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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AN EDITION FULL OF LINDENWOOD PRIDE



The recently-completed Olympic Games generated an enormous amount of national pride. And we at Lindenwood University were able to add in a good dose of institutional pride as eight alumni or incoming students qualified to compete last month in Rio de Janeiro. You can read more about our sharpshooter Morgan Craft ('15), Fernando Reis, Donald Thomas ('06), and the others on page 6.

There is plenty energy on our campuses in St. Charles and in Belleville with the start of fall classes. We renovated all of our dining halls and brought in Chick-fil-A, Qdoba, and Caribou Coffee to give our students more options. Even Leo the Lion and the Chick-fil-A cow got into the action, helping us with some fun grand opening ceremonies.

The improvements don't stop in the cafeteria. Construction on our new Library and Academic Resources Center is moving along nicely. We are planning for a fall opening in 2017. And we are very proud of our new website, which debuted this month. It's full of videos—including a nice one featuring alumni merit award winner Kay Wilkinson ('60). You can read more about these changes on page 7.

I'm very excited about some of our new alumni initiatives. We have always had a strong base in St. Charles, but we have some exciting alumni developments in Kansas City and Dallas. You can see photos of a recent alumni event in Dallas on page 11.

And please take a moment to check out the new Lindenwood University Visa card through Commerce Bank. You can be one of the first to secure such a card, and you will support your alma mater at the same time. Details are on page 18.

But the focus today is squarely on Homecoming and Reunion. You can find calendars on pages 12-14 providing a listing of all the activity on the Belleville and St. Charles campuses October 20-23. It's going to be a weekend "like no other," and we hope you can join us for all the fun.

MICHAEL D. SHONROCK, Ph.D.
President, Lindenwood University System

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Patrick Walker (center) accepts the Symbol of Hope Award from **Karen Wallensak**, St. Francis Community Services executive director, and **Kenneth Schmitt**, the organization's board president.



SYMBOL OF HOPE PATRICK WALKER IS HONORED BY ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY SERVICES

by **CHRIS DUGGAN**

The first thing Patrick Walker does when talking about the award he received from St. Francis Community Services is to heap praise on the organization.

"The work they do—breaking barriers for families and children, social justice issues, advocacy," Walker said. "They do things for the community to help families be whole again. That's a real sustainable impact—keeping families together. I should be honoring them."

Those who know Walker, an assistant professor of nonprofit administration, are not surprised by this. On June 25, Walker accepted the organization's Symbol of Hope Award recognizing his work in the community. The award is presented to "an individual from humble beginnings who has created large and positive impact in the community."

Walker, raised in Winston Salem, N.C., by his grandparents, is a first-generation college graduate, holds an M.B.A. and a law degree, and has worked as a business lawyer and a professor.

"I knew nothing about (the organization)," Walker said. "They found me. In my acceptance speech, I dedicated the award back to them and their volunteers. As a nonprofit, you can't do anything without volunteers."

Walker joined the Lindenwood faculty in 2012 and in his second year won the Emerson Electric Company Professor of the Year Award and was elected president of the Faculty Council. In addition to his teaching, Walker conducts management seminars for local and national nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and Fortune 500 companies to help them navigate through critical management and decision-making processes and strive toward effectiveness, efficiency, and financial stability. He also serves as chair of the university's recently formed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

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Lindenwood University
Professor Patrick Walker

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, Walker was a business law and management professor at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va., for six years. He was also director of the university's business institute, in which he worked with nonprofits and small businesses. When the position in Lindenwood's Nonprofit Administration Department opened up, he saw it as an opportunity to make a larger impact.

"I've always believed in social entrepreneurship," Walker said.

"Lindenwood afforded me the opportunity to make an impact in large corporations, small businesses, and nonprofits who believe in social development. If you want to sell your widgets, you really need to help build the community from a business perspective. I'm interested in helping, in different ways, businesses transition from success to significance."

Walker continued, talking about the racial tension and negative news coverage that has come to the St. Louis region the last couple years; he sees these things as opportunities.

"What if our region became a hub for peace-building, for racial harmony," Walker said. "I always believe the glass is half full."

As for the award, Walker said, the idea may have been to inspire the community by shining a light on him and his work, but he believes he benefited most of all.

"That award was symbolic," Walker said.

"I was raised by my grandparents, but I was never hungry or homeless. A lot of kids can't say that. I don't think of myself as a symbol of hope. *They* inspired me."

Lindenwood University
Anthropology
Chair **Steve Dasovich**.



(from top) **Sadie Dasovich**
makes field notes while
Alex Snyder and
Gwyneth Vollman work
in the dig site.

Nicole Weber displays a
piece of carved bone
handle she uncovered.



DIGGING UP THE PAST

ARCHEOLOGY STUDENTS SEARCH FOR HISTORIC CHURCH SITE

by **CHRIS DUGGAN**

Every two years, Lindenwood's Archeology Department holds a summer field school so that its students can experience work in a real archeology dig. The school two years ago was notable in that it succeeded in locating the site of a cabin that had been built and used by Louis Blanchette, the founder of St. Charles, Mo. This year, the group, headed by Anthropology Department Chair Steve Dasovich, sought to locate the site of St. Charles' first church, which dates back to 1791.

The group consisted of seniors Kimberly Byrnes of Red Bud, Ill., Abigail Kinder of Columbus, Ohio, Katy Likely of Farmington, Mo., Greta Perez of Petersburg, Ill., and Nicole Weber of Chicago; junior Sadie Dasovich of St. Louis; and sophomores Alexandra Snyder of St. Charles and Gwyneth Vollman of Rock Island, Ill.

The group set up a primary site at 401 S. Main St., based on some past excavation Dasovich had done in the area and on some stories he had heard about the location of the church. In digs such as this, archeologists set up boxes a meter square and dig down within their boundaries, painstakingly removing dirt a layer at a time to avoid damaging any artifacts.

The students did not find evidence the church had been there, but they did uncover 10,000 early 19th century

artifacts: knife blades, carved bone handles, and fragments of bottle glass and ceramics.

They also found human remains—a burial dating back to 1800. Weber, an anthropology major with an emphasis in archeology, initially uncovered the body. In accordance with Missouri law, they first contacted the St. Louis County medical examiner, who confirmed it was not a crime scene, after which they were free to proceed examining the skeleton.

"They were excited and a little horrified," Dasovich said. "They felt they had a lot of extra pressure to not mess anything up."

From the skeleton, they were able to tell several things about him: he was 5 feet, 5 inches tall and was in his late teens when he died, though there was no indication of a cause of death. The wear in his teeth indicated he smoked a clay pipe, probably for a few years, Dasovich said.

Though the shroud he had been buried in was long gone, the brass stick pins that held it together were still there in a line. It is from these and some buttons that Dasovich was able to determine the era in which he had lived. He had been buried in a coffin, though it was mostly gone, too.

The grave was on the border of the former site of the first city cemetery, which was in that location from 1790 to 1828.

"When they moved the cemetery, they didn't move the graves—just the markers," Dasovich said. "We detected the edge of another gravesite as well during the excavation."

When they were done, the group re-buried the body, and Dasovich said there is talk of putting a marker there. Even if the original marker had not been moved, it would most likely not have lasted. Only the wealthy could afford stone markers, and most were made of wood, often with no names on them, Dasovich said.

"I think it would be great if they put a marker there," Dasovich said.

"They were excited and a little horrified. They felt they had a lot of extra pressure to not mess anything up."

Steve Dasovich, Lindenwood University
Anthropology Chair

Field schools like Lindenwood's are critical for students who want to go into archeology, as students learn excavation techniques, how to work with field notes and forms, how to deal with artifacts in the ground, and how to work with a team.

As for the church, Dasovich said one problem is that the street was much narrower in those days, and if the church was up next to it, the site could be underneath the current street and sidewalk.

"That's often how it is in an urban environment," Dasovich said. "I might go back someday and talk to the city about it."



Reunion Concert
7:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 22
Lindenwood Cultural
Center Auditorium



VOICES ONLY ALUMNI TO PERFORM REUNION CONCERT

For those who attend Lindenwood, it doesn't take long to figure out that the highly acclaimed vocal group Voices Only is a part of the culture.

Since its humble beginning in 2002, Voices Only has become THE sought-after entertainment at high-profile Lindenwood events. So, when Voices Only alumni gather for a reunion concert at the Lindenwood Cultural Center Auditorium on Homecoming Weekend, the seats will be a hot commodity.

Voices Only has distinguished itself as one of the premier A Capella vocal groups in Missouri, with an average of 20 performances a year. The group has always been proud of its versatility, and its singers must demonstrate a diverse repertoire from the opening tryout each fall semester.

"We are one of the few college-level choirs that sing a variety of musical styles to reach out to all audiences," said Professor Pam Grooms, the department chair of music and the 10-year director of Voices Only.

Grooms said she was excited for the reunion concert, and her group is already planning music for the event.

"We're going to see a lot of talented alumni," she said. "Voices Only is a big family that spends a lot of time together while they are here at Lindenwood. They also become very engaged alumni and come back to events often."

Voices Only was started in 2002 by Dr. Jim Henry, a former Lindenwood faculty member. He and Grooms both took Voices Only to the invitation-only Missouri Music Educators Association conference for performances, and Voices Only has toured internationally in Germany, Holland, and Sweden (2003) with the acclaimed St. Louis barbershop chorus Ambassadors of Harmony.

In addition to the reunion concert Saturday night, Voices Only alumni will sing the national anthem at the Homecoming football game after the current group sings the Lindenwood Alma Mater.

"Voices Only is a big family that spends a lot of time together while they are here at Lindenwood."

Pam Grooms, Department Chair of Music, Lindenwood University

Richelle Stephens



Muhammad Begaliev



Hidilyn Diaz



Fernando Reis



Fabian Florant



Donald Thomas



Morgan Craft



CURRENT STUDENTS, ALUMNI SHINE IN OLYMPICS

by **SCOTT WUERZ**

Eight athletes with connections to Lindenwood made the institution proud by qualifying to compete in the Olympics held in August in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Morgan Craft ('15) finished fifth in women's skeet shooting, narrowly losing out in a shoot-off for a chance to compete for the bronze medal. She finished two spots behind her idol and Team USA teammate, Kimberly Rhode, who medaled in her sixth consecutive Olympic Games.

Craft reflected on her Lindenwood days following the games, telling ESPN Radio that she fondly remembers her time at the university where she honed her skills and contributed to 13 consecutive shooting national championships.

"Lindenwood was the only school I applied to," Craft told host and alumnus Randy Karraker ('84) "I came for a visit and fell in love with the campus."

Craft said her experience at Lindenwood, where she helped the shooting team to three of its 13 consecutive national championships, was great preparation for the pressure of the Olympics.

"When you're shooting for Lindenwood at the national championships, you're not only shooting for yourself, you're shooting for the team," Craft said. "Lindenwood has that name because it has won so many championships in a row, so you want to do your best for the team. Maybe it's not quite as much pressure as the Olympics. But it definitely helped me prepare."

Weightlifter **Hidilyn Diaz** was going to move to Lindenwood in August to begin classes. But her plans were put on hold when she won a silver medal for her native Philippines. Diaz, who will enroll in the spring, became a national hero by winning her country's first medal in 20 years.

Donald Thomas ('06) made his third Olympics appearance. Representing the Bahamas in the high jump, he tied for seventh with a leap of 2.29m. He finished 21st at the 2008 Olympics and 27th at the 2012 Summer Games.

Triple jumper **Fabian Florant** competed for Lindenwood from 2002-04 and was a four-time All-American and two-time national champion. Representing the Netherlands, he finished 22nd.

Weightlifter **Fernando Reis** represented host country, Brazil, in the 105+kg division and placed fifth at 435kg. Reis finished 12th in the 2012 London Olympics. At Lindenwood, he was the 2010 and 2011 national collegiate champion.

Richelle Stephens, 20, qualified for the Olympics as the youngest member of the Team USA's women's rugby squad which finished fifth.

Muhammad Begaliev, a sophomore in 2015-16, qualified to represent Uzbekistan in the 85kg men's weightlifting division but announced just prior to the start of the Olympics that he was unable to compete because of a knee injury.

Sprinter **Mike Rodgers** was a part of the men's 4X100 team. The American relay racers were serious contenders for the gold medal and after a strong showing in their heat race they crossed the finish line third in the finals. A short time later, it was announced that team USA was disqualified for an improper handoff of the baton.

The 2016 games mark the third straight Summer Olympics in which Lindenwood has had an athlete or former athlete compete. Three qualified for the 2008 Olympics and five in 2012.

LINDENWOOD UNVEILS A NEW WEBSITE



Lindenwood University is looking a little different these days, not only with the new Academic Resources Center, but online. A colorful new website has launched, and alumni are invited to try it out.

Webmaster Jason Waack says there are many exciting new components, but two stand out.

First, the new site is built around a responsive structure that adapts and adjusts the presentation of the content based on the user's screen size. Whether viewing from a desktop computer or a smart phone, users will

have access to all the same content and features.

Second, the enhanced "Resources For" selection on the top of any page on the site allows users to select from a handful of user types, such as "Future Student," "Current Student," "Parent," and "Alumni." Based on this selection, the home page will serve up content specific to that type of user.

Vice President of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer T.J. Rains said that the design process has been ongoing for the past year.

"Lindenwood partnered with Fastspot, a creative design firm out of Baltimore,

Md., to develop the next generation Lindenwood website," Rains said. "The team met with a variety of audiences; students, faculty and staff, and leadership, in an effort to find out what makes Lindenwood like no other. They used this information to develop a creative design that highlights the unique Lindenwood experience. The new website design is authentic and captures the spirit of Lindenwood in quite a powerful way."

Other features of the website include media galleries for photos and videos, a program finder that helps future students find degree programs by keywords or interests, and an events calendar that makes it easy to keep up with the latest campus happenings.

LIBRARY, ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTER WELL UNDER WAY



Lindenwood University's new Library and Academic Resources Center is changing the St. Charles skyline as it steams toward completion in the summer of 2017.

Part of the \$22 million building is under roof, and some electrical work and technology cabling is under way. The building will be completed next summer and will be open for business in fall 2017.

Dean of Lindenwood's Library Services Liz MacDonald said the 100,000-square-foot building will feature "sage glass"

windows, eliminating the need for shades since the glass is programmable and adapts to the sunlight.

She said another unique feature will be the "classroom of the future," which is designed for sharing, collaboration, and flexibility. It will have a modifiable learning environment that shifts with activity and/or instruction requirements. The modern furnishings are designed to provide learners with collaborative tools such as tabletop/modular whiteboards. The technology in the space includes multi-point high definition projection, enhanced audio and video controls, and a dynamic sound system.

Ground was broken for the building in May 2015 with the goal of providing a state-of-the-art library and learning facility for Lindenwood students, MacDonald said.

The building will not only offer traditional library services but will have community spaces, classrooms, a theater seating 81 people, workspace for adjunct instructors, a media lab, Academic Support Services, Career Services, Lindenwood Online, a 24-hour coffee shop, and much more.

MacDonald said administrators are working on the finishing touches for numerous donor recognition opportunities.

Julius Damenz and girlfriend Alejandra Soto at the Emmy Awards.



ALUMNUS DAMENZ WINS COLLEGE EMMY FOR CAPSTONE FILM

by **BRIAN VORCE**

Lindenwood University alumnus Julius Damenz has won a College Emmy Award for his short film *Infinite*. Damenz, a native of Verden, Germany, wrote, directed, edited, and produced *Infinite* as his capstone film project as a digital cinema arts major in the spring of 2016.

Damenz and his film won third place in the variety category during the 37th College Emmy Awards on May 25 at Los Angeles' Skirball Cultural Center. Accompanying Damenz to the ceremony were Damenz's girlfriend, Alejandra Soto, and friend Chris Odeniyi, both of whom are Lindenwood film students who worked on *Infinite* (Soto as assistant director and Odeniyi as cinematographer).

"Attending the ceremony was unreal," Damenz said. "We got to meet a lot of the other nominees from the prestigious film schools around the country, such as University of Southern California, Chapman University, and New York University. Being from Lindenwood felt like being the underdog, but I think it shows that these awards aren't limited to the top film schools."

Damenz's film, which was aided by numerous other Lindenwood film studies majors, is still making the rounds in the film festival circuit and appearing in various countries.

"We have screened *Infinite* at over 10 film festivals around the country, won more than 10 awards – of which two are nationally recognized prizes – recently had our first screening in Germany, and we will have our LA premiere at the prestigious Burbank International Film Festival, where we are nominated for Best Student Film," Damenz said. "We will have one more screening at the St. Louis International Film Festival later this year, too. So it has been absolutely amazing."

Damenz, who graduated in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in digital cinema arts and a Bachelor of Arts in advertising and public relations: corporate communications (along with a minor in chemistry), won six Lindy Awards for *Infinite* in March, including Best in Show.

"In the four years at Lindenwood, I was able to grow as a filmmaker and storyteller, and I don't think I would be where I am without this experience."

Julius Damenz ('16)

"It still feels like a dream to me winning these awards and all of the positive feedback to *Infinite*," Damenz said.

"To me, the most special thing is that when we were making the film, it was just a small, little school project. It was just me and my good friends and fellow film students Chris, Alejandra, Morgan Findlay, Yoshikazu Ysa, Spencer Elmore, and Luiz Costa Cruz (and non-LU actors

Dan Irwin, Ted Joerding, and composer Alvin Zamudio). I hadn't even planned on submitting it to film festivals, but it really took off around spring this year, and now we are in the festival run until the end of the year, which is crazy!"

The capstone project is for fine arts majors in film, said Professor Peter Carlos, Damenz's former instructor.

"The project shows what they learned," Carlos said. Julius is a very talented filmmaker. He did something different, more artful, and he was successful."

Damenz said he would like to enter the film industry and become a successful filmmaker. Right now, he is in Hollywood working as an intern at the 20th Century Fox TV show *Scream Queens*. He works closely with cinematographer Joaquin Sedillo.

Damenz said he owes much to his short film and his Lindenwood professors.

"I attended my first film festival, won my first award, and went to Hollywood, all due to this film," Damenz said. "And I am glad I was also able to promote Lindenwood's film program. In the four years at Lindenwood, I was able to grow as a filmmaker and storyteller, and I don't think I would be where I am without this experience."

Much of Damenz's work, including a trailer for *Infinite*, can be found on his website, www.juliusdamenz.com.

From left, **Guido Lukoschek**, coordinator of international relations for Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg, **Christine Suess**, coordinator of sister cities relationships for the city of Ludwigsburg, and **Max Bihler**.



UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH GERMAN FILM ACADEMY

by **SCOTT QUEEN**

Lindenwood University is reuniting with an old friend.

Over the City of St. Charles' 20-year relationship with its sister city, Ludwigsburg, Germany, Lindenwood administrators have gotten to know their German counterparts in Ludwigsburg. And with the signing of an agreement over the summer, Lindenwood, St. Charles, and Ludwigsburg will further solidify their connection.

University officials have announced a formal agreement with Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg in Ludwigsburg, formalizing a scholarly exchange and interaction between the two institutions. The desired outcome, according to Vice President for Student Development and Global Affairs Ryan Guffey, is to create collaborative and interactive exchange opportunities.

"Lindenwood students will benefit by having the opportunity to study at a world-class film studio right in the heart of Germany," Guffey said.

Guffey credited Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock for assembling a roundtable of the university's 57 German students. He also applauded the efforts of Professor Peter Carlos, who visited the academy on a recent trip to Europe, and a Lindenwood student, Max Bihler, whom Guffey said worked over the summer to organize the agreement.

"This is one of the elite film, television, and animation programs, not only in Germany but also the world," Carlos said. "It offers students a chance to work side-by-side with media professionals globally, with the most professional equipment and technology available."

Carlos said the academy's graduates "are honored in world-wide film festivals and are working with companies like Disney when they graduate. We are lucky to partner with this incredible and highly-rated program."

The three-year agreement will also foster collaborative and cooperative programs of student in film, media, arts, and production. It will also facilitate the development of joint programs of research between staff of the two institutions and with other institutions of similar interest.

Bihler said linking "two amazing cities and helping to establish a great opportunity for students from two countries to experience what I experienced has been my main goal. Lindenwood has truly become my home away from home, and it should be for many more. Plus, in times of increasing global interdependence, young people should be given the opportunity to figure out what it means to be a global citizen."

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Ryan Guffey, Vice President for Student Development and Global Affairs, Lindenwood University

PICNIC-GOERS ENJOY *ZOOTOPIA*



Vice President for Enrollment Management **Dr. Joe Parisi** ('97, '12) poses with wrestling alumnus **Matt Cauley** ('11, '13) and his daughter **Piper**. Parisi is a former wrestling coach at Lindenwood.

Alumni enjoy a movie in the yard in front of Evans Commons. The movie for the Alumni Picnic this year was *Zootopia*.



Stefan Rechtlich ('11), wife **Julie**, and seven-month-old daughter **Ruby** enjoy treats before the movie. Pictured in the foreground is 3-year-old **Harper Graham**.



Mason Duree, 8, and his cousin **David Duree**, 7, battle with an inflatable sword and a pool noodle. The boys were at the picnic with alumnus **Rick Duree** ('05).



Ry'n R. Jones ('15) helps her son, **Paul Jr.**, dress his hamburger at the picnic.



ALUMNI GATHER IN DALLAS

(from left) **Dr. Joe Parisi** ('97, '12), vice president for enrollment management, **Nguyen Vong** ('01), and **Ryan Silch** ('01).



Kennedy Vong and **Kristi Vong** (Standefer) ('04).



Joan Bernbaum ('74) and **Polly (Hardy) Schlosser** ('65).



Dan Grigg, vice president for development, with **John Cernkov**.

Louisa (Robinson) Swafford ('06), **Brad Swafford** ('06), and **Brenda Parisi** ('96, '00, '07).



THE LEGACY CONTINUES

Homecoming and Reunion 2016 is fast approaching. Honored classes are '56, '66, '76, '86, '96, and '06, and special plans are in place for the 50-year reunion class of 1966. A full slate of events is in store for all alumni.

Returning events include the lip sync contest and pep rally, athletic events (including volleyball, soccer, and the Homecoming football game), the Friday night reception with current and former professors, Breakfast with the President, the Alumni Association meeting, and the Homecoming Parade. Join the students for a pre-football game barbecue in the tailgating area, and be sure to stay in your seats for the halftime show, including the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. A full schedule of events is on the facing page. Detailed descriptions of all events and online registration are available now at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming. Come home to 2016 Homecoming and Reunion, a special weekend for all that will be *"like no other."*



LINDENWOOD 2016 HOMECOMING AND REUNION

October 20-23, 2016

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 20, 2016

5 p.m. / **Women's Volleyball**, Hyland Arena

8 p.m. / **Lip Sync Dance Contest and Pep Rally**
Enjoy student performances in the Lip Sync Dance Contest and feel the excitement of the fall sports teams and the LU Marching Band during the pep rally. **Hyland Arena**

Friday, October 21, 2016

1-6 p.m. / **Registration Open**

Registration for all visiting alumni, as well as check-in for members of the honored classes. Pick up pre-registration packets and additional tickets; Homecoming items will be available for purchase. **Hyland Arena**



2 p.m. / **Class of 1966 Golden Alumni 50-year Class Reception**

With President Michael and Karen Shonrock at the **Lindenwood House**

2-4 p.m. / **Campus Tours**
Starting at **Hyland Arena**

4-5 p.m. / **Reception for Honored Classes and Professors Emeriti**
Hyland Arena VIP Room



5-8 p.m. / **Homecoming/Reunion Reception**

Reconnect with all alumni, faculty, staff, and parents and reminisce with upscale hors d'oeuvres (\$5 pre-sale and \$10 at the door). **Hyland Arena VIP Room**

7 p.m. / **Lindenwood Women's Volleyball at Hyland Arena**

Enjoy the women's volleyball game from the reception area and visit with volleyball alumni. **Hyland Arena VIP Room**

7 p.m. / **50-year Class Reunion Dinner-TBA**
Off-campus location

Saturday, October 22, 2016

8 a.m. / **4 person Alumni & Friends Scramble**
18 holes / 8 a.m. shotgun start, \$43.00 includes golf/cart/lunch/on course beverages.

St. Peters Golf Course
RSVP-rellis@lindenwood.edu

8:30 a.m. / **Alumni Breakfast and Alumni Association Meeting**

Visit with fellow alumni and listen to a state-of-Lindenwood address by President Shonrock and additional remarks by the Alumni Association president and the 50-year reunion class agent. **Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room, Spellmann Campus Center**

9:30 a.m. / **Alumni Board Meeting**
Harmon Board Room, Spellmann Campus Center



10:30 a.m. / **Homecoming Parade**

Grand Marshal Kay Dunham Wilkinson, 2016 Alumni Merit Award recipient, joins President Michael and Karen Shonrock and other dignitaries, along with the Homecoming Court, clubs, organizations, floats, and marching units.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. / **Barbecue Luncheon and Tailgate**

Pre-sale: \$8 adults and \$4 kids*. Day of event: \$10 adults, \$5 kids*
Parking lot across from Hunter Stadium

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. / **Kids Corner**
Games, face painting, and inflatables for the younger set.
Parking lot across from Hunter Stadium

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. / **Greek Alumni Reception**
Share memories with your Greek brothers and sisters over lunch. **Parking lot across from Hunter Stadium**



1:30 p.m. / **Homecoming Football Game**
\$10 adults, \$5 kids*. Alumni can enjoy the game from the tent-covered patio at the Spellmann Center end zone. Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime.
Hunter Stadium



7:00 p.m. / **Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner**
\$30/person. **Hyland Arena**

7:30 p.m. / **Voices Only Alumni Reunion Concert**

Voices Only alumni will join together in harmony for a 10-year reunion concert.
Lindenwood Cultural Center Auditorium

Sunday, October 23, 2016

1 p.m. / **Lindenwood Women's Soccer**
Hunter Stadium

Choose from two packages:

- **\$20 black wristband** includes
1 football game ticket, 1 barbecue ticket, and a t-shirt
- **\$30 gold wristband** (all inclusive)
All athletic events, alumni reception, Saturday barbecue, and t-shirt

Tickets to individual events can also be purchased in advance or at the event.

***Kids' pricing** is for children age 6-12. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

BELLEVILLE CAMPUS DEBUTS HOMECOMING PARADE FOR PARENTS, FAMILY AND ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

October 21-23, 2016

Event Schedule

Tentative Schedule—Subject to Change

Friday, October 21, 2016

12-3 p.m. / Parents and Family Tours, Dorm Decorating Judging

Join family members and other parents and guests as they tour the dorms and vote for the best-decorated room!

3 p.m. / Parents, Family, and Alumni Welcome Reception and Registration, Dixon Center

Stop in to 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 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. / Alumni Soccer Game

Come out to see former college athletes go head-to-head on the soccer field!

8 p.m. / Alumni Welcome Party at Pitchers Pub in Belleville

Alumni, be sure to celebrate your lynx legacy by joining your classmates and fellow alumni at the Alumni Welcome Party! Enjoy free food, drink specials, and a commemorative giveaway.

Saturday, October 22, 2016

10 a.m. / Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade

Line Main Street for the inaugural Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade! We'll line up at St. Mary Church on Main Street and head toward the Lindenwood University campus, where we will conclude the parade in the Union School parking lot.



11 a.m. / Lynx Picnic and Entertainment

Mingle with current students, alumni, friends, and family while enjoying a barbecue and live entertainment before the games begin!

12 p.m. / Lynx Booths Open

Check out the Lynx Booth area where you will see 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 Game vs. St. Francis University

Cheer on your Lynx football team as it takes on St. Francis University! Cost for alumni, parents, and family who have registered for the weekend is included in the weekend pass. Just show your athletic pass to enter the game! Individual tickets may be purchased at the gate.

1 p.m. / Women's Home Conference Soccer Game vs. Central Baptist College

Cheer on your lady Lynx soccer team as it takes on Central Baptist College! Cost for alumni, parents, and family who have registered for the weekend is included in the weekend pass. Just show your athletic pass to enter the game! Individual tickets may be purchased at the gate.



3 p.m. / Home Conference Soccer Game vs. Central Baptist College

Cheer on your Lynx soccer team as it takes on Central Baptist College! Cost for alumni, parents, and family who have registered for the weekend is included in the weekend pass. Just show your athletic pass to enter the game! Individual tickets may be purchased at the gate.

6 p.m. / Men's Rugby Game

Cheer on your Lynx rugby team under the lights! Cost for alumni, parents, and family who have registered for the weekend is included in the weekend pass. Just show your athletic pass to enter the game! Individual tickets may be purchased at the gate.

Sunday, October 23, 2016

10 a.m. / Parents, Family, and Alumni Farewell Brunch with the President

Join President Brett Barger for a farewell brunch. Please dress in business casual attire.

Parade Information

We are so excited to host our inaugural Lindenwood University-Belleville Homecoming Parade, recognizing our alumni, athletes, student groups, academic divisions, and local businesses and organizations.

The parade line-up will open at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 1706 W. Main in Belleville. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and end in the Union School parking lot.

Are you interested in participating in the parade? Contact Jennifer Ferguson at jferguson@lindenwood.edu or **618.239.6033**.

RSVP/Ticket Information

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
- Drinks, refreshments, and access to the Alumni Welcome Party, along with a gift
- A meal pass for the Lynx Picnic
- A piece of alumni merchandise
- Passes to all athletic events
- Brunch with the president

Parents and Family Weekend Passes

The cost for all-inclusive parents and family passes for the weekend is \$10 in advance. This includes

- Dorm tours and judging the decorating contest
- Refreshments at the Welcome Reception
- A meal pass for the Lynx Picnic
- Passes to all athletic events
- Brunch with the president.

Tickets will go on sale in August. For information, contact **618.239.6033** or email jferguson@lindenwood.edu.

Advanced registration is preferred, or late registrants can purchase an all-inclusive pass at the Welcome Reception and Registration at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 21, in the Dixon Center. **The late registration fee is \$25 for an alumni pass and \$15 for the Parents and Family Weekend pass.** Children 5 and under are free, but registration is required.

Those not interested in purchasing all inclusive passes can purchase the following individually:

- Lynx Picnic – \$7.50
- Alumni Party at Pitchers – \$10
- Farewell Brunch – \$10
- Football sideline tickets – \$10
- Football end zone tickets – \$5



MAINSTAGE SEASON BEGINS WITH BLUES BROTHERS, HOWIE MANDEL, KENNY G

by **CHRIS DUGGAN**

The 2016-17 Mainstage Season at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts began Sept. 10 with a crowd-pleasing show by the one and only Blues Brothers, AKA Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi (brother of the late John Belushi, who played Jake Blues in the duo's initial iteration). The Blues Brothers debuted in a skit on *Saturday Night Live* in 1978, which spawned the classic movie in 1980.

Before Howie Mandel was an award-winning host on shows like *Deal or No Deal* and *America's Got Talent*, he was a mainstay of the stand-up comedy circuit and was a featured cast member on the hit medical drama *St. Elsewhere* and has appeared in numerous other television shows and feature films. Even with his busy schedule, Mandel, ranked by Comedy Central among the top 100 stand-up comedians of all time, takes his hilarious stand-up comedy show on the road for about 200 concerts per year and will perform in the Lindenwood Theater at 7 p.m. on Oct. 10. He will bring with him some of his trademark bits and plenty of new jokes as well.

With 75 million in record sales, including 45 million in the U.S. alone, Kenny G is the best-selling instrumental musician of the modern era. In the 1990s, his popularity skyrocketed. His 1992 album *Breathless* became the top-selling instrumental album of all time, and his two holiday albums, *Miracles* and *Faith*, have sold 15 million copies combined. He will perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 17 with a collection of his familiar smooth jazz favorites, as well as several holiday sections to welcome the season.

The second half of the Mainstage Season will start with the touring Broadway revival of *42nd Street* on March 12. Vanessa Williams will perform in a concert of her many hits on April 1, and the season will conclude on May 13 with a performance by the timeless Johnny Mathis.

"It's 106 miles to Chicago. We got a full tank of gas and a half a pack of cigarettes. It's dark, and we're wearing sunglasses. Hit it."

—The Blues Brothers

"This season is one of our most exciting yet," said Peter Colombatto, marketing director for the Scheidegger Center. "It's a diverse lineup that has something for everyone, from the Blues Brothers, starring Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi, to the legendary Johnny Mathis, to the national tour of Broadway's *42nd Street*. It's rare to get to see artists like these in as intimate a setting as our 1,200-seat Lindenwood Theater, it's an experience that's truly 'like no other.'"

For more information or to order tickets, visit www.LUboxoffice.com or call the box office at 636.949.4433.

Upcoming Performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Student Theatre

Next to Normal

By Brian Yorkey and Tom Kitt

Oct. 5-8, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m.

Macbeth

By William Shakespeare

Nov. 3-5, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5, 2 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

Dec. 1-3, 7:30 p.m.

Student Music

Jazz Band Concert

Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Wind and Percussion Ensembles

Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Choir Concert

Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Fall Chamber Series

Nov. 18-12, TBA

Student Dance

Fall Dance Concert

Oct. 13-15, 7:30 p.m.

Fashion

Fall Fashion Show

Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Art Exhibits (Boyle Family Gallery)

Plein Air Painting Invitational
Through Oct. 2

Selections from the Wells Fargo Collection

Oct. 6-Nov. 8

Opening Reception and Gallery Talk,
Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m.

Young Artists and their teachers

Nov. 20-Dec. 5

Opening Reception,
Nov. 20, 12 p.m.

LINDENWOOD BELLEVILLE PROFESSOR PUBLISHED IN NATIONAL BIENNIAL POETRY REVIEW

by JENNIFER FERGUSON

As a young person, Assistant Professor Mary Anderson didn't realize the profound influence that the wheat fields of her native North Dakota and the sandy north shore of Oahu would have on her professional life many years later.

"I tend to mine my childhood for inspiration and guidance," explained Anderson. "I pull from my ancestry and the land. I grew up all over the country and am particularly drawn to the West and the energy and inspiration it spurs in me."

As a poet, Anderson's work has been published in literary journals including *Ploughshares* and *River Styx*, and most recently, her poems "Stirring Sauce" and "Sarah's Voice" appeared in *The American Journal of Poetry* over the summer.

"I am delighted to have my new work come to light," said Anderson, who writes under the name MM Anderson. "My poetry draws energy from the origin stories of Native Americans and my time spent in the American West. I've been writing since high school."

Anderson said that part of her success in writing poetry is having the opportunity to work for an institution that promotes and honors liberal arts.

"I'm so lucky; no other job I've had has allowed me to truly develop and fully utilize my skillset," said Anderson. "I owe it to Lindenwood, which has afforded me the opportunity to not only develop curriculum for my classes, but to also write poetry and pursue this avenue in my professional life."

Anderson's connection to Lindenwood University goes well beyond her tenure as a professor for the Belleville campus, where she began teaching in 2007. In fact, her mother attended Lindenwood College when it was an all-female school and her sister attended in the '70s.

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Mary Anderson

"When mom was a young woman, she took the train from Wyoming to Missouri to attend Lindenwood," Anderson said. "It was the destination for young girls in the '40s. Likewise, my sister completed her degree here in 1979. So, there's always been a connection between this institution and my family."

Anderson studied film at the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She teaches fiction and poetry in the Lindenwood's Master of Fine Arts program online, as well as Composition and Literature and Native American Studies for the university's School of Accelerated Degree Programs in Belleville and Collinsville, Ill.

To learn more about Lindenwood University-Belleville, visit: <https://belleville.lindenwood.edu/index.html>.

Sarah's Voice

by MM Anderson

When the front moved in
circling leaves pulled a cello
tone into our home.
We could not rid ourselves of it
all winter.
Sarah's voice moaned from
a back hills' ancestry
complaining about
a New York boy.
We tried to live with
her lament,
but the bow slid
haywire.

We tried to live with
her lament, but
the front moved in
complaining about
a New York boy
from a back hills' ancestry.
Sarah's voice moaned,
haywire,
but the bow slid,
circling leaves pulled a cello
all winter.
We could not rid ourselves of
the tone in our home.

A New York boy
complaining about
her lament and
the tone in our home
We could not rid ourselves of her
back hills' ancestry
and we tried to live with
the circling leaves.
But the bow slid
all winter
when the front moved in,
haywire.
Sarah's voice moaned.

We tried to rid ourselves of
a New York boy
in our home,
haywire,
complaining about
a back hills' ancestry,
but the bow slid,
when the front moved in
Sarah's voice moaned
all winter—
pulled a cello lament,
the tone,
the circling leaves.



Stirring Sauce

by MM Anderson

How will I find you my mother again?
Stirring the russet swirling sauce at the stove?
I search to find the perfect mix,
You guide my wooden spoon in cursive strokes.

I made this in a lover's kitchen once.
We stood staring into a copper pot,
watching the simmering thickness bubble.
Strange colored continents drifting together.

He was only there for a moment,
but loving him did not bring you back.
Though I thought I heard your
frightened voice through the telephone
the night before your long sleep.
To think by making sauce,
I could reach you without moving.
And in awe, dared to claim your earth-brewed food.

These poems were published in *The American Journal of Poetry*, Volume I, July 1, 2016
at <http://theamericanjournalofpoetry.com/v1-anderson.html>.

Join the fun with the Lindenwood University Alumni Association Belleville Club!



BENEFITS INCLUDE

• Meet alumni from your region and develop lasting friendships

• Gain or enhance your leadership, communication, problem solving, and team building skills

• Volunteer to enhance your community and the university system

• Connect with other alumni to expand your network and contacts

• Make a difference in the life of a Lindenwood University-Belleville student



"I chose to complete my bachelor's degree at Lindenwood Belleville because it's close to work and home. Moreover, it was the most budget-friendly option. As an alumna, I want to continue to engage with my alma mater because I believe in the power of making connections; these connections may bring additional business to the company I represent or they may possibly help to further my career."

Renee LaBruyere, Director of Business Development at Quality Testing & Engineering, Inc.
Lindenwood University-Belleville Class of 2014

The **Belleville Alumni Club** allows a continuation of learning opportunities, networking situations, and a chance to give something back to the university. The Belleville Alumni Club is a group of alumni of all ages and class years who will work together to sponsor student scholarships or other special projects, promote Lindenwood pride, and host alumni social activities. **We'd love to have you on our team!**

For more information, call **618.239.6033** or email jferguson@lindenwood.edu.



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Lion quarterback
Philip Staback.

LINDENWOOD SPORTS Hall of Fame INDUCTEES

HALL OF FAME TO WELCOME NEW CLASS

The Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame will celebrate its 10th induction ceremony this fall with one of the largest classes in the program's history. A total of 13 inductees will go into the Hall of Fame, including six student-athletes, two coaches, and five teams.

The six student-athletes are baseball's **Shelby Anderson**, women's lacrosse's **Laura Boland**, men's basketball's **Richard Rose**, men's hockey's **Cory Spradling**, football's **Philip Staback**, and women's volleyball's **Krista Yoder**.

Anderson was a three-year member on the varsity team and was named the 2011 HAAC Player of the Year. He hit .376 for his career, collected over 100 RBIs and runs, and hit 24 home runs. **Boland** was the top player during the women's lacrosse club era. She was a two-time National Attack Player of the Year and the school's all-time leader with 345 points, 209 goals, and 136 assists. **Rose** scored the third most points in school history with 1,646 in four years.

Spradling is one of the top offensive players in Lions history, scoring 124 goals and assisting on 127 scores. He led

Lindenwood to the first two national championships in program history. Another important offensive player was football's **Staback**. In just two years, he threw for 6,710 yards and 70 touchdowns and led Lindenwood to the 2009 national championship game. **Yoder** was a four-time first-team all-conference performer. She is third in school history with 1,533 kills and second with 609 total blocks.

The coaching inductees are **Mike Elam** and **Craig Penrose**. Elam led the 2009 shooting team to a national championship and is now Lindenwood's director of Student Life Sports. **Penrose** was head coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams for 14 years and had eight top-five national finishes.

Three national championship teams are being inducted in the **2006 men's swimming 400 medley relay team**, the **2009 shooting program**, and the **2011 small coed cheerleading team**. The 1970-71 men's basketball team and the 1989 football team will be inducted: the first recipients of the Pioneer Award (see side bar).

This year's **Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony** will take place over Homecoming Weekend in a Saturday night event at Hyland Arena.



TWO TEAMS TO RECEIVE NEW PIONEER AWARD

The Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame committee instituted a new award this year, the **Pioneer Award**. The new honor inducts an individual or team that is the first to occupy a position, program, or initiative and has made a significant impact to the university's Athletics Department.

The first two inductees in this category will be the **1970-71 men's basketball team** and the **1989 football team**.

The **1970-71 men's basketball team** was the first in program history. The squad won the first game for Lindenwood in its second time out with a 105-96 victory over Linn Technical College, and it would go on to win two postseason games in the conference tournament. The members of the squad played a key role in the university as it was transitioning from a women's college to a coed institution.

The inaugural **1989 football team** at Lindenwood was a club team that had a perfect 7-0 record. The defense allowed just 33 points on the season and only allowed seven or more points in one game. Offensively, the Lions scored 191 points and averaged nearly 38 points for the final four games of the year. The success of the program led to the football team becoming a varsity program in 1990.

*Connor Harris
leaps for
an interception.*



ALL-AMERICAN HARRIS TO LEAD LIONS

Over the last two seasons, Lindenwood football player Connor Harris has been one of the top defensive players in NCAA Division II. In 2016, Harris will display his talents for the final time in the black and gold before, hopefully, taking his talents to the NFL.

Harris is a three-time all-MIAA selection and a two-time All-American. Last season, he was named the conference's co-Defensive Player of the Year, and every offensive player on the opposing team is aware of where he is on the field.

There are 495 reasons for that—the number of career tackles he had through his junior season. Harris enters this season as the MIAA leader in career tackles, and he was already 15th among all levels of NCAA football. Harris needs just 22 tackles in 2016 to become the all-time NCAA Division II leader and 55 to become the leader among all NCAA divisions.

Harris is one of nine returning starters on the defensive side of the ball and one of five returning all-conference players. The defensive front will be anchored by Jonathan Harris and Justin Taylor, and the secondary is led by Wesley Thomas and Bakari Triggs.

On offense, the team returns four of its five offensive linemen, which Lindenwood hopes will give the team strength up front. Much of the offensive success, though, will depend on sophomore quarterback Mason Bendigo, who started the final seven games of the 2015 season.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LOOKS TO BUILD ON STRONG SEASON

The Lindenwood women's volleyball team was the most improved team in the MIAA last season, winning 10 more games than in the previous season.

The Lady Lions will try to take the next step this season as they return four of their top five offensive players from 2015.

The trio of Bailey Dvorak, Jessica Krygsheld, and Alex Dahlstrom combined to average nearly nine points a set,

and all three players had over 200 kills for the season.

The Lady Lions start a grueling MIAA schedule on Sept. 23-24 at Hyland Arena, as they strive to make it to the MIAA Tournament for the first time in program history.



MEN'S WATER POLO SEEKS HISTORY IN 2016 SEASON

Men's water polo enters the 2016 season with a chance to build on what has been a very historic stretch for the program.

After becoming the third team to advance to at least three straight finals, and the

fourth to win back-to-back titles at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Men's Collegiate Club Championship, the Lions enter the 2016 season with an opportunity to win a third straight title. While Lindenwood accomplished that feat in Division III, it's never been done in the 23-year history of Division I club competition.

In order to get that chance, the Lions will need to win the Missouri Valley Division Championship, which will take place in their home pool October 15-16 at the Rec-Plex in St. Peters, Mo. The 2016 CWPA Men's Collegiate Club Championship is scheduled for November 11-13 in Cincinnati, Ohio.



LYNX HOPE TO IMPROVE IN 2016 SEASON

by **BEN MIZERA**

Another summer has come to an end, and now it's time to get the 2016 fall season underway at Lindenwood Belleville as each team looks to build on its success from its previous campaign.

Coming off a 4-6 record in its inaugural season in the Mid-States Football Association, the **Lynx football team** will get its year underway on the road when it pays a visit to Siena Heights on Sept. 3. The home opener will be under the lights on Sept. 10 against Olivet

Nazarene at 6 p.m. A benefit to this season's schedule is the Lynx will have six home games, including three of their final four at Lindenwood Stadium.

The **men's soccer team** will have a bulls-eye on it as it enters its third year in the American Midwest Conference (AMC). The Lynx are coming off a historic 2015 season in which they won the AMC Tournament for the second straight year and advanced to the NAIA semifinals, where they became the first team in school history to advance to the final site.

The **women's soccer team** hits the pitch on Aug. 30 on the road at Bethel

University. The team's home opener will be three days later against Louisiana State University-Alexandria. It will start AMC play on Sept. 13 against Freed-Hardeman and see its regular season come to an end against Harris-Stowe State on Oct. 29.

The **women's volleyball team's** home opener will be on Aug. 31 in a non-conference outing against Missouri Valley College. The Lady Lynx will play in four tournaments and will have their Senior Day on Oct. 29 against Freed-Hardeman University.

Harvey Binford



FORMER LU-BELLEVILLE FOOTBALL PLAYER SIGNS WITH PACKERS

by **BEN MIZERA**

Former Lindenwood University-Belleville football player Harvey Binford has signed an NFL contract with the Green Bay Packers. Binford becomes the first Lynx player to sign an NFL contract in program history.

Former Lindenwood-Belleville head coach **Jeff Fisher**, who's now an assistant coach at Washington University in St. Louis, is glad to see **Binford** earn this opportunity.

"He's a good person, and I'm happy for him," said Fisher. "Harvey is one of the most talented athletes I've ever coached.

He's a unique story, because he didn't play high school football, so the time our staff was with him, he was really learning the game and developing in that regard."

He added, "Frankly, had he played football earlier, we would've probably never met, because he most certainly would've been playing at the Division I level. Given his background, he has beaten the odds as far as continuing to be able to play, and I hope he can keep the trend going."

Binford, an East St. Louis, Ill., native played for the Lynx during the 2012 and 2013 seasons. In 2012, he scored the first touchdown in program history while finishing the year with 26 catches

for 569 yards and three touchdowns. He averaged 88.5 yards per game, which was second-best on the team.

He continued his success in 2013 as Binford had 17 receptions for 409 yards and totaled a career-high six touchdowns. He averaged 45.6 yards per game while his longest reception was 70 yards.

Then, Binford went on to sign with the Philadelphia Soul of the Arena Football League. In his first season, he caught 24 passes for 412 yards and seven touchdowns.

Binford will wear number 13 for the Packers.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES FALL 2016

'60s

Mary (Hughes) Johnson ('66) and her husband, Jerry, live in Florissant, Mo., and celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 5. They have a son, Mark, and a daughter, Joy, and three grandchildren. Mary was the library director at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health in St. Louis for 28 years. During her career, she published articles and was editor of a book in the area of mental health librarianship. She has an article in the current edition of *The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* about an early minister of her Unitarian Church in Alton, Ill. She and her husband retired in 2007. They have traveled extensively in the United States and internationally and have visited every continent except Antarctica. She fondly remembers the green swings and enjoying the "camaraderie as we glided under the linden trees on warm spring days." She is looking forward to reconnecting with her classmates at the October reunion.



'70s

Robin Smith ('75) is seeking the office of Missouri Secretary of State. A lifelong St. Louis resident, she retired from KMOV in July 2015 after 40 years working in television in the St. Louis area.

'80s

John J. Collins ('80) has been named the director of the Pennsylvania Office of Medical Marijuana by Secretary of Health Dr. Karen Murphy. He will be responsible for guiding the implementation of the state's medical marijuana program expected to be complete by early 2018. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed the medical marijuana program into law on April 17, 2016. Collins previously worked in the Department of Health's HIV Care Section and is a certified allied health professional. Collins received an MBA with a concentration in marketing from Lindenwood in 1980.

Louis Launer ('86) has completed his third novel, *Townies' Turn: Molly's Challenge*, and it will debut October 24 in both print and e-book at Amazon. *Townies' Turn: Molly's Challenge* is the third in the Blanchette High series of young adult novels. Launer can be seen next at the Author's Open House on Nov. 17 at the Spencer Road Branch of the St. Charles City-County Library.



'90s

Eric Piper ('96) achieved his current rank of Lt. Colonel in the United States Marine Corp on June 1, 2016. He was formerly executive officer of Health and Human Services at Cherry Point, N.C. He is currently a safety officer for Marine Forces Pacific and living

in Hawaii with his wife **Anna (Egan) Piper ('97)** and their two children: a college freshman and an eighth grader. They just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Piper received a B.A. in social science from Lindenwood in 1996 and served as Lindenwood's wrestling coach in 1996-1997.

Chris M. Van Winkle ('98) recently joined The Audit Group (TAG) as its chief operating officer. Prior to joining TAG, Van Winkle was primarily accountable for leading and supporting a supply chain program for the F-15 and F-18 fighter jet programs with a global Tier 1 aerospace company. He received a Master of Business Administration degree from Lindenwood in 1998.

'00s

Brie (Giessman) Sprengnether ('03) and John Sprengnether ('02) celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in May. The couple lives in St. Peters, Mo., with daughters Bryn, 7, and Paige, 2 ½. Brie is employed at Coldwell Banker Gundaker Real Estate of St. Charles, and John is a senior loan officer for USA Mortgage of St. Louis, Mo.



Andrew Koenig ('05) is seeking a 15th District Missouri Senate seat in the November election. Koenig was a member of the Lindenwood cross country and track teams and graduated 2005, earning a B.A. in business administration.

After graduation, he won a state representative seat in 2008. He lives in West St. Louis County with his wife Brooke and his three sons, Jeremiah, 10, Issac, 8, and Gideon, 6. They are active members of the West County Assembly of God church and are very active in their community.



Ben Giessman ('06) and Kayla Almstedt are engaged and planning a May 2017 wedding in Destin, Fla. Giessman is in his fifth year as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Gundaker of St. Charles, Mo. He also recently co-produced a short film, *Top Son*, with Lindenwood alumnus **Joseph Puleo ('14)**, **Steve Silvester ('15)**, and **Steve Cakouros ('14)**. The film, a mockumentary about a Tom Cruise impersonator who still lives in his parents' basement and seizes an opportunity to realize his dream by entering into a local talent competition, was written by Puleo and received Best Comedy and Best Actor awards at the 2016 St. Louis Filmmakers Showcase in July.

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James Harris ('09) received his bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance in 2009. He is currently a financial representative with Country Financial. He lives and works in O'Fallon, Mo., with his wife, Stacy, and two children, William, 6, and Madeline, 4. He helps people of all ages with retirement and legacy planning.

Joseph Doneff ('09) and Jessica Welker announced their engagement this summer with their wedding planned for Sept. 24 in Fredericktown, Mo. Welker has a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary English and Education Specialist in school counseling and is an English teacher at Kirkwood High School. Doneff received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lindenwood and is a district manager for Ariens Co., Brillion, Wis.



Brian Pidgeon ('11) was recently named Chief Operating Officer of POWERS Insurance and Benefits and its sister company, Valley Insurance Agency (VIAA). POWERS is one of the largest family-owned

and operated independent insurance agencies in the bi-state region. Pidgeon is a Fulbright Scholar and received his master's degree in business administration from Lindenwood in 2011.

Lauren Maureen Costigan ('12) and Parth Patel ('12) were married in a Hindu wedding ceremony Sept. 17 in St. Louis, Mo., and in a Christian wedding ceremony Sept. 19, in Quincy, Ill. The couple honeymooned in Rome, Florence, and Milan. Costigan is a 2012 summa cum laude graduate and is employed by Dillard's. Patel graduated magna cum laude from Lindenwood in 2012 and is a pre-med student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is a member of Polar Star-Rose Hill Lodge 79 AF&AM and is a Phi Mu Alpha Sinofonia (Pi Zeta) alumnus and the owner of the Haveli Indian Restaurant.



Heather Kemper-Hussey ('12) was crowned Mrs. Missouri America at the Mrs. Missouri America pageant in Chillicothe, Mo., this June. She went on to represent the Show Me State at the Mrs. America Pageant in Las Vegas, Nev. on Aug. 27, 2016. Kemper-Hussey received her Master of Fine Arts in writing degree in 2012. She resides in Wentzville, Mo., with her husband, Robert, and their five children.



Joseph Puleo ('14) recently won the Best Comedy and Best Actor awards for his short film, *Top Son*, at the 2016 St. Louis Filmmakers showcase on July 21, 2016. The film has also been selected to show at the Academy Award-qualifying St. Louis International Festival in November this year. *Top Son* is a mockumentary short film about a Tom Cruise impersonator who still lives in his parents' basement and seizes an opportunity to realize his dream by entering into a local talent competition. The entire film was shot on location in St. Charles with some scenes filmed at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. The film was written and directed by Puleo and co-produced by Lindenwood alumni **Benjamin Giessman ('06)**, **Steve Silvester ('15)**, and **Steve Cakouros ('14)**. Puleo intends to shoot a feature-length version of the film next summer.

Dr. Brandon Eggleston ('14) was named principal of Joplin High School this summer. Eggleston was the principal of the district's North Middle School since 2011 and was assistant principal there from 2008 to 2011. He has served the district for 17 years and received a Doctor of Education degree from Lindenwood in 2014.

Lucas Martinen ('15) and Cristina Gengenbacher ('16) were married July 15 in St. Peters, Mo. Martinen graduated with a B.A. in elementary education. After graduating in 2015 with a Master of Accounting degree, Martinen

is employed as an accountant with Clifton, Larson, and Allen in St. Louis, Mo.



Jenny Rocha ('16) joined the St. Louis Surge women's basketball team recently as a point guard. The St. Louis Surge Women's Professional Basketball Team's mission is "to be role models and act as mentors in the St. Louis region while fostering a culture of leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, and excellence." She majored in graphic design at Lindenwood.

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.

Martha (Atkinson) Shinkle ('41), Columbus, Ga.

Mary (Morrison) Sebesta ('44), Winchester, Ky.

Jeannette (Williams) Reid ('46), Springfield, Mo.

Genee (Head) Schubert ('46), Dallas, Texas

Bettye (Montgomery) Henderson ('53), Morrilton, Ark.

Jean (Buckner) Klopstad ('54), Sioux City, Neb.

Betty (Eckler) Mills ('57), Richmond, Ind.

Mary (Harris) Barnwell ('63), Dayton, Ohio

Jean (Cameron) Morton ('67), Lincoln, Neb.

NO SHORTAGE OF ALUMNI ACTIVITY AT LINDENWOOD

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

The days of summer 2016 are giving way to fall, and the pace of activity is quickening as Lindenwood students have returned to campus. **Workers have put the finishing touches on the new and improved dining facilities in the Spellmann Center and Evans Commons dining halls, and students, faculty, and staff are enjoying new choices in food service.**

Construction also continues on the new Library and Academic Resources Center. The building dominates the skyline along First Capitol Drive near its intersection with Kingshighway and will soon be under roof.

We held our second annual Movie Night/ Picnic on June 3 on the lawn of Evans Commons. Although the weather was "iffy," the show did go on. Alumni and their family members enjoyed a lovely evening under the stars. Be sure to watch for your invitation to this event next year!

We are extremely proud of the Lindenwood alumni and students who participated in the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

We congratulate each one of them for their dedication to excellence in their sports.

The coming of fall means that it is reunion time for Lindenwood alumni. Reunion is scheduled for Oct. 21-23, and this year's theme is "The Legacy Continues."

We are *extremely* proud of the Lindenwood alumni and students who participated in the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

All returning alumni are invited to join with the honored classes at the reception in the VIP Room at Hyland Arena on Friday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. to meet up with friends and former classmates. On Saturday morning, Oct. 22, you are invited to have Breakfast with the President at 8:30 a.m. in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room in the Spellmann Center. We will formally honor the 50-year class of 1966 at this event and hear an update on the state of the university from President Shonrock.



Kay Dunham Wilkinson ('60) our 2016 Alumni Merit Award winner, will serve as Grand Marshall of the Homecoming Parade following the breakfast on Saturday morning. Kay will also be feted at several other events over the weekend.

A detailed description of events and online registration is available now at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming. Our Belleville alumni will be celebrating their Reunion and Homecoming on the same weekend. Information on both celebrations can be found on pages 12-14.

I look forward to seeing you at a Lindenwood event soon!