr., Ruben Studdard, and Jody Watley**, performing an evening of holiday favorites. Among them, the five have 17 Grammy Award wins and 33 nominations. This is a rare opportunity to see them all on one stage and a great way to ring in the holiday season.

Tickets for all shows are available online at LUboxoffice.com, by phone during box office hours at 636.949.4433, or in person at the box office, which is located in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts on the southeast corner of campus, 2300 West Clay St. in St. Charles. For more information about any of these shows or those coming in the spring semester, visit LUboxoffice.com

UPCOMING STUDENT PERFORMANCES

STUDENT THEATRE
Avenue Q
 By Jeff Whitty, Robert Lopez, and Jeff Marx
 Oct. 4-7, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8, 2 p.m.

The Visit
 By Friedrich Durrenmatt
 Nov. 2-4, 7:30 p.m.
A Christmas Carol
 Adapted from the story by Charles Dickens
 Dec. 7-9, 7:30 p.m.

STUDENT MUSIC
Jazz Band Concert
 Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Band Concert
 Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Choir Concert
 Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Concert
 Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Fall Chamber Series
 Nov. 3-9, 7:30 p.m.
STUDENT MUSIC
Fall Dance Concert
 Nov. 16-18, 7:30 p.m.

STUDENT FASHION
Fall Fashion Show
 Dec. 1, 7 p.m.
ART EXHIBITS
 (Boyle Family Gallery)
Contemporary Printmaking
 Through Oct. 1

Art and Design Faculty Exhibition
 Oct. 5-Nov. 12
Young Artists and their Teachers
 Nov. 19-Dec. 11

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HOMECOMING 2017 ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

October 9-14
2017

Homecoming and Reunion 2017 - Welcome to the Jungle is right around the corner! Online registration is open until October 15 at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming. Join your former classmates, faculty, staff, and coaches for a week full of fun, networking, and reminiscing.

No matter which residence hall you called home, no matter where you spent your time studying and socializing, no matter which sport you played, come back home this fall to Lindenwood. You are always welcome here.

The 50-year honored class is the class of 1967, which posed for that famous picture at the alumnae gate. The class of 1992, whose senior year Homecoming theme was also "Welcome to the Jungle," will celebrate its 25-year reunion, and, the class of 2007 will celebrate its 10-year reunion. A variety of fun events and activities are planned with something for everyone.

Events Schedule

Subject to Change

Monday, October 9 - Sunday, October 14, 2017

Organization Homecoming Banner Competition. 2017 Homecoming "Welcome to the Jungle" banners will be displayed in Evans Commons and Spellmann Center for the entire week.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

9-11 p.m. / Movie Night under the Stars, Evans Commons Lawn. Come see the magic of *Jumanji*; when two kids find and play a magical jungle board game, they release a man trapped inside it for decades, along with a host of dangers that can only be stopped by finishing the game.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

5-7 p.m. / Homecoming Organization Fair, Evans Commons Courts. Join Student Involvement on the Evans Commons Courts for our Homecoming Organization Fair! Meet and learn about a wide variety of student organizations and see all the involvement opportunities Lindenwood has to offer!

5-7 p.m. / Homecoming Escape Room, Evans Commons, Group Exercise Room. Take part in a challenging escape room adventure game where players must work together to decipher clues, crack codes, solve puzzles, and escape before time runs out!

8-10 p.m. / Inaugural Homecoming & Alumni Bonfire, Pfremmer Pond. Music, s'mores, and Homecoming memories await the inaugural Homecoming Bonfire, hosted by Residential Life.

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7-10 p.m. / Homecoming Lip Sync/ Pep Rally, Hyland Arena. Come join us for a night of entertainment as our students put on a wild lip sync competition and pep rally, including appearances from some of our fall sports teams and performances by the Golden Lion Marching Band and the Spirit Squad.

Friday, October 13, 2017

4-7 p.m. / Homecoming and Reunion Registration Table, Library and Academic Resources Center (LARC) Main Entrance. 50-, 25-, and 10-year reunion alumni check in. All pre-registration packets can be picked up at this location.

4-5 p.m. / Professors Emeriti and 50-Year Reunion Reception, The Grove. Visit with your former classmates and professors and reminisce on old times in Lindenwood's newest building.

5-7 p.m. / Alumni Reception & Progressive Tours of the LARC. Tour the new Library and Academic Resources Center and discover all of the new and exciting features of the LARC.

6 p.m. / 50-Year Reunion Alumni Dinner, Prasino. The class of 1967 will celebrate with a dinner at Prasino in the Streets of St. Charles.

7-9 p.m. / Greek Life Yard Show LUCS, Auditorium. Come watch as members of our multicultural Greek organizations show you how it's done. Watch as they step dance and stroll and demonstrate how Lions bring it to the yard!

7-9 p.m. / Men's and Women's Soccer Alumni Reunion, Alumni Plaza-Spellmann Center End Zone. Join soccer alumni as they reminisce and cheer the Lady Lions on to victory.

7 p.m. / Women's Soccer at Hunter Stadium. The Lady Lions will take on the Missouri S&T Miners.

9-11 p.m. / Streets of Lindenwood Party on John Weber Drive, Hunter Stadium Entrance. Students and alumni are invited to kick off the Homecoming weekend with the music of Serapis, one of St. Louis' premier bands for authentic rock music since 1982. Enjoy fire pits, a coffee bar, and snacks.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

9-10 a.m. / Lindenwood Alumni Association General Meeting, Library and Academic Resources Center. Visit with fellow alumni and attend the annual alumni association meeting. President Michael Shonrock will deliver a state-of-the-university address, the Alumni Association president will offer an alumni news update, and the 1967 50-year reunion class agents will share their memories.

9-11 a.m. / Alumni Baseball Game, Lou Brock Complex. Attention all baseball alumni! The first pitch will be thrown at 9 a.m. sharp. Don't miss out on the rematch from the April reunion game. Baseball families will have a front row seat for the Welcome to the Jungle parade that will pass by the Lou Brock complex after the game.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. / Men's Alumni Rugby Game, Field at the Lindenwood Track. The men's rugby alumni will meet for a friendly scrimmage and then proceed to the tailgate area for the Homecoming Barbecue and Street Party.

10:30-11:30 a.m. / Homecoming & Alumni Parade, Lindenwood Campus. Please help us recognize and celebrate our alumni, athletes, student organizations, local businesses and partners, and many others at our annual Homecoming parade. The parade will include entries with a wild jungle theme that will be sure to amuse and entertain.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. / Men's Alumni Volleyball Scrimmage, Hyland Arena Court. For more information, please contact Assistant Coach Ben Duckworth at bduckworth@lindenwood.edu.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. / Alumni Barbecue, Homecoming Block Party & Tailgate, Spellmann Center Lot, Field House, and John Weber Drive. Enjoy Nagel's BBQ, visit a variety of food trucks, and enjoy games, face painting, and tailgating. For the ultimate '80s experience, That '80s Band will perform across from the entrance to Hunter Stadium.

12:30 p.m. / Alumni Plaza, Spellmann Center End Zone. Alumni, students, parents, and friends are all welcome. Enjoy desserts and snacks and cheer the Lions on to victory!

1 p.m. / Homecoming Football Game, Hunter Stadium. The Lindenwood Lions will face off against the Emporia State Hornets. The 2017 Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime along with the crowning of the king and queen.

4:30-6 p.m. / Black Alumni Council Reception, Lindenwood House. Please join us for the inaugural Black Alumni Council meeting immediately following the Homecoming Football Game (approximately 4:30-6:00 p.m.). Dr. Michael Shonrock, Lindenwood University system president, and wife Karen will host a wine and cheese reception at the Lindenwood House to celebrate this event. RSVP at www.lindenwood.edu/bac.



Saturday, October 14, 2017 cont.

6-8 p.m. / SCEC/Education Trivia Night, A-B Leadership Room, Spellmann Center. Education alumni will congregate in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room for a friendly game of trivia, reminiscing, snacks, and good times. For more information, please contact Rebecca Panagos at rpanagos@lindenwood.edu.

7-9 p.m. / Rugby, Alumni Plaza. Join us for the inaugural rugby alumni reunion at the Alumni Plaza, above the Spellmann Center end zone. Enjoy refreshments and good times.

7:30 p.m. / Women's Rugby Game, Hunter Stadium. The Lady Lions will take on Tulane University.

Additional Information**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED**

Bundles can be purchased online at <http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming>

Children 6 and under are free, but registration is required.

TICKET PICK-UP**Friday, Oct 13**

- **4-7 p.m.** Registration table in the Library and Academic Resources Center (LARC).

Saturday, Oct. 14

- **9-10 a.m.** Registration table in the LARC
- **11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Registration table on John Weber Dr., in front of the barbecue tent.

\$30 ALUMNI REUNION BUNDLE

This all-inclusive alumni bundle includes access to the following:

- **LARC Alumni Reception and Tour** on Friday
- **1 BBQ ticket** on Saturday
- **1 Lions football ticket** and admission to the **Alumni Plaza tent**
- Admission to **all Homecoming reunion and athletic events**
- **1 2017 Homecoming t-shirt**

\$20 FOOTBALL BUNDLE

- **1 BBQ ticket** on Saturday
- **1 Lions football ticket** and admission to the **Alumni Plaza tent**
- **1 2017 Homecoming T-shirt**

\$10 ALUMNI PLAZA BUNDLE

- **2 Lions football tickets**
- **2 admissions** to the **Alumni Plaza tent**

\$6 ALUMNI PLAZA BUNDLE

- **1 Lions football ticket**
- **1 admission** to the **Alumni Plaza tent**

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

- **Football Game**
\$10-Adults
\$5-Alumni
\$5-Kids (age 5+)
- **Saturday Barbecue**
\$10-Adults
\$5-Kids (age 6-12)
- **Homecoming T-Shirt:**
\$10
- **All Other Athletic Events**
Free Admission
- **Friday Night LARC Alumni Reception and Tour**
\$6 for 1 or
\$10 for 2
- **Friday M & W Soccer Reunion** at the Alumni Plaza Tent
\$6 for 1 or
\$10 for 2
- **Saturday Football Alumni Plaza Tent**
\$6 for 1 or
\$10 for 2
- **Saturday Rugby Reunion** at the Alumni Plaza Tent
\$6 for 1 or
\$10 for 2

CAMPUS MAP

Campus Map can be found at www.lindenwood.edu/campus-map



BLACK ALUMNI COUNCIL TO HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING

Lindenwood University has a new **Black Alumni Council, an affinity group under the Lindenwood Alumni Association.**

It will hold its inaugural meeting from approximately 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 (following the Homecoming football game), at the Lindenwood House. Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock, Ph.D., and wife Karen will host the inaugural Black Alumni Council meeting with a wine and cheese reception.

Please visit the council's website at www.lindenwood.edu/BAC for additional information.

RSVP for this event at <http://www.lindenwood.edu/alumni-donors/awards-groups/black-alumni-council/inaugural-meeting/>.

The council is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LindenwoodBlackAlumniCouncil/>. The council may be contacted at blackalumniCouncil@lindenwood.edu or (636) 627-4985.

HOMECOMING 2017 BELLEVILLE CAMPUS

October 6-8
2017

Parents, Family and Alumni Reunion Weekend 2017 is set for October 6-8, and we're looking forward to rolling out the red carpet for our alumni, the parents and family of our current students, and our community members. It'll be a great weekend having everyone back on campus to celebrate Lindenwood University-Belleville! Last year, we hosted our inaugural Homecoming Parade, with more than 800 individuals walking alongside our students, faculty, and staff members. It was quite a sight to see and a wonderful new tradition for the university and Belleville community. This year, we'll host a variety of alumni, parents, and family events along with student activities throughout homecoming week, plus a fall sports lineup that is sure to please the sports enthusiasts out there. Ticket bundles will go on sale in September. We look forward to celebrating Parents, Family and Alumni Reunion Weekend at Homecoming 2017 with you!

in order to participate in all the fun events and activities. Enjoy refreshments and receive all the information you need to celebrate Homecoming weekend!

6 p.m. / Family, Friends, and Alumni Theatre Reception, Alice E. Ackermann Welcome Center.

Join the Theatre Department at a reception for its season opening of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Please note this event is open to alumni and family who purchase advance ticket bundles and other invitation-only guests.

7:30 p.m. / Theatre Performance, A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Lindenwood Auditorium. Join the Theatre Department for a performance of one of the finest plays of the 20th century! Purchase an all-inclusive bundle in advance for a reduced ticket rate.

9 p.m. / Women's Ice Hockey vs. Liberty University, Shark Tank

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8 a.m. / Prospective Student Open House, Dixon Center

There is no better way to learn about Lindenwood University-Belleville than to visit our campus. To register, visit belleville.lindenwood.edu, mouse over "Admissions," select "Undergraduate Admissions" and click on "Open House."

11 a.m. / Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade, Main Street. Line Main Street for our annual Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade! We'll line up at St. Mary Church on Main Street and head toward the Lindenwood University campus, concluding in the Union School parking lot.

11 a.m. / Men's Rugby vs. Mizzou, Lynx Stadium

12 p.m. / Lynx Picnic, Main Quad Mingle with current students, alumni, friends, and family while enjoying a barbecue before the games begin.

12 p.m. / Lynx Booths Open, Schaltenbrand Lot. Check out the Lynx Booth area with a variety of student clubs and organizations!

Stop by the alumni booth and be entered to win prizes and Lynx gear.

1 p.m. / Football vs. Missouri Baptist University, Football Stadium. Cheer on your Lynx football team as they take on Missouri Baptist University!

4 p.m. / Women's Volleyball vs. Park University, Lynx Arena

6 p.m. / Women's Field Hockey vs. Concordia University-Wisconsin, Lynx Stadium

7:30 p.m. / Theatre Performance, A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Lindenwood Auditorium. Purchase an all-inclusive bundle in advance and enjoy a reduced ticket rate.

9 p.m. / Women's Ice Hockey vs. Liberty University, Shark Tank

Sunday, October 8, 2017

10 a.m. / Parents, Family and Alumni Farewell Brunch with the President, Alice E. Ackermann Welcome Center. Join Campus President Brett Barger for a farewell brunch. Please dress in business casual attire.

2 p.m. / Alumni Soccer Game, Lynx Field. Soccer alumni, come back and play toe-to-toe with your former teammates.

2 p.m. / Theatre Performance, A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams, Lindenwood Auditorium. Purchase an all-inclusive bundle in advance and enjoy a reduced ticket rate.

4 p.m. / Alumni Soccer Game After Party, Main Street Brewing Company, 4204 W. Main Street. Belleville Soccer alumni, join us for an after party and picnic to celebrate you.

Parade Information

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.

The second annual Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade will recognize our alumni, athletes, student groups, academic divisions, and local businesses and organizations.

The parade line-up will begin at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 1706 W. Main in Belleville.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and end in the Union School parking lot. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Jennifer Ferguson at jferguson@lindenwood.edu or (618) 239-6033.

RSVP/Ticket Information for All-Inclusive Passes

ALUMNI REUNION PASS

The cost for all-inclusive alumni events for the weekend is \$20 in advance. *This includes*

- Refreshments at the Welcome Reception
- Ticket to any performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and access to the Family, Friends, and Alumni Theatre Reception (Friday performance only).
- Meal pass for the Lynx Picnic
- Alumni merchandise
- Passes to all athletic events
- Brunch with the president

PARENTS AND FAMILY WEEKEND PASSES

The all-inclusive parents and family pass for the weekend is \$15 per person in advance and *includes*

- Dorm tours and judging the decorating contest
- Refreshments at the Welcome Reception
- Ticket to any performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and access to the Family, Friends, and Alumni Theatre Reception (Friday performance only).
- A meal pass for the Lynx Picnic
- Passes to all athletic events
- Brunch with the president

Additional Information

Contact (618) 239-6033 or jferguson@lindenwood.edu.

Advanced registration is preferred, or late registrants can purchase an all-inclusive pass at the Welcome Reception and Registration at 4 p.m. Friday, October 6, in the Dixon Center. **The late registration fee is \$25 for an alumni pass and \$20 for the Parents and Family Weekend pass.** Children 5 and under are free, but registration is required.

For hotel and rental car information, or to reserve your advance tickets, please visit www.lindenwood.edu/belleville/homecoming



Events Schedule

Subject to Change

Friday, October 6, 2017

2 and 3 p.m. / Parents, Family and, Alumni Campus and Dorm Tour, Dixon Center Foyer. Join family members and other parents and guests as they tour campus and our residence halls.

4 p.m. / Parents, Family, and Alumni Welcome Reception and Registration, Dixon Center Foyer. Pick up your welcome packet, including game passes and food tickets if you registered for the weekend in advance. If not, stop by and register for the weekend

BELLEVILLE CITY CLERK IS LATEST ROLE FOR CIVIC-MINDED MEYER

by JENNIFER FERGUSON



Jenny Gain Meyer ('12)

It wasn't a huge surprise when Belleville native Jenny Gain Meyer became a Lindenwood Lynx. After all, the university was just five minutes from her house. Having graduated from Althoff Catholic High School in Belleville and with a bachelor's degree from nearby McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill., Meyer came to Lindenwood University-Belleville to pursue a master's degree in healthcare administration and graduated in 2012.

"I always liked school, but hadn't been a student for 11 years," explained Meyer. "Once I got back into the classroom, my nerves settled quickly and it was a great experience. It was the ideal going-back-to-school situation. I didn't miss time from work, I didn't have to travel far, and I was still able to maintain a full-time career and family life."

According to her, earning a master's degree through Lindenwood Belleville not only fit into her busy life but also enhanced her professional skillsets in writing, time management, and public speaking. She also said that it boosted her confidence, which helped propel her career as a public servant.

Throughout her career, Meyer has held a variety of positions in county and city government. She began as the director of health, housing, building, zoning, and cemetery operations for the City of Belleville and then took on the role of director of environmental programs for the St. Clair County Health Department before running for and being elected to the position of Belleville City Clerk in 2017.

"As a lifelong Belleville resident, the city and its people have played a large role in shaping my life," said Meyer. "I wanted to give back to the city by working with other city leaders, organizations, and residents to ensure Belleville continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

Meyer's civic mindedness began when she started volunteering for AmeriCorps in 1996 and for the Franklin Neighborhood Association in Belleville, where she met influential members of the community, such as the mayor and county board chairman. Since then, Meyer has continued to volunteer her time and sits on several committees that continue to benefit the City of Belleville. She also served on the executive committee for the Belleville 200th anniversary in 2014.

Meyer has also been recognized by BASIC Citizens of Character, Racial Harmony ELITE, and the Illinois Environmental Health Association for her commitment to her profession and community.

"I've just always been drawn to giving back to my community and being involved, and I see that same volunteer spirit in many of Lindenwood's students today," said Meyer.

Meyer said that as she's watched the university grow over the last few years, she's noticed how involved students want to be in their community.

"Beyond the economic impact the Belleville campus has had on our community, what has been brought to Belleville through such a strong volunteer spirit is immeasurable and instrumental to all of the community-oriented events the City of Belleville hosts," she said.

Meyer said at any given event hosted by the city, Lindenwood students are there, helping set up or tear down, and the city relies on such civic-minded young people to make Belleville a great place to be. Meyer said she is proud to be a Lynx because of the strong ties the university, its students, and employees have with the City of Belleville.

"I'm proud of my city; I'm proud of my university," said Meyer. "Lindenwood Belleville is part of the fabric of who we are as a community."

"I've just always been drawn to giving back to my community and being involved, and I see that same volunteer spirit in many of Lindenwood's students today."

Jenny Gain Meyer

Michele Johnson
(’15)



JOHNSON GOES FROM TUTOR TO DIRECTOR AT DYSLEXIA CENTER

by JENNIFER FERGUSON

Michele Johnson (’15) was ready to get back into the workforce after staying at home with her children for nearly a decade. With a bachelor’s degree in social work from Delaware State University, Johnson has always been drawn to working with children with special needs. So, when she saw an ad for a tutor of children with dyslexia, she was excited to apply for it.

“For this job, it turned out you had to go through a year-long master’s level training, which would certify me in the Orton-Gillingham method of remediation for children with dyslexia,” said Johnson. “I always liked to learn new things and I liked to teach, so I thought going through the training program would give me both sides. Once I got the certification, I was hired as a tutor at the Children’s Dyslexia Center in Belleville, (Ill.), which I did for about seven years.”

At that point in her career, Johnson was yearning for something more and had a growing urge to earn her master’s degree. So, she left her tutoring position at the Children’s Dyslexia Center to start a master’s degree program in school counseling at Lindenwood Belleville.

“This degree is actually a perfect fit for my career,” she said. “I was very sure I wanted a degree in school counseling; Lindenwood had that degree program, and I was very excited to see how close to home I could make my dream a reality.”

“There is a whole band of people who come together to help students succeed in the area of reading and spelling, something most of us take for granted.”

Michele Johnson

Johnson said that while she hadn’t been to school in some years, she’s a lifelong learner and going back to school was more exciting for her than daunting.

“All of the teachers were well versed in their fields,” said Johnson. “They all had real-world experience, which I appreciated, and they always made a direct connection between the book work and the application in real life.”

Johnson said that during her final year of her master’s program, she was working, doing an internship with a charter school in East St. Louis, and taking classes at night. It was the most professionally challenging year of her life, and she was grateful to have professors who understood her ambition.

In 2014, before completing her master’s degree, Johnson applied for and received the director position at the Children’s Dyslexia Center, where she said she is fortunate to be given such a great opportunity to do what she loves.

“There is a whole band of people who come together to help students succeed in the area of reading and spelling, something most of us take for granted,” said Johnson. “When I see students come in who hate to read but then see their confidence grow...and then proudly accept their graduation certificates after working so hard, it is amazing.”

A Scottish Rite charity, the Children’s Dyslexia Center provides free-of-charge, state-of-the-art, evidence-based, one-on-one tutoring for dyslexic children in grades 1-12, as well as master’s-level certification training to tutors of dyslexic students.

“I use my education from Lindenwood on a daily basis,” Johnson said. “But more importantly for me, I wanted to earn a master’s degree. No matter what happens, I will have that for the rest of my life. I am proud to say I am a Lindenwood alumna.”



RYAN GRIFFIN ('12, '13)



NICOLE HENSLEY ('16)



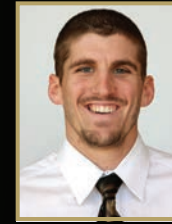
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MELISSA MENCHELLA ('15)



GREG MACAULAY ('14, '15)



KRAMER SODERBERG ('12, '14)

SCHOLAR ATHLETES MAKE THEIR MARK AFTER GRADUATION

Lindenwood fans know all about the unprecedented success the Lions had at the NCAA level during the 2016-17 school year, including a sixth-place finish in NCAA Division II in the Learfield Directors' Cup standings.

Lindenwood student-athletes were also breaking records in the classroom. In the fall of 2016, NCAA athletes had a combined GPA of 3.34, the highest in Lindenwood history, and followed in the spring with the second-highest mark of 3.31.

Lindenwood also had a record six CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in 2016-17. Since 2011-12, Lindenwood athletes have earned 20 Academic All-American awards, and six athletes were first-team honorees:

Ryan Griffin, Baseball

Ryan Griffin ('12, '13) was a member of the Lindenwood baseball team in 2011 and 2012, and he earned first-team Academic All-American honors in 2012. The Australian native was Lindenwood's closer and finished the season with a 6-1 record, 11 saves, and a minuscule 1.65 ERA. Griffin graduated from Lindenwood with a marketing degree in 2012 and an MBA in 2013.

"In my senior season, along with practice and games, I was taking 24 credit hours, early-entry MBA classes, and an internship," said Griffin. "It was a juggle, initially, but the coaching staff made it work."

Griffin returned to Australia after graduating from Lindenwood and has worked since then in advertising. He is currently on an extended cycling trip across South America, enjoying the surroundings and culture.

Nicole Hensley, Ice Hockey

Nicole Hensley ('16) was the starting goalie for the women's hockey team from 2012 to 2016. She is Lindenwood's first three-time Academic All-American, including first-team honors in 2016. During her career, she became the first NCAA Division I goalie to collect over 4,000 career saves and was named one of the 10 best student-athletes

at any level of the NCAA in her senior year. She earned her degree in exercise science.

"The exercise science field is perfect for combining getting people active and helping others," said Hensley. "I liked Lindenwood's smaller class sizes and the excellent professors in the exercise science department."

Hensley moved to Tampa, Fla., this fall to begin a residency period with the United States women's hockey national team, which will be competing in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Morgan Judd, Lacrosse

The newest member of Lindenwood's Academic All-American club is women's lacrosse player Morgan Judd ('17), who earned first-team honors this spring. An exercise science major, she was a three-year member of the women's lacrosse team and won two NCAA Elite 90 awards for having the highest GPA at the women's lacrosse national championships.

"Jack Cribbin and Brian Smith always had my back and pushed me to be better when needed," said Judd. "They were always telling me how proud they were of me, and that alone made it all worth it."

Judd returned to her home state of Utah after graduation, where she is a regional sales manager and clinic consultant for JTECH Medical, a company that manufactures and sells medical devices and software.

Melissa Menchella, Lacrosse

Melissa Menchella ('15) is arguably the top Lindenwood women's lacrosse player on both the field and in the classroom. She played for the Lady Lions from 2012 to 2015 and is the program's all-time leader with 183 goals and 233 points. She earned first-team Academic All-American honors in 2015, and she was also the first Lindenwood student-athlete to earn the prestigious NCAA Elite 90 Award. She credits Cribbin and Smith for a large measure of her success.

Menchella graduated with a physical education degree and coaches field hockey and lacrosse at Eureka High School, where she teaches physical education and health. She recently returned from a trip to

Ukraine over the summer, where she worked with a group of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) coaches to teach the game of lacrosse to youths.

Greg MacAulay, Golf

Greg MacAulay ('14, '15) was the first two-time Academic All-American at Lindenwood. MacAulay graduated with a finance degree and earned an NCAA postgraduate scholarship to help him get his master of accountancy in 2015. As a senior, he earned all-region honors and helped the Lions make the NCAA regionals in their first season of eligibility.

"Roger (Ellis) helped not only with an attack plan on the golf course, but also an attack plan for how to navigate the academic semester," said MacAulay. "Derek (Schaub) always pushed us to do our best both academically and competitively."

MacAulay now lives in Sweden with his wife, Marcella, a former member of the Lindenwood women's golf team, and son Emmett. He works as a customer advisor at one of Sweden's largest banks.

Kramer Soderberg, Basketball

Kramer Soderberg ('12, '14) was the first Lindenwood student-athlete to earn first-team Academic All-American honors, which he did in 2012. In 2010-2012, Soderberg led two of the top Lindenwood teams in program history, scoring 1,148 points. He is still among the school's top-10 career scoring leaders. His situation was somewhat unique in that his head coach at Lindenwood was his father, Brad Soderberg.

"Lindenwood's academic opportunities and support were very inviting, inventive, and modern," said Soderberg. "So often I would be challenged outside of a classroom setting, which prepared me for the real world."

Soderberg is now the assistant basketball coach at Millikin University. He and his wife, Andrea, have two boys, Krayton and Finley. Soderberg will be back on campus this fall when he gets inducted into the Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame.

LINDENWOOD MAKES COLLEGIATE BILLIARDS HISTORY



Briana Miller made history while Chris Robinson won his first national title at the 2017 ACUI Collegiate 9-Ball Championships June 16-18 at the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor.

Miller captured her fourth straight title by defeating Heather Platter from Maryland, becoming the first player to ever to claim four national collegiate championships. It was an all-Lions final in the men's division

with **Robinson** besting teammate Landon Shuffett, the 2014 and 2015 title holder. Robinson also won the Sportsmanship Award.

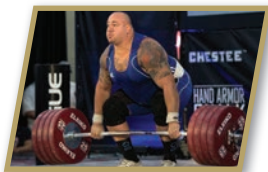
"It's been very satisfying to see how the performance and behavior of our team has raised the standard of competition overall, and to have one of our players voted for the Sportsmanship Award by his peers is even more rewarding," said Head Coach Mark Wilson. "It's more than just the final score. It's also setting a good example while

changing the image and direction of our sport in a positive way."

Five players represented the Lions at the 9-Ball Championships with Carly Fristoe finishing in the seventh position in the women's field and Alan Oliver finishing in the ninth through 12th position in men's competition.

The victories by Miller and Robinson extended to four years a streak of Lindenwood players winning both the men's and women's individual championships.

STUDENT LIFE SPORTS ATHLETES SHINE ON WORLD STAGE



Alumnus Sets New Weightlifting Record

Former Lindenwood Olympic weightlifter **Fernando Reis ('15)** set a new record in the snatch at the 2017 Pan-American Games in Miami, Fla., over the summer.

The Lindenwood graduate hoisted 198kg July 27 to establish the new mark in the 105+kg division as an exhibition lifter at the event. The Brazilian native already owned Pan-American records for the clean and jerk at 240kg and the overall total of 435kg for his class after establishing those marks at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Bowler Enjoys International Success with Team

Haley Cummings, a Lindenwood junior on the university's bowling squad, earned five gold medals and one silver at the 55th Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Competing for Junior Team USA in the Junior A (age 16-19) division, Cummings also earned a high game and high series medal at the event. The week started with singles competition, and Cummings emerged as the second-place player with a 12-game total of 2,250 (187.5 average). In doubles, Cummings and her American partner, Adrianna Stacy, took the top spot. In mixed doubles and the four-person team event, Cummings and the Americans again

captured gold in victories over Canada, and Cummings won the individual gold over all, with a total of 6,255 pins in all events (195.47 average). She earned her final gold medal of the event as Team USA captured the national all-events crown.



Women's Rugby Player Selected for World Cup

Rugby player **AnnaKaren Pedraza** was selected to the USA Eagles World Cup squad in July. Pedraza is the first Lindenwood player to be chosen for one of the highest honors in rugby. Pedraza, who enters her senior year with the Lady Lions, is one of 28 players named to the World Cup team and was the second youngest on the squad at the age of 20. The selection puts her among the top female players in the nation at any age.

CAVENESS MAKING HIS MARK IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL



Christian Cavaness

Lindenwood Belleville is known for exceptional athletes, but one that stands out is taking his career to the next level. **Former Lynx baseball player Christian Cavaness has played for the Minnesota Twins minor league program for the past three seasons and is currently a member of the organization's Cedar Rapids Kernels.**

Cavaness began his professional career in the summer of 2015 in the Gulf Coast League. He moved up to the Kernels from the Gulf Coast League Twins last season, where he batted .201 with 44 hits and 13 runs batted in. This season, he is

batting .242, is sixth on the team with 65 hits, and has hit five homeruns.

The 6-foot, 2-inch Cape Girardeau, Mo., native says that he is grateful for his time at Lindenwood Belleville, and not just from the athletics side.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity I had to play for the Lynx and face better competition, but it helped me to learn to live on my own and, essentially, become an adult," Cavaness said.

While at Lindenwood-Belleville, Cavaness posted a .340 average and hit 20 homeruns in his three seasons with the Lynx. He still holds the team record for most triples in a season (11), total bases in a season (129), and RBIs in a season (48). During his junior season, Cavaness was named to the

All-American Midwest Conference First Team and was also named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American for his record-breaking 2015 season.

Cavaness said this offseason he hopes to catch a Lindenwood Belleville game and even work out with the team.

"I still keep in touch with **Coach (Logan) Johnson** and some of the guys, and I'm excited to get back to meet some of the new guys and even maybe catch a game," Cavaness said. "There is so much potential for the team this year, and if they bond and come together, they have great possibilities ahead of them."

LYNX FOOTBALL IS SET FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



Lynx Nation is in for a treat this fall as the football team kicks things into high gear for the 2017 season. **With new ideas on and off the field, new Head Coach Kevin Turco and his dedicated staff have been hard at work this summer spreading the word about Lynx football and the positive strides made in the program.**

After going 0-10 in the 2016 season, senior offensive lineman **Oscar Reyes** is ready to hit the field for redemption.

"This year is about doing better than I ever have in my years here at Lindenwood-Belleville," Reyes said. "Winning is great, but getting the opportunity to start working as a team and having that bond as a family is something that will make this year better than the past."

As for preseason, Reyes has said that the first couple days of preseason have always been the hardest, but **Turco** is taking a different approach when it comes to getting the guys in shape.

"Coach takes in to consideration our safety and our bodies and being able to build into practices," Reyes said.

But it's not just the players who are in for a new atmosphere this season. Turco and his team have been avidly posting on Twitter their commitment, not just to the team but to the school and the city of Belleville.

"Fans can expect a more disciplined and family feel from the team," Turco said. "You can feel the amount of commitment from the guys standing next to you. The atmosphere is more family-oriented than it has ever been."

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'90s

Chad Bolser ('92) has recently been named chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College's Richmond campus as the college's new organizational structure. Bolser previously served as the Richmond campus president. Bolser received his B.A. in history.



at Winfield School district, and from 2013 to present, he has served as assistant superintendent for instruction at Hazelwood School District. He and his wife, Robyn, a Brentwood High School English teacher, recently celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary and live in Brentwood with their children, Meghan and Ben.

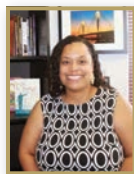
Devin Hori ('04, '05) is in his 11th year at Edward Jones, in St. Louis, Mo. Hori has a B.A. in business administration and public management and an M.B.A. in public management.



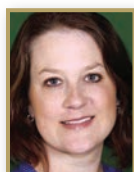
Quain Tull ('04) is founder of Rockstar DJs in St. Louis, which started as a part-time hobby and is now a full-time career. The company now employs more than 10 DJs with plans to expand into photo booth and videography services and event production. He and his wife, Melissa, were married in 2008 and have two children, Delaney and Dawson. Tull's M.A. is in psychology.

Tiana Montgomery ('05, '08)

was recently named principal at Shiloh Elementary School. Montgomery has 15 years of administration and teaching experience from Alton and East St. Louis. Her undergraduate degree is from SIUE, and she has an M.A. in educational administration and an Ed.S. in administration from Lindenwood University with plans to seek a doctoral degree in 2018.



Lainey Strohmeier ('05) was recently hired as director of human resources at MetroGistics Holdings. Strohmeier brings



12 years of experience in recruiting and human resources and most recently served as director of human resources for Intelliteach. MetroGistics Holdings and equity partner Tailwind Capital acquired AmeriFleet earlier this year, and Strohmeier will oversee human resources at both organizations as they integrate staff and operations. She has a bachelor's in communication science from Truman State University and a master's in human resource management from Lindenwood. She serves on the steering committee of the Humane Society of Missouri's Women's Leadership Council.

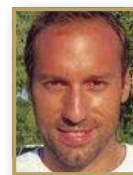
Caitlin Hoeh Pistorio ('06)

recently led the St. Vincent De Paul girls' soccer team to the class 1 state title this spring. She joined the school as coach in 2014 and was also a successful athlete there in softball and soccer. She holds the school record for most career goals and most single-season goals. She continued her success at Lindenwood, playing both soccer and lacrosse. She has a B.A. in political science and public management from Lindenwood and a law degree from St. Louis University, after which she enlisted in the Marine Corp. She works in Cape Girardeau County as an attorney, working cases that deal primarily with women and children.



Ignacio "Nacho" Novas ('06, '08) and **Lydia Elking Novas ('09, '13)**

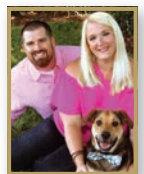
have continued their passion for soccer after college through their soccer club, Real STL Soccer. Founded in 2012 to develop kids into competitive soccer players,



the club now boasts 40 boys and girls teams. Lydia teaches physical education at Saint Gerald Majella Elementary School in Kirkwood, Mo. Ignacio was a member of the Lion's men's soccer team and received B.A. degrees in educational studies and sport management. Lydia was a member of the Lady Lions women's soccer team and received her B.A. in physical education and her M.A. in sport management. They live in St. Louis and have two daughters, Luliana (Luli), 4, and Camila (Mila), 2, and are expecting a child in October.

Danny Malone ('08) was recently promoted to English teacher manager, show director, and curriculum advisor at the Royal Kindergarten Education Center in Shenzhen, China, where he has taught for 2 1/2 years. He has been living and teaching in China for five years. He has also worked on stage productions and has extensively traveled throughout China. He received his BA in criminal justice.

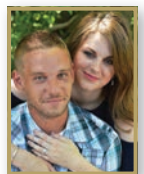
Marci Thompson ('08, '10) and **Andrew Brown ('16)** recently announced their engagement.



Thompson is an account executive with Express Scripts, and Brown is an IT help desk technician for Marco Technologies. The couple lives in St. Peters and plans to be married April 14, 2018, at the Stone House of St. Charles. Thompson has a bachelor's and master's in health management. Brown received a bachelor's in cyber security.

'10s

Amanda Brown ('10) and Joe Howell recently announced their engagement. Brown is a marketing manager for Diba Imports in Earth City. Her fiancé is a



Jeff Haug ('03, '06) has joined the Meramec Valley R-III School District as the business manager and chief financial officer. He has an Ed.D. in educational leadership and a master's degree in educational administration from Lindenwood University, as well as a bachelor's degree in history from Truman State University. He also has a Missouri superintendent certification and principal certification and lifetime teaching certification. He was principal at Winfield Middle School from 2006 to 2009. In 2009, he was named director of support services



contractor. The couple plans to be married June 2, 2018, in St. Charles, Mo. Brown received a B.A. in marketing.

Kayla Hoke ('11)

was recently promoted to administrator of Washington Surgery Center, a fully licensed and nationally accredited freestanding surgery center. Hoke credits the discipline of Doug Cannon and the advice of Jay Hardman in aiding her professional successes and growth within the company over the past six years. Hoke received her B.A. in business administration.



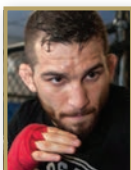
Rocky Valentine ('12)

was recently hired as the superintendent of the 775-student Sparta (Illinois) School District in Christian County, replacing longtime Sparta Superintendent Jeff Hyatt. Valentine grew up in Douglas County, and has spent seven years as a teacher, coach, and principal in Sparta. He lives in Rogersville with his wife, Breanna, a nurse, and two daughters. He has a bachelor's in history from MidAmerica Nazarene University and a teaching certificate through Missouri State University, as well as a Master of Arts in school administration and an Ed.S. in education administration from Lindenwood.



Alp Ozkilig ('10)

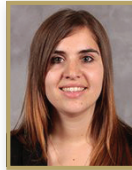
is back in the U.S. after his mixed martial arts career took him overseas for more than two years. He now makes his home in Long Island and continues to compete in mixed martial arts. Nicknamed the "Turkish Delight," he became the first Turkish-born fighter to compete



in the UFC. He wrestled at Nassau Community College and was a two-time All-American before transferring to Lindenwood University and launching a professional fighting career after graduation. He has fought in the U.S. and China before returning to Turkey to address an injury. Focused on returning to the UFC, he also works as a real estate investor.

Amandine Deligny-Abbott ('12, '15)

got married in May and has been working full-time at Ansira, a St. Louis-based marketing agency, since 2015. She also works part-time at Provenance Soapworks, a St. Charles business. Deligny-Abbott also works with Live Nation and CID Entertainment and volunteers at festivals like the Vans Warped Tour. She received her B.A. in music business with a minor in business administration and an M.B.A. in marketing.



Shauna Isbell Kemp ('13)

has been named the head coach of the University of Jamestown women's wrestling program. Kemp was a member of the USA women's wrestling team from 2012 to 2013 and was the 2012 Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association national champion. Kemp has competed all over the world, including the Junior Pan American Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the Hari Ram Grand Prix in New Delhi, India, and the Pan American Games in Panama City, Panama, as well as in Canada, Spain, and Ukraine, representing Team USA and the Titan Mercury Wrestling Club. She received her Bachelor of Arts in mass communications with emphasis in media management and sales.



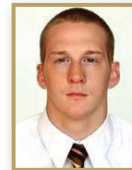
Bruno Di Giacomo ('13)

has worked in investment banking and private equity since graduating from Lindenwood. Last year, he co-founded Blackbird Investments. The company advises investors on various aspects of their investments. Giacomo received his B.A. in business administration with an emphasis in economics.



Christian Averill ('13, '15)

was recently promoted to senior district executive in the Baden-Powell Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Binghamton, N.Y. In June 2017, he received a Friend of Scouting Achiever Recognition Award for fund-raising and growth in Cub Scout membership. He also serves on the Board of the Friends of the Ithaca Youth Bureau. Averill received bachelor's and master's degrees in nonprofit administration and was a member of Lindenwood's wrestling team from 2010 to 2013.



Spenser C. Daniels ('15)

relocated to Arlington, Texas, in January 2017 and has recently been named the assistant director of operations for WDS Logistics, which specializes in IT products and installation across a variety of industries. Daniels received his B.A. in marketing and psychology.



Benjamin C. DeClue ('15)

was recently promoted to assistant city administrator for the City of Lebanon, Mo., and serves as the acting city administrator.



He was also recently honored at the Missouri City/County Management Association Spring Conference Awards Banquet for outstanding service to that organization.

Dr. Sherrill Rayford ('15)

traveled to Cuba in February as a participant in the People-to-People exchange program. The trip aboard Adonia, the first United States cruise ship granted permission to navigate to Cuba in more than 50 years, was piloted by a female captain. Rayford interacted with individuals aboard Adonia during informational, participatory enrichment sessions to learn about the cultural history of Cuba's inhabitants. Later, participants toured famous landmarks during shore excursions in Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos, and Havana where travelers spent one night. A rare opportunity was seeing artist, Jose' Fuster, referred to as the Cuban Picasso, in his studio. Rayford received a Doctor of Education degree in instructional leadership from Lindenwood University in 2015.

Boyan Donovan ('16, '17) was recently hired by Cedar Lake Cellars, a year-round winery and event venue, as assistant operations manager. Donovan's responsibilities include assisting the operations manager with a variety of functions including managing, training, and increasing the efficiency of all support systems. He helps with staff recruitment and training, as well as monitors IT operations and equipment. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in sport management and his M.B.A. in marketing.

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IN MEMORIAM

Please be aware that the names listed in the In Memoriam section are of alumni that **may have passed within recent months or within the past couple of years.**

Marilyn Jourdan Trofholz ('50),
Lincoln, Neb.

Suzanne LaMaster Box ('62),
Sugarland, Texas

Carolyn Johnston ('65),
Jacksonville, Fla.

Lynne Gaumer Dowd ('67),
Lawrenceville, Ga.

Carol J. Bollinger Harrington ('69),
Fort Myers, Fla.

Scott E. Johnson ('90),
St. Charles, Mo.

Jason Nicholas Dunard ('99),
Troy, Mo.

Thomas Michael "Tom" Jones ('01),
Barnhart, Mo.

Sierra Wilder ('20),
Winfield, Mo.

REMEMBERING JIM J. SHOEMAKE

The Lindenwood University family is mourning the loss of longtime board member Jim J. Shoemake, who passed away on Wednesday, June 28.

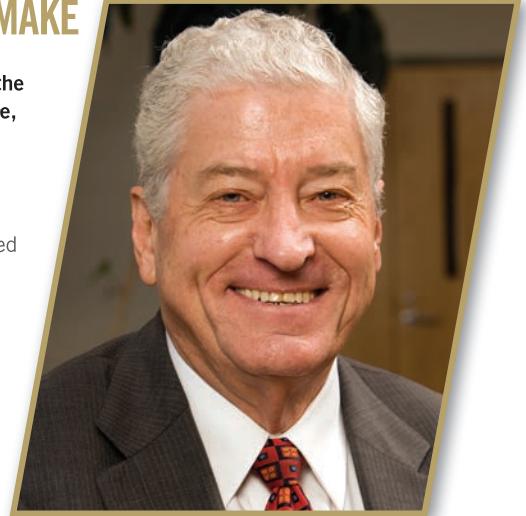
"We were saddened to learn of Jim's passing," said Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D., Lindenwood University system president. "He was a respected leader at Lindenwood, and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

Mr. Shoemake served on the university's Board of Directors for many years, more than 10 of them as its chairman. He and his wife, Rita, have been steadfast supporters of the university for many years, including as generous donors and as tireless cheerleaders for Lindenwood. In 2011, he was awarded the university's Sibley Medallion of Honor, which is named for the university founders and is given annually to an individual who has exhibited a deep commitment to Lindenwood.

Born in Greenville, Mo., Mr. Shoemake earned his law degree from Saint Louis University School of Law and worked for the U.S. Justice Department before entering private practice. He was a longtime senior partner at Guilfoil, Petzall & Shoemake, L.L.C.

During his time on the Board of Directors, Mr. Shoemake took great interest in Lindenwood, not only the success of the institution, but the success of its students and alumni. He also served as the president and the vice president for the American Quarter Horse Association.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; three daughters, Susan, Kathy, Sarah, and their spouses; and 11 grandchildren.



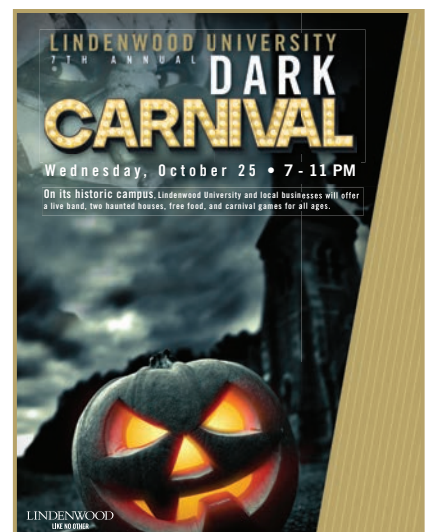
DARK CARNIVAL WILL RETURN FOR SEVENTH YEAR

Lindenwood University's Dark Carnival will return to the St. Charles campus from 7 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, near the Spellmann Center Clock Tower.

This community event is completely free and is made possible through donations and sponsorships by student organizations and local businesses. It has steadily grown through the years, and organizers expect more than 12,000 to attend this year.

At the center of this family-friendly event are two four-story haunted houses appropriate for all ages, a haunted hayride, live music, raffles, carnival games, and approximately 80 booths from different student organizations and local businesses!

For additional information or to become a sponsor, go to www.Lindenwood.edu/Dark-Carnival, search Facebook for Lindenwood University Dark Carnival, or contact Bryan Stone at (636) 627-2955 or DarkCarnival@Lindenwood.edu.



ALUMNI ACTIVITIES ABOUND AT LINDENWOOD

by JUDY FORSTMANN BROWN ('67)
President, Lindenwood Alumni Association



Students returning to the St. Charles campus this fall were greeted with a newly opened Library and Academic Resources Center at the corner of Kingshighway and First Capitol Drive. Years of planning and construction have produced a state-of-the-art facility. It is a rare and unique experience to open a new library on a university campus. The building is expected to become the academic and social hub on campus. Our beloved Butler Library, located on the heritage campus, will be repurposed for continued use still retaining its traditional charm and décor.

The St. Charles campus alumni reunion theme is "Welcome to the Jungle." Details of the October 13-15 event are on pages 12-13.

Attendees will have an opportunity to view the new Library and Academic Resources Center while attending the Alumni Reception at Homecoming on Friday, Oct 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. The annual Alumni Association meeting will also be held in the Library and Academic Resources Center at 9 a.m. on Saturday,

Oct. 14. On a personal note, my graduating class of 1967 will be celebrating our 50-year reunion. Members of the class of '67 are urged to contact Michelle Giessman to get contact information for class agents Frances Scott Murphy and Karen Hutchinson Petkovich, who can provide you with details about special class events.

Make your plans now to attend; there is something for everyone on this year's agenda.

Belleville will celebrate Homecoming by "Rolling out the Red Carpet" October 6-8. Alumni, parents, family members, and the community are all invited to share in the fun—including a parade!

The Lindenwood University Alumni Board joins the Lindenwood community in mourning the passing of former Board of Directors Chairman James J. Shoemake. Mr. Shoemake passed away in June shortly after completing his term as chairman. He was an esteemed attorney and a man of honor and integrity who had a deep love for our university. He was a friend and staunch ally of the alumni.

Dr. J. Michael Conoyer is the new chairman of the Board of Directors. Your Alumni Association Board looks forward to working with Dr. Conoyer on the continued advancement and growth of our institution as well as alumni interests.

Two Lindenwood alumni, Nancy Calvert ('61) and Jane Calvert Rogers ('67), were honored with life memberships on the Lindenwood University Board of Directors at the July Board of Directors meeting. Nancy and Jane have devoted decades to the development and expansion of the university. Both held leadership positions chairing the Mission and Purpose and the Strategic Planning committees. We thank Nancy and Jane for their devotion and support of their alma mater and for maintaining the standards and values of a Lindenwood education. We look forward to their continued stewardship.

Please contact Jennifer Ferguson, Belleville Alumni Relations and Special Events, at jferguson@lindenwood.edu or (618) 236-6033 for Belleville information. For information on St. Charles events, contact Michelle Giessman, alumni relations director, at mgiessman@lindenwood.edu or (314) 949-4975.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming or an event on campus soon!

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