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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## OUR ALUMNI ARE INCREDIBLE



This issue of *Lindenwood* magazine is especially thick with amazing alumni accomplishments, and it reinforces what I've known all along—some amazing people have strolled our campuses, studied in our classrooms, and walked across the stage to get a Lindenwood diploma.

Take the **Cathcart family**, who run one of the largest general freight railcar facilities in the country, and it is still growing. Casey Cathcart and his father, Tom, have three Lindenwood degrees between them.

Our own **Brooke Johnson** moved back to her home state of Alaska after graduation and embarked on a career in television news. She was also recently crowned Miss Alaska USA and will compete for Miss USA in the spring. We couldn't be prouder of her.

You will find articles about two of our successful entrepreneurial alumni, **Sharece Johnson** and **Zandra Harvey**, who are both running successful businesses in Illinois, and a group of alumni from our Belleville campus have banded together to provide opportunities to stay involved with the university and the community.

When Rich Reighard stepped down after 30 years as station manager KCLC, our campus radio station, his old graduate assistant, **Chad Briesacher**, returned to his alma mater, from which he has two degrees, to take the job.

**Anthony Arington**, who has two degrees from Lindenwood, found out in his early 20s that he had a progressive heart condition and had to have a heart transplant in 2012. With his new heart, he has participated five times in a 340-mile kayak race on the Missouri River, raising thousands for transplant patients. It's a truly inspiring story.

We've also got pictures from Homecoming on both campuses, Dark Carnival, and our recent Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, as well as articles about the cemetery on our historic St. Charles campus, sports, and our 2017 Sibley Medallion of Honor winner, **Jerry Scheidegger**, of our Board of Trustees.

In our next issue of *Lindenwood*, we look forward to telling you about our new strategic plan for the university, which was approved by our Board of Trustees in November and takes effect at the beginning of the year. It's an exciting time, indeed.

Check out the News and Notes to see what your fellow alumni are up to, and have a happy and blessed holiday season like no other!

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

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During a quiet snowfall, the Lindenwood campus takes on a sublime beauty.

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The Cathcart family poses in front of a sign for Bucyrus Railcar Repair (from left, Casey's mother Susan, sister Ashley, wife Gena, Casey Cathcart, Thomas Cathcart, and Casey's brother Brad).



# CATHCARTS TRACK PATH TO RAILWAY SUCCESS

by BRIAN VORCE

**Alumni take different tracks to success after graduating from Lindenwood, but Casey and Thom Cathcart's tracks are filled with railcars.**

Casey Cathcart ('06, '07), who has bachelor's degrees in computer science and mathematics and an M.B.A. from Lindenwood, is the executive vice president and CFO for Cathcart Rail Holdings and the manager of Bucyrus Railcar Repair, LLC, a subsidiary of the company. His father, Thom ('94), earned his M.B.A. from Lindenwood and brought his 40 years of railroad experience into a partnership with his son.

Bucyrus Railcar Repair, named after the Ohio town in which it is located, is a train railcar repair shop operating from several locations as a running repair agent, focusing on quick repairs for clients. Cathcart said his time at Lindenwood, especially working with his professors, helped him prepare for the business world.

"Lindenwood has always done a great job recruiting adjunct professors in their graduate program," Cathcart said. "I met a tremendous professor, Charlie Forrest, during my graduate courses and went to work for him shortly before graduation. He taught me a lot in the first couple years of my professional career."

Thom Cathcart echoed his son's sentiments. He remembers former president Dennis Spellmann speaking in his class about how the school and its campus were expanding.

The Bucyrus Railcar Repair complex is already one of the largest general freight railcar facilities in the nation, but the company and its property are expanding. Spanning 60 acres with 330,000 square feet of indoor space, 38 repair spots, and holding capacity for 400 cars, the facility's capabilities include heavy modification and wreck repair, new railcar assembly, parts fabrication, and non-hazardous cleaning. The operation grew from an area accommodating 125 cars to more than 200 in just over a year.

**"I met a tremendous professor, Charlie Forrest... and went to work for him shortly before graduation."**

Casey Cathcart

Casey Cathcart's track to success was crowded with railcars before he ever earned a Lindenwood degree. Cathcarts have worked in the train industry for generations. Thom retired from the Rock Island Line after nearly 40 years in the industry. His father worked in the rails and his father before him. Today, Bucyrus is a family affair with Casey's parents and siblings working

for the company in various roles. Thom Cathcart said he enjoys working with his family, and he is able to see Casey develop and improve each facet of the business.

"I handle operations and he handles financials and sales," Thom said. "At the same time, he's learning operations and picking it up quickly."

The Cathcarts' business ventures are growing, expanding through central Ohio.

"As of today, Bucyrus Railcar Repair is the only subsidiary of Cathcart Rail Holdings, so 90 percent of my time is spent operating BRR," Casey Cathcart said. "However, there may be some significant announcements coming out of CRH in the near future, as we are closing in on our second subsidiary operation."

With Cathcart Rail Holdings and Bucyrus Railcar Repair rolling, the Cathcarts are becoming major players in the train industry. Casey Cathcart said his path is well worth the hard work.

"Take the risk," Cathcart said. "Honestly, what do you have to really lose?"

*Brooke Johnson reacts to being crowned Miss Alaska USA on Sept. 30. She will go on to compete for Miss USA in the spring.*



# BROOKE JOHNSON CROWNED MISS ALASKA USA

by BAILEY KINNEY

**Lindenwood alumna Brooke Johnson ('16) was crowned Miss Alaska USA 2018 on Sept. 30, 2017, certainly a dream come true, but she has bigger dreams even still.**

Before graduating in 2016, Johnson co-captained the Lionettes Dance Team, co-starred in and produced a student web series called *Life as a Lindenwood Lion*, chaired the Campus Activities Board, and pursued her passion for film through the Digital Cinema Arts program.

"The first time I drove on campus I knew there were so many possibilities ahead of me," Johnson said.

As a transfer student, her journey to campus was not direct, but she quickly found her place in student life. Her journey to Lindenwood began when she won first runner up for Miss Alaska USA 2014, which opened up scholarship opportunities that enabled her transfer. She found more than an education when she arrived on campus.

"Lindenwood helped me find my voice and embrace who I am," Johnson said. "I was pushed to not only work on my weaknesses but to showcase my strengths as well, which can carry into all aspects of life, not just pageants. The faculty and fellow students always loved me for my quirky spirit, which in turn helped me love myself and feel confidently beautiful."

The confidence and courage she gained during her experiences at Lindenwood enabled her to compete for Miss Alaska once more. Johnson roared to the top and claimed first place. And her journey continues to compete in the Miss USA 2018 competition next spring.

During her time as Miss Alaska USA, Johnson plans to continue her work with Youth Empowered Achievers! (Yea! Inc.) to help young people embrace themselves and erase the stigma around mental health. She hopes to inspire a journey to self-confidence like the one she took at Lindenwood.

On top of her charity work, Johnson is already making a difference in her field as the first female photojournalist at Coastal Television Broadcasting Company in Anchorage. But her journey does not stop there. She plans to ultimately produce and star in her own films and television series.

Johnson had a few words of advice for those who want to live like a Lindenwood Lion even after graduation.

"Never give up; never back down," Johnson said. "Lindenwood is amazing in that everyone is very supportive but they always want to see you reach your greatest potential. What can you do to take it to the next level? What can you do to stand out from everyone else? How can you be 'like no other'? Dancing across that stage at graduation, I was so proud to be a part of the Lindenwood legacy."

**"Lindenwood is amazing... they always want to see you reach your greatest potential."**

**Brooke Johnson**

*Sharece Johnson in one of her escape rooms with a movie theater theme.*



# HELPING CLIENTS ESCAPE BOREDOM WITH ESCAPE ROOM

by **SCOTT WUERZ**

**Lindenwood University alumna Sharece Johnson ('10) has turned her passion for family-friendly games into a successful business.**

A teacher by trade, Johnson is owner of the Code Rulers Escape Room, which opened in June 2016 in Collinsville, Ill. More than a year later, the business relocated to a new site at 7 Eagle Center, Suite 2B in O'Fallon, Ill. The business entertains puzzle and mystery lovers with hour-long challenges to piece together clues necessary to "free" themselves.

"I got the idea during the holiday season in 2015 when my brother came to town from his home in Memphis," said Johnson. "He was talking about escape rooms he visited in Tennessee and how much fun they are. Well, my family had talked for years about starting an entertainment-based business, so the idea really got the wheels in my head turning."

Johnson said her master's degree in business administration from Lindenwood Belleville not only allowed her to build a career as a business teacher, it allowed her to realize her dream of starting her own company.

"My Lindenwood master's degree program gave me all of the knowledge I needed to start my own business," said Johnson. "The accounting and finance classes, especially, have been invaluable."

With a good foundation of business sense, Johnson said her biggest obstacle when she opened was the fact that escape rooms were a new concept and few people even knew what they were.

**"I see things in antique shops that give me ideas or at the Goodwill or yard sales. I find inspiration in some of the weirdest places."**

**Sharece Johnson**

"Now, they've become very popular all across the country, so it's a lot better," Johnson said. "At first, we had to explain to people what it was all about. Now, they come looking for us."

The new location features three constantly changing game rooms, redesigned to keep the experience fresh for repeat customers. The location also has a room for birthday parties and corporate gatherings.

Johnson said she finds ideas for new escape room concepts everywhere.

"I see things in antique shops that give me ideas or at the Goodwill or yard sales," said Johnson. "I find inspiration in some of the weirdest places."

Inside the escape rooms are multiple objects that unlock other things to be pieced together like a puzzle to find the way out. Popular themes have been movies and a storyline about the Titanic in which passengers try to find a way to stop the ship from sinking to change history.

"Most people come with a group to try to put together a competitive team," Johnson said. "But, if you don't have a full group, which is usually between 6-10 people depending on the layout, we can put you in with other people."

Code Rulers is open Wednesday through Saturday. For more information, call 618.207.2565 or check out the company website at [www.coderulers.com](http://www.coderulers.com).



(from left) **Mickey Meddows** with the City of Belleville's General and Community Assistance Office, **Renee LaBruyere ('14)**, **Cyndi Flynn ('17)**, **Yolanda Spinks ('12 and '14)**, and **Christine Green** with the City of Belleville's General and Community Assistance Office.

# BELLEVILLE ALUMNI WORK TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

by **JENNIFER FERGUSON**

**A group of Belleville alumni have recently gotten together with the goal of giving alumni an opportunity to stay engaged and involved with their alma mater.**

Alumna Cyndi Flynn ('17) of Belleville said she became involved with this group as a way to give back to her community.

"Being involved with the Lindenwood University-Belleville alumni group is a way for me to give back to my community, and it also gives me a way to contribute to the group in order to help it grow and be more active," said Flynn. "I also feel that as a student who graduated from the Accelerated Degree Program, this is a way for me to help engage those ADP students who otherwise might not feel totally connected to campus because they were only on campus one night a week."

Although in its infancy, the group is busy networking with area charities and organizations in order to learn about opportunities to become involved throughout the Metro East. According to Flynn, the group has a priority of contributing assistance to those who need the most help.

"I've spoken with some social service agencies who assist adults with basic needs—personal hygiene products, gas cards, food assistance," explained Flynn. "One organization told me that people qualify for assistance if they make less than \$245 a month! Oftentimes, these are adults without children who otherwise may slip through the cracks. Could you imagine living off \$245 a month?"

Flynn said that the group intends to create baskets with essential items in order to donate to area organizations who serve populations like this.

Alumna Renee LaBruyere of Millstadt, Ill., said the alumni involved decided to establish this group in order to engage other individuals associated with the university beyond the alumni base.

"Our hope is that this group will garner support from current students, employees, and even a family member or friends of an alumnus so that a variety of individuals can participate in our events or projects," said LaBruyere. "We did that so we can create a strong foundation for this group, and we invite those who want to be to be involved to get involved."

Beyond community service initiatives, the group also assists with planning and hosting Belleville alumni events, such as the Fall Social at Ballpark Village in November and a spring professional development event, currently being planned.

To learn more about the Lindenwood University-Belleville alumni group, contact Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events Jennifer Ferguson at 618.239.6033 or [jferguson@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jferguson@lindenwood.edu).

**"Being involved with the Lindenwood University-Belleville alumni group is a way for me to give back to my community,**  
**Cyndi Flynn**



# BRIESACHER RETURNS TO TAKE REINS OF KCLC

by MATT HAMPTON originally published in *Legacy* magazine, October 2017

**A longtime Lion has returned to Lindenwood as the new program director for the campus radio station.**

**Lindenwood alumnus Chad Briesacher ('08, '11) has replaced his mentor Richard Reighard, who was the KCLC program director for 30 years.**

Briesacher graduated from Lindenwood in 2008 and got his master's here in 2011. He also served as Reighard's graduate assistant and worked as an adjunct professor.

Since then, Briesacher has worked at other radio stations in various positions, most recently as general manager for Southern Illinois Radio Group, a company with licensed radio stations including WHCO AM in Sparta, Ill., and WINI AM in Murphysboro, Ill.

While Briesacher was transitioning into his new role at KCLC, he had already begun re-imagining the adult album alternative FM station "The Wood."

However, he said he does not plan to make drastic changes to the format of "The Wood" or the other Lindenwood stations, "The Experience" HD and KCLC AM.

"The [adult album alternative] format's good," Briesacher said. "It's edgy, because it's all about new artist discovery, and that's what I love."

Having been mentored by Reighard, Briesacher said he is nervous about taking over as director but hopes he can carry the mantle forward.

"When I was a student, Rich [Reighard] just had this never-ending fountain of knowledge from a whole career in radio, and, you know, it's kind of intimidating going in and taking over," he said.

Both Reighard and program manager Mike Wall, who was in charge of hiring the new station director, agreed that Briesacher was the right man for the job. They said Briesacher's experience played a large part in their consensus.

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**Chad Briesacher**

"He has been in the trenches doing just about everything: being a general manager, sales manager, news director, doing sports, doing everything," Reighard said.

The role of program director involves a lot of diverse responsibilities, especially at small stations like KCLC where positions are less compartmentalized.

"At some commercial radio stations, those jobs are handled by five or six people, but here, all the work falls on the program director when there are no students to fulfill the duties," Reighard said.

What separated Briesacher from the other highly qualified candidates was his history at KCLC. He learned the inside secrets of the station as Reighard's graduate assistant.

"It was a no-brainer," Reighard said. "He already knows most of what I had to do every day."

The final reason for Briesacher's selection was his positive attitude and passion for the job, said Reighard, who described Briesacher as an "enthusiastic radio rat."

"He loves radio," Reighard said. "It's what he always wanted to do, and, you know, that's the perfect kind of person for this position. Someone who just lives to come into work every day and get his hands dirty with the nuts and bolts of broadcasting."

Reighard said he wanted Briesacher to take over KCLC because Reighard wants to focus on his health and role as the department chair for mass communications. Reighard left behind a long-standing legacy.

"Rich Reighard had, over three decades, provided continuity for the broadcasting program," Wall said.

Briesacher said he worries about whether he can live up to Reighard's legacy and will miss selling advertisements, though he is excited to work with young broadcasters and watch them develop.

"It's exciting seeing who's going to blossom into a really great broadcaster," he said.

*This story was edited slightly for space constraints. To see the full story, visit [www.lindenlink.com](http://www.lindenlink.com).*



The **honored class of 1967** celebrated its 50-year reunion with activities like a gathering at the new Library and Academic Resources Center.



# 2017 HOMECOMING & REUNION!



**Carol Weinstein Brown ('77)** visits with **Professor Emeritus John Wehmer** at the alumni reception.



**Shane Williamson**, associate vice president for student life and diversity, speaks at the inaugural meeting of the **Black Alumni Council** at the Lindenwood House.



**Jerry Martin ('11)** and **Trish Redondo** from Riverside, Calif., enjoy the football game. Martin played right tackle for the Lions, and this was his first time back on campus since graduation.



2016 Homecoming Queen and King **Bre Zanders** and **Zach Hodges** were on hand to crown the 2017 king and queen.





Students, alumni, family, friends, and community members visited the **Lynx Fair at Homecoming**, which showcased several student groups and academic divisions housed on the Belleville campus.



# 2017 HOMECOMING & REUNION!

*Soccer alumni returned to campus to challenge the current soccer team at the 9th Annual Alumni Soccer Match.*



The second annual **Belleville Homecoming parade** garnered support from more than 500 participants who marched alongside Lindenwood Belleville student clubs, organizations, and athletic teams.




Graduates from the theatre program returned to campus to attend the 2017 Theatre Reception and performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Pictured here are **Nico Bourgeois** (left), Campus President **Dr. Brett Barger**, and **Sebastian Wegner**.





# DARK CARNIVAL 2017

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY  
7TH ANNUAL  
**DARK CARNIVAL**  
Wednesday, October 25 • 7-11 PM  
On its historic campus, Lindenwood University and local businesses will offer a live band, two haunted houses, free food, and carnival games for all ages.



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Lindenwood's annual Dark Carnival October 25 enjoyed a large turnout and many happy attendees.



*The Irish Tenors*



*Paul Anka*



*The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra*



*Wynonna Judd*



*Broadway LIVE!*

# SPRING SEASON AT SCHEIDEGGER CENTER **PACKED WITH BIG ACTS**

**“We are only about halfway through our 17-18 season, and it’s already shaping up to be one of our most memorable yet,” said Peter Colombatto, marketing director for the School of Arts, Media, and Communications.**

“Kenny Loggins, Penn & Teller, and Bob Newhart all performed to sold-out crowds, and there is exciting entertainment still ahead: Wynonna & The Big Noise and Broadway Live! to the Irish Tenors, Paul Anka, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Tickets for all of our events are on sale now, and make great Christmas gifts!”

The fall season concluded with the **Colors of Christmas** concert on Dec. 16, featuring a set list of holiday favorites performed by R&B luminaries **Jody Watley, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., Peabo Bryson, and Ruben Studdard.**

Country music’s **Wynonna Judd** will be in concert at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27. She rose to super stardom in the ‘80s in the mother-daughter act The Judds and has been a mainstay in country music since. Now, she is back with her new band, The Big Noise. They will perform some of her older favorites and songs from the band’s new album.

**Broadway LIVE!** will perform at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24. This show brings together acclaimed Broadway performers to perform songs from *Guys and Dolls, The Sound of Music, West Side Story, A Chorus Line, Fiddler on the Roof, Wicked, Les Miserables, The Phantom of the Opera,* and more.

**The Irish Tenors** will help celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at 8 p.m. on March 17. The trio, consisting of Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns, and Ronan Tynan, debuted on PBS in 1999 and have performed thousands of shows since, lending their powerful voices to the classic Irish tunes and to a selection of other classics as well.

**Paul Anka** has enjoyed a 60-year career in music with decade-spanning hits like “Put Your Head on My Shoulder,” “Diana,” “(You’re) Having My Baby,” and many more. He will bring his crowd-pleasing show at 8 p.m. on May 12.

The season wraps up at 8 p.m. on May 27 with **The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra**, which returns to the Lindenwood Theater stage. The 18-member ensemble is possibly the best-known big band in the world. It continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements and some more modern selections arranged and performed in the Miller style and sound.

Tickets for all shows are available online at [LUboxoffice.com](http://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](http://LUboxoffice.com)

## UPCOMING STUDENT PERFORMANCES

### STUDENT THEATRE

***The Cripple of Inishmaan***  
By Martin McDonagh  
Feb. 13-17,  
7:30 p.m.

***The Threepenny Opera***  
By Bertolt Brecht  
and Kurt Weill  
April 5-7, 7:30 p.m.

### STUDENT MUSIC

**Jazz Concert**  
Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.

**Band Concert**  
Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Choir Concert**  
March 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Orchestra Concert**  
March 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Opera Theatre**  
April 20 and 21,  
7:30 p.m.

**Spring Chamber Series**  
April 24-30

### STUDENT DANCE

**Winter Dance Concert**  
Feb. 22-24,  
7:30 p.m.

**Spring Dance Concert**  
April 19-21,  
7:30 p.m.

### STUDENT FASHION

**Spring Fashion Show**  
April 21, 7 p.m.,  
at Old Post Office  
in St. Louis, VIP  
Reception, 6 p.m.

**ART EXHIBITS**  
(Boyle Family Gallery)

**Lindenwood Juried Student Art Exhibition**  
March 30-April 8

**Fashion Design Exhibition**  
April 12-22

**Graphic Design BFA Exhibition**  
April 12-22

# 'NOT QUITTING IS A BIG THING FOR ME' ARINGTON MAKES THE MOST OF NEW HEART

by CHRIS DUGGAN

**When Anthony Arington ('00, '06) started school at Lindenwood University, he was like any other active, athletic teenager. He ran, lifted weights, and worked out—hardly the type one envisions when thinking about heart transplant candidates.**

But, he was one.

Now, five years after receiving a new heart, he is embracing his former active life in a big way, and he is giving back.

When he was still in college, Arington said he was having trouble sleeping at first, and then breathing was becoming more difficult as well. Eventually, he went to the hospital, where they ran tests and discovered a heart condition. Just prior to his 21st birthday, he was diagnosed with a cardiomyopathy, an abnormality in the heart muscle that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood and leaves patients vulnerable to heart failure.

"I had a good time at Lindenwood," Arington said. "The first two years of school, I was very active. I never smoked or anything like that. I would never have expected to have something like this."

Arington graduated in 2000 with a bachelor's in criminal justice and returned to get a master's in criminal justice administration in 2006. That same year, his heart condition worsening, he had a defibrillator implanted to guard against heart failure. In 2011, that was replaced by a left ventricle assist device (or LVAD), a cumbersome piece of apparatus that pumps the heart for the patient. Six months later, in February of 2012, he underwent heart transplant surgery.

A few weeks after the surgery, he participated in a 5K race at Lindenwood with his dog and running companion, Bailey.

"I walked the whole thing, but I finished," he said. "I felt like I was now able to go back to the things I liked to do."

For 15 years, Arington had lived with a heart that was gradually betraying him; he wanted to get out there again—and he did. He found out about a cross-state kayak race called the MR340, the longest nonstop kayak race in North America, which starts in Kansas City and ends in St. Charles after 340 miles on the Missouri River. He signed up.

"You have 88 hours to finish," Arington said. "They have a boat called the Reaper that goes at that pace, and if it catches you, you're out."

Arington bought a Kayak in May 2013 and started working with it; he'd never kayaked before.

"The first time I took it on the river was terrifying," he said. "By race day (in August), I felt like I was ready."

About half of the boats didn't finish the race, but Arington did, just ahead of the Reaper.

"Not quitting is a big thing for me," he said.

Arington with his dog, Bailey, a few hours before his surgery.



Three weeks after his surgery, Arington and Bailey completed a 5K race at Lindenwood.



In August Anthony Arington competed in the MR340 kayak race for the fifth time since having heart transplant surgery in 2012.



He has now done the race five times, most recently last summer, in which he completed it in roughly 74 hours. What's more, he has used his participation in the race as a fundraising tool for the Heart Transplant Association of St. Louis, an organization for which he now serves as president, and for the Casey Ann Hohman Memorial Association, which helps out-of-town transplant patients and their families with temporary housing.

In the five years he has been doing the MR340, he has raised \$20,000 for the two organizations.

For 16 years, Arington has worked at Dismas House, a halfway house in North St. Louis for federal inmates. During most of that time, he has been director.

"We see them in the last part of their sentence," Arington said. "We're sort of the training wheels and work to get them back into the community—reconnect with their families, find employment..."

This fall, he was back on campus; and said he couldn't believe how much it had grown; during his time at Lindenwood, he lived in one of the now-long-gone trailers on the south end of campus.

"Lindenwood was important to me for several years, and most of the staff were extremely helpful during a difficult time in my life," Arington said. "I am thankful for all of the good people at our school."

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**Anthony Arington**

Arington said his future plans include organizing a spring 2018 cross-state bicycle ride on the Katy Trail from Machens to Clinton, or about 238 miles. The ride will be open to participants and will serve as a fundraiser for the Heart Transplant Association and the Hohman Association.

"I'm amazed that I'm here and am able to do these things," he said. "I'm just thankful."

For the HTA, Arington visits patients at Barnes Hospital who have just had heart transplant surgery.

"I tell them what to expect," Arington said. "At that moment, they're not feeling very good. When they realize I had a transplant, it sort of wakes them up. Before I had the surgery, I had no clue I would be able to do anything like this again. You've got to make the most of the second chances you get."



# WHO IS BURIED IN THE LINDENWOOD CEMETERY?

**Many have pondered who is buried in the Lindenwood cemetery above the small lake behind Sibley Hall. A perusal of the stones reveals the familiar names of campus founders Mary and George Sibley, but what about the others?**

Initially, the campus was the property of the Sibley family, and at that time, it was common for families to establish their own graveyards on their estates. After the Sibleys deeded the school to the Presbyterian Church in the 1850s, the cemetery continued to gain new burials, some from the family and some associated with Lindenwood in other ways.

According to Lindenwood's records, 28 burials are associated with Lindenwood's cemetery, three of which are dogs belonging to John Roemer, who served as president from 1914 to 1940: Bobbie (1937), Kurn von Lindenholz (1934), and Lin (1925).

Rufus Easton, an American attorney, politician, and postmaster, was father to Mary Easton Sibley, who founded Lindenwood with her husband, George Champlin Sibley. Easton ended his career as the attorney general of Missouri and later died on July 5, 1834. He was the first of many Eastons to be buried on Lindenwood's campus. Other family members interred there include Rusella Easton Anderson (1840), daughter of Rufus Easton; Thomas L. Anderson (1840), son of Rusella Easton Anderson; Abial Alby Easton (1849),

wife of Rufus Easton; Elizabeth L. Easton (1850); Louisa Gamble Easton (1851); and Rufus Easton (1880), son of Mary B. and Henry Clay Easton, along with Lindenwood founders George (1863) and Mary Sibley (1875).

John W. Watson was the first to be buried on Lindenwood's campus in 1821 at the age of 15. His parents, Martha Watson (1824) and Archibald Watson (1826), are also buried in the cemetery. The Watson and Easton families were connected by marriage, and family patriarch Samuel Watson was the first significant benefactor to Lindenwood.

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Lucy Harrington (1853), teacher at Lindenwood, is buried in the cemetery, as well as Betsy Ann Dick (1855), who also taught at the school and was married to Isaac A. Dick, a Lindenwood board member.

Rev. Addison Van Court Schenck, served as Lindenwood's second president from 1856 to 1862. He buried his stepson, Willie Schenck, in the campus cemetery. According to *Reminiscences of Lindenwood College: A Souvenir for the Home Coming*, Schenck visited the grave every evening. Josiah Cary, Schneck's father-in-law, was buried there on March 8, 1861.

Several members of the Walton family, also connected to the Sibley family by marriage, were buried in the cemetery from 1858 to 1868. The following members of the Walton family are interred on campus: Everett Walton (1858), Nannie Fleming Walton (1859), Elmer Walton (1864), Robert A. Walton (1867), and James S. Walker (1868).

Fredrick Bates, an associate of George Sibley and the second governor of Missouri, had a son, Woodville Bates, who died on Feb. 12, 1840, at the age of 17 and is buried on campus. Student Neville Christy was laid to rest in the cemetery in 1857. There is no known grave marker, but the burial is mentioned in *Reminiscences of Lindenwood College*.

The last burial in the cemetery was of Norma Jean Fields, an English and communications professor who taught at Lindenwood for 34 years. She died on April 2, 1998, and had such a strong connection to the campus that arrangements were made to inter her there.

To learn more about Lindenwood's cemetery, visit the Mary Ambler Archives from the library section of Lindenwood's website: [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).

# 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



The Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame induction was held for the first time on its own weekend, rather than as one of the Homecoming festivities.

The event was held in the Scheidegger Center on Sept. 30. Five individuals and two teams were inducted, including a Pioneer Award for the school's equestrian program.



The **2005 men's track and field team** was inducted for its 2005 indoor and outdoor conference championships and its win in the 2005 NAIA Indoor National Championships.



**Aubrey Moss** was a standout softball player with three first-team all-conference selections, 45 wins, 8 saves, and 599 strikeouts in her career.



**Logen Wright** was a four-time team captain and two-time All-American linebacker on the Lion football team.



Men's basketball standout **Kramer Soderberg**, the university's first first-team Academic All-American, is congratulated by Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock.



**Mike Emerick**, who holds the record for digs on the Lion's men's volleyball team, chats with Assistant Athletic Director **Mike Morgan**.



**Chris Chionuma** was a three-time All-American wrestler and the national champion in his weight class in 2011.

# ON THE ROAD WITH ALUMNI

## Kansas City, Mo.

Lindenwood Alumni and Athletics teamed up for a road trip to Kansas City, Mo., on July 26. A group of alumni, parents, and friends gathered at Gordon Biersch Restaurant to meet Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Brad Wachler and Lions Head Football Coach Jed Stugart and get a preview of the 2017-18 year in sports.



Head Football Coach **Jed Stugart** (right) addresses a group of Kansas City alumni.

## Chicago, Ill.

Alumni and Development made the first step in starting a Chicago alumni chapter in September when Michelle Giessman and Nathan Payne met with a small group of alumni at the Bally Doyle Irish Pub and Restaurant in Downers Grove, Ill. Jim Pearson, Anrita Brown, Jacqueline Mackowiak, Tyler Jokerst ('12), and Jim Pearson ('89) were updated on all things Lindenwood, and plans were put into motion to proceed with the formation of a Chicago chapter. Chicago alumni, we will definitely be back in 2018!

## St. Charles, Mo.

Football alumni came to town to celebrate Athletic Hall of Fame weekend on Sept. 29 and 30. On Friday, families enjoyed touring the campus and especially the football facilities. Saturday was all about football as many returned to Hunter Stadium and One Roar Plaza to watch the matchup between their Lions and Fort Hays State. They later reconnected at Lewis and Clark's Restaurant on Main Street, where the stories, laughs, and tall tales were in abundance. Plans are set for annual get-togethers with a special 2009 team reunion set for 2019.



(from left) **Wade Hampton** ('03, '08), **Shane Smitherton**, **Mark Smith** ('99, '07), **Bryon Ramos** ('02), **Joe McKinney** ('01, '02), **Mario Patton** ('97), **Logen Wright** ('11), **Cecil Severado** ('99, '03, '08), **Gordy Pongratz** ('00), and **Terrance "Gator" Adams**.

## '80s Alumni Reunion Brings Back Memories

The '80s alumni returned on Saturday, Oct. 28, for a full day of activities. One Roar Plaza and Lions football was the first stop as a brave group bundled up against the first really cold spell of fall weather to cheer the Lions to victory over the University of Nebraska at Kearney Lopers 35-31.

Following the football game was a reception in the gathering space of the new Library and Academic Resources Center, from which some chose to brave the weather once again and tour the campus. Others poured over 1980s yearbooks and copies of the *LindenWorld* and *Lindwood Ledger* newspapers, searching for familiar names or activities they recalled. An '80s picture montage, created by Lindenwood Archivist Paul Huffman, showed on the video wall.

As the tour group returned, everyone gathered for more reminiscing and group pictures, and then they were off to their last stop, alumni favorite Pio's Restaurant and Cocktail Bar for the remainder of the evening. It was great spending time with our '80s alumni, and we are all hopeful that this is the first of many reunions to come. Next up is a late spring 2018 barbecue.

(from left) **Earl Austin** ('86), **Judy Avellino**, **Judy Austin**, **Vic Avellino** ('85), **David Tilden** ('87), **Marti Tilden Washburn** ('86), **Jennifer Fear** ('87), **Lee Kling** ('86), **Eric Reinsfelder** ('87), **Brenda Eisenbeis Reinsfelder** ('88), **John Costello** ('85), and **Robin McCune** ('88).



(from left) **Robyn McCune**, **Marti Tilden Washburn**, **Brenda Eisenbeis Reinsfelder**, **Jennifer Fear**, and **Eric Reinsfelder**.





# HARVEY GOES FROM MINIMUM WAGE TO ENTREPRENEUR WITH BUSINESS DEGREES

by JENNIFER FERGUSON



Zandra Harvey

**Zandra Harvey ('11, '13) was only 22 years old, but she was done. She was done working a minimum wage job at a gas station; she was done struggling to make ends meet; and she was done not affording herself the opportunity to thrive and reach her full potential. That's why she decided to go back to school at Lindenwood University-Belleville.**

"It didn't take me too long after high school to realize that I needed to do something more with myself if I wanted to succeed in this life," said Harvey, who graduated from Triad High School in Troy, Ill.

She applied and was accepted to Lindenwood Belleville, where she completed undergraduate and graduate degrees through the Accelerated Degree Program. Harvey said she faced a variety of challenges as an adult learner returning to school. She had to juggle raising a young child and making finances stretch to cover tuition and other life expenses, but for her, the biggest challenge was her self-confidence.

"I was so intimidated being in a classroom with real-world working people who were professionals, on top of facing the other distractions in life," explained Harvey. "I got so bogged down in feeling like I wasn't capable enough that I almost let it slip away."

Harvey said that she was approaching academic probation when her advisor, Dr. Andrea Frazier, set up a meeting with her.

"Dr. Frazier looked me in my eye and asked, 'What do you want out of life? This is your make it or break it point,' and that conversation spurred me into action," said Harvey.

Harvey re-dedicated herself to her academic pursuits, and school became her number-one priority.

With her newfound confidence and Frazier's support, Harvey excelled academically and completed a bachelor's in business administration and a master's in marketing. She has since opened two businesses in the Metro East, a cleaning company she co-owns with her husband and an insurance agency she opened last year, Cut-Rate Insurance.

"Zandra has done well, and I am very proud of her and her achievements," said Frazier.

"She used this turning point in her life to make a decision as motivation to become all she was meant to be."

Harvey said without her time at Lindenwood Belleville, she wouldn't have had the knowledge or wherewithal to build her businesses from scratch.

Since the time of her graduation, Harvey has found value in participating with the Belleville alumni group and has represented her businesses at the annual Homecoming parade, Move-In Day, and other special events.

"Lindenwood Belleville is great," she said. "The people are so supportive, and I feel blessed to have the ongoing connection through the alumni programs and opportunities."

Harvey said that she knows there are a lot of other young women in the world who could use a confidence boost in pursuing their dreams, and to them, her advice is simply, "do it."

"There's always going to be an excuse, a distraction," she said, "but you have to get to a point where you know what you want and get it."

## ALUMNI GET FREE TICKETS TO NOISES OFF AT LINDENWOOD BELLEVILLE

Lindenwood Belleville alumni and their guests may enjoy complimentary tickets to the Theatre Department's production of Michael Frayn's hilarious, fast-paced farce, *Noises Off*—7:30 p.m. April 12-14 and 2 p.m. April 15. The play

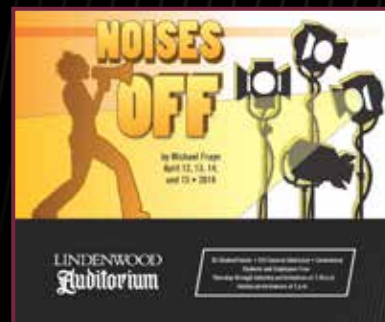
is set within a production called *Nothing On* as the cast and crew try to perform their play in some ridiculous circumstances.

"This production has had an iconic film made of it, and we are proud to present it to the Belleville community this year," said Assistant Professor of Theatre Nick Moramarco.

Theatre Department Chair Marsha Parker said the play is part of a full schedule of spring productions that span the spectrum from comedy to drama.

Tickets cost \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Lindenwood students and employees are free. Shows will be performed in the Lindenwood Auditorium, 2600 W. Main St., Belleville.

To reserve a complimentary alumni ticket, contact Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events Jennifer Ferguson at [jferguson@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jferguson@lindenwood.edu) or call 618.239.6033.





*Field hockey won the national title in 2017, and men's cross country won the MIAA title.*



# FALL SPORTS TEAMS CELEBRATE STRONG SEASON

by **DANIEL NEWTON**

**The fall sports teams provided lots of good moments for Lindenwood sports fans, including two of its top programs making huge improvements and two others bringing home championship trophies.**

The **football** and **women's volleyball** squads were both under the direction of new coaches. Football Head Coach **Jed Stugart** led the Lions to their best season since 2012. More importantly, a new culture was built inside the locker room, which will pay huge dividends in the upcoming seasons. Women's volleyball, under the direction of **Will Condon**, also had its best season since

2012, and the Lady Lions made the MIAA postseason tournament for the first time in program history.

The **men's cross country** team surprised everyone in the conference by winning the 2017 MIAA Championships, the first conference title for the program at the NCAA level. Lindenwood, which was picked seventh in the preseason poll, put forth a complete team effort at the conference meet, resulting in a six-point win over runner-up Central Missouri.

**Omar Es Salmouny** and **Clayton Duchatschek** earned all-MIAA honors, and **Austin Crowe** was an honorable mention all-conference selection. Head Coach **Randy Cole** was named the MIAA Coach of the Year.

The **field hockey** program won its second straight ECAC Tournament title in 2017. The Lady Lions went 15-2 during the regular season, including a 9-1 mark in conference games. Lindenwood hosted the ECAC Tournament and outscored its opponents 7-0 on the way to the title. In the championship game against rival Limestone, the Lady Lions scored less than three minutes into the game and went on to win 3-0.

**Nicole Johnston** was the ECAC Defender of the Year, and **Skylar Starbeck** was the ECAC Goalkeeper of the Year. Head Coach **Sarah Johnson** was named the ECAC Coach of the Year.

# LION BASKETBALL FEATURES YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE

by **DANIEL NEWTON**

**The 2017-18 Lindenwood basketball teams both have the rare mix of being young and having experience. Those qualities should be the top factors for the Lions and Lady Lions as they try to build on last year's success.**

The **men's team** returns 10 players with playing experience at Lindenwood, but it

has just one senior and 60 percent of its roster is freshmen and sophomores. The top four scorers from last season are back, led by second-team all-MIAA **Chandler Diekvoss**. Diekvoss averaged 15.2 points and 6.2 rebounds a game. **Jackson Price** was named honorable mention all-MIAA after averaging 11.4 points, and he made 72 three-pointers on the year.

The **women's team** returns 76 percent of its scoring from last season, as well as the top six rebounders. It is still a young

team though, with seven freshmen and sophomores and just two seniors.

**Kallie Bildner** was the MIAA Freshman of the Year last season after averaging 14.8 points and 9.2 rebounds a game. **Gabby Walker** also averaged more than 10 points a game, and **Lindsay Medlen** was a member of the MIAA All-Tournament team for her performance late in the season.

Lindenwood's MIAA schedule starts in Mid-December. A complete schedule can be found at [www.lindenwoodlions.com](http://www.lindenwoodlions.com).



*Chandler Diekvoss*

# STUDENT LIFE SPORTS ATHLETES CONTINUE TO SUCCEED

by PHIL VIDA



## Women's Rugby Hosts Youth Event

Women's rugby hosted a youth event on the Lindenwood St. Charles campus Oct. 29. In conjunction with Rugby Consulting USA and St. Louis Rookie Rugby, boys and girls of all ages converged for a free day that included training sessions focused on passing, teamwork, decision-making, and game play, with a focus on introducing and spreading the love of rugby throughout the St. Louis community.

"There is a massive rugby community in St. Louis, and I think you're starting to really see it grow at the youth level thanks to all those involved with Rookie Rugby and Rugby Consulting USA," said Women's Rugby Head Coach Billy Nicholas. "We are thankful for the chance to be a part of these events and to do our part to see the passion and love for rugby spread. What I'd personally like to see is even more people step up to help develop high school girl's rugby. There are many boy's teams, but I think it would thrive for girls as well."

The event wasn't the first for the Lindenwood women's rugby program. In the last two years, the Lady Lions have also hosted several free clinics for youth in the area to continue to grow the sport locally, and last year, Lindenwood held indoor sessions on campus so that rugby could continue to be played during the winter months.

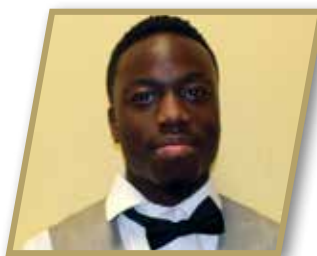
The event was capped off with pizza, t-shirts, and admission to the Lindenwood versus Mid-America All-Stars match, which the Lady Lions won 29-0.



## Cyclist Defends National Title

Hannah Finchamp successfully defended her Women's Short Track Cross Country title at the 2017 USA Cycling Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships Oct. 20-22 in Missoula, Mont. The Lindenwood senior crossed the finish line just over a second ahead of the second-place rider in the competition.

Finchamp earned a silver medal earlier in the weekend when she completed the Women's Cross Country event in a time of 22:57.8.



## Olympic Weightlifter Sets New American University Record

Darren Barnes set a new American university record in the 56kg division at the 29th Summer Universiade Aug. 20 in Taipei, Taiwan. The Lindenwood senior hoisted 107kg for the new high mark in the snatch and added 125kg in the clean and jerk to set the new record at 232kg total. Barnes finished eighth overall out of 16 lifters at the international event, which ran from Aug. 19 to 30.



## Former Rugby Player Hired as Assistant for Clemson

Former rugby player Mickey Bateman has been hired as an assistant coach for the Clemson men's program in South Carolina. The New Zealand native just completed a four-year career at Lindenwood, culminating with his degree in corporate communications over the summer.

Lindenwood Head Coach Josh Macy had high praise for Bateman.

"Coaching Mickey has been a pleasure, and it's been very rewarding to see him grow up in the short time I've known him," Macy said. "His demeanor is great for coaching, and he'll be a huge asset to an up-and-coming conference rival. It'll be nice seeing him on the sideline, and we wish him well."

Bateman was a starter on the Lions first XV squad for four years, and Lindenwood was ranked in the top eight nationally every season during his tenure, advancing to the semifinals in three of four years. He was also a part of two 7's National Championships for the Lions and earned multiple awards, including both 7's and 15's All-American, D1A Back-of-the-Year, and the D1A USA National 7's MVP.



# LYNX SOCCER SHOWS RESILIENCE AS SEASON PROGRESSES

by CHARLIE MAGER

**The Lindenwood University–Belleville men’s and women’s soccer teams have shown a fierce sense of determination to succeed through the latter part of the 2017 season, as both teams managed to make the American Midwest Conference tournament thanks in large part to a late season surge by both teams.**

When the men’s soccer season began on Saturday, Aug. 26, Head Coach Dan Hogan entered his seventh year with the Lynx in hopes of coaching his team to the AMC tournament, but things got off to a rocky start. After dropping the opening game 1-0 to the Saint Xavier University Cougars, the Lynx went on to lose six of their first eight games and tied the other two. However, once October rolled around, the Lynx began playing more as a team unit.

From Oct. 4 through Nov. 4, the Lynx recorded a 6-2 record, earning themselves a No. 5 seed in the AMC tournament.

“I really don’t think we were playing any better than we have all year but now we were starting to get the rewards for the work that we have put in,” Head Coach Dan Hogan said. “The team spirit is still high despite our difficult start to the season.”

Although the Lynx lost 2-1 in double overtime in the AMC quarterfinals to the Central Baptist College Mustangs, the turnaround they made this season leaves them with high hopes of starting off strong next season and making the AMC tournament again.

The Lady Lynx had a season much like the men’s. They lost their first five games of the season but didn’t get discouraged; they pulled themselves together as a team unit and showed significant improvement during the second half of the season.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Lady Lynx edged the Bethel University Wildcats 1-0 for their first win of the season and then took off, winning three in a row and beginning their late-season surge.

From Sept. 20 through the end of the season on Oct. 30, the Lady Lynx recorded a 10-3 record (9-3 in the conference) and earned themselves a No. 4 seed in the AMC tournament.

In the opening game, the Lady Lynx defended their home turf by defeating the Freed-Hardeman University Lions for the second time this season in a hard-fought 2-1 victory to advance to the AMC semifinals, where they lost 4-1 to the Columbia College Cougars.

“Beating the same team twice is a difficult task, especially back-to-back in the end of the season,” Head Coach Erika Baptist said. “Great competition at Freed-Hardeman, we are grateful to see another day. Learning while winning has fostered our success.”

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**Men’s Head Coach Dan Hogan**

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES WINTER 2017

## '90s

### Donna Baringer

('96) was elected in November 2016 as a Democrat to the Missouri State House of Representatives, representing the 82nd District. Prior to this election, she served nearly 14 years on the St. Louis Board of Alderman in the 16th Ward. Baringer previously worked as a director for United 4 Children and as an executive director for Magdalen Community Improvement Corporation.



### Cherise Taylor

('98, '12) has established Taylored 4U Enterprises, LLC, which provides career coaching, corporate training, motivational speaking for organizations and groups regionally and nationally. Taylor has served as a career coach for a variety of people ranging from college graduates to people coming out of retirement and looking to rewire and establish new careers. As a corporate trainer, Taylor has conducted workshops for the local USDA office, the Boys & Girls Club, and the Federally Employed Women's Group, amongst others. Taylor received a B.A. in secondary education/English in 1999 and an M.A. in professional counseling in 2012.



## '00s

### Kim Lewis

Quain ('03) was recently awarded the 2017 SEMO Counselor of the Year Award at the St. Louis American Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship and Awards Gala. A first-generation college student, Quain has dedicated her career to helping students achieve their personal and



academic goals, much as she did. Beginning her 11th year as a college/career counselor at Hazelwood West High School, Quain has implemented several programs to bridge the gap between school and parents, resulting in a doubling of students receiving college scholarships. Quain received her School Counseling Certification from Lindenwood University.

### Mernie Hollander

Maestas ('02, '06) was recently named president of the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) for the 2017-2018 term. Maestas has served as a school librarian for the past 12 years as well as the lead librarian for the Wentzville School District for the past 10 years. She has worked for the Wentzville School District for 22 years as a third-grade and fourth-grade classroom teacher as well as a full-time mentor. Maestas has a Master of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in library media from Lindenwood and a Master of Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University. She is currently working toward a Ph.D. at Emporia State University.



### Dr. Erin Klepper

('09, '11, '13, '17) recently received her Ed.D. in andragogy/educational leadership from Lindenwood. Klepper was a resident director from 2006 to 2009 in Niccolls Hall. She worked at St. Anthony's Medical Center in media education for five years and is currently at SSM Health as a corporate educator. At Lindenwood, Klepper also received a B.A. in theatre and education, an M.A. in communications, and an M.A. in instructional technology.



## '10s

Heather Ohlms ('10) recently accepted a position in the Social Studies Department in the Upper School at Principia School, in St. Louis, Mo. Since graduating, she has taught in various school districts in the greater St. Louis area. She received a B.A. in education with a minor in history from Lindenwood.

### Constance Gully

('13) was promoted to president and CEO of Parents as Teachers National Center in February after serving as interim CEO since August 2016. Gully worked for the city of St. Louis in internal auditing before starting a 16-year career at Harris-Stowe University as controller, executive vice president, and interim president. Gully serves on the sub district for the Missouri History Museum and the board of LaSalle Middle Charter School and is the vice chair of the Bi-State Development Board of Commissioners and chair emeritus of the Dr. Martin Luther King State Celebration Commission for the state of Missouri. Gully received an MBA from Lindenwood.



### Bridget Lemieux

Mouse ('13) and Patrick Mouse ('14) moved to Dublin, Ohio, where Patrick has worked in long-term care social work and is currently a behavioral health social worker for Quantum Health. Bridget is employed with Cardinal Health and is a member of the talent acquisitions team. They recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary and have been together for six years since meeting at Lindenwood. They and are expecting their



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first child this April. Patrick received a B.S. in social work from Lindenwood.

### Rodrigo Cagide

('14) has been working for different logistics/transportation companies as a logistics coordinator and account manager. He is currently working at Mid America Logistics in Fenton, Mo., as an account manager in the operations team and also as a business development specialist. He recently earned an MBA in process and project management from Maryville University and has a B.A. in marketing from Lindenwood.



### Montel Moore

('14) was recently chosen to perform the National Anthem at a 2017 season St. Louis Blues hockey game. From 650 submitted performance videos, Moore was selected for a live audition and was one of nine to make the final cut. He is slated to perform the anthem at the Blues' Feb. 11 game at the Scottrade Center. Moore is employed by Float STL, for which he composes music for relaxation, and has an M.A. in music-vocal with K-12 certification.



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**Keshan Moore ('15, '16)** and Justin Vogt were married July 8, 2017, at St. Gertrude Church, in Krakow.



Father Phil Krill officiated at the ceremony. Moore is a fifth-grade teacher in the Washington School District. She has a B.S. from Central Methodist University and an M.A. in school administration and an Ed.S. in educational administration from Lindenwood. The groom is an auto body technician with Pro Body Works. The couple took a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, and lives in Washington.

**Keith Jasin ('16)**

started a new position with Ballwin Tech, Inc. His firm focuses on the sales, trading, and manufacturing of precision measurement and process control devices. The firm's client base is worldwide in areas ranging from textiles to fossil fuels to nuclear energy. Jasin received a B.A. in Chinese studies with a minor in international business. He has had many positions at Ballwin Tech and credits his success to the knowledge and real-life scenarios that were introduced to him during his studies at Lindenwood. He is returning to Lindenwood this fall to pursue an MBA with an emphasis in supply chain management.



**Louis Gregory Jahn ('17)**

planned on doing his OPT in New York after his May graduation. He interned, unpaid, in a real estate company in New York for two months but moved to Sweden, where he landed a job as a social commerce coordinator at Daniel Wellington. Jahn received a B.A. in international business from Lindenwood.



**Sabine Neveu ('17)**

has recently taken a social media specialist position with Austin Elite Rugby in Austin, Texas. She says her experience as the photographer for the Lindenwood men's rugby team paid off, and she is really happy to be staying on the same path and working for a rugby team. Neveu received her B.A. in mass communication from Lindenwood.



## REED AND NATIONS' WEDDING GARNERS INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

**Quintin Reed ('16) and Ashleigh Nations ('15) were married on October 7, 2017. The couple, who met four years ago at Lindenwood and hold degrees in exercise science and psychology, respectively, had no idea their wedding at the Wine Seller in Cottleville, Mo., would capture the attention of millions throughout the world.**

Video of Reed becoming overcome with emotion at the sight of his bride quickly went viral and has since been viewed hundreds of thousands of times.

It also caught the attention of mainstream news outlets in St. Louis and around the

world, including *Good Morning America*, *Huffington Post*, London's *Daily Mail*, *Inside Edition*, ABC News, the *Kansas City Star*, *People* magazine, and BuzzFeed, among others.

"My uncle, who was the officiant, told me to look down at my watch until the moment was right," Reed, 27, told *Huffington Post*. "My heart was pounding so incredibly fast. Then the moment came. She walks around the corner, and when she was about 50 feet from me, my uncle told me to look up at my bride. And when I did, my heart became overwhelmed with joy and my entire body just became numb as I witnessed the most beautiful woman ever in front of me."

Nations' reaction was equally touching and added to the storybook quality of the moment.

"I thought he would be a little emotional, but I never would have imagined he would have fallen to his knees like he did," said Nations, 26, to *People*. "As soon as I saw him sigh and look up to the sky, I lost my breath. It was the most romantic moment I had ever and probably will ever experience."

The two live and work in the St. Louis area and could only marvel at the attention their wedding video received.

"The foundation of our relationship has been trust, communication, respect, love, kindness, laughter, hugs and high-fives," Reed told the *Huffington Post*. "Our wedding day was perfect!"

## 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.

**Nancy E. Clonts Sawallis ('41),**  
Wilton Manors, Fla.

**Elizabeth "Betty"  
McIlvaine Fifer ('47),**  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**F. Carolyn Hughes  
Kirkwood ('47),** Orem, Utah

**Barbara Gene Hencke  
Amsler ('47),**  
Little Rock, Ark.

**Jacqueline Corrigan  
Dugan ('50),**  
Hot Springs, Ark.

**Laura "Yvonne" Jones Holmes  
( '55),** Ponca City, Okla.

**Anne Ashcraft Whiting ('56),**  
Marietta, Ga.

**Elizabeth Ann "Bitsy"  
Thomas Bowman ('59),**  
Nashville, Tenn.

**Barbara Ellen Collister  
Ross ('64),** Salina, Kan.

**Shirley Ott Luetkemeyer ('63),**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Steve Truesdell,**  
St. Louis, Mo.

**David Earl Arnold, ('84),**  
Warrenton, Mo.

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## SCHEIDEGGER RECEIVES SIBLEY MEDALLION OF HONOR

**Jerry E. Scheidegger, of the Lindenwood University Board of Trustees, was awarded the 2017 Sibley Medallion of Honor at the university's Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society Recognition Dinner on Nov. 10.**

Scheidegger is well-known for his dedication to serving the community. Born and raised in St. Charles, Scheidegger, who serves the Board of Trustees as chairman of the Facilities Committee, has been a key player in helping to make his hometown area both prosperous and compassionate.

After finishing high school and joining the armed service, Scheidegger returned to St. Charles, engaging in small

entrepreneurial ventures where he learned everything he could from his personal business experiences.

Today the Scheidegger family owns Corporate Group, Inc., and manages residential and commercial developments the company owns or has ownership in located in St. Charles and Warren counties and Lake of the Ozarks, as well as residential development in Colorado.

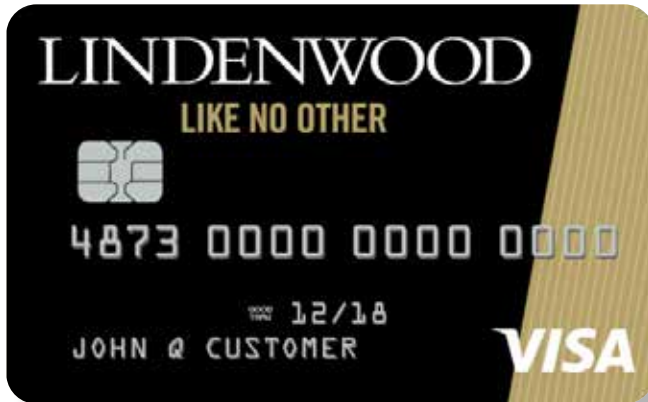
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