

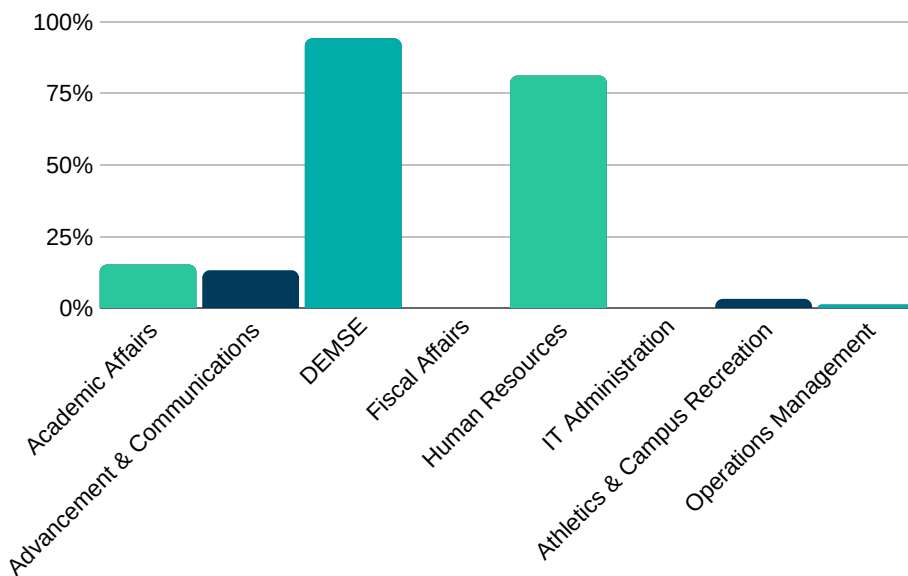
# The Learning Log

## LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

LEARNING ACADEMY

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### LINKEDIN LEARNING CHALLENGE



**DEMSE takes the lead!** HR and DEMSE have been running a very close race to complete the most LinkedIn Learning trainings. But don't worry, there is still time for a final push to rally your team members to complete a course. LinkedIn Learning has so many great courses to choose from.

### TOP 3 MOST COMPLETED COURSES

- 1) **The Six Morning Habits of High Performers**
- 2) **Embracing Unexpected Change**
- 3) **Communicating in the Language of Leadership**

Don't forget to submit your [learning\\_log](#) for a chance to win \$150 toward professional development of your choice!

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### LINDENWOOD LEARNING ACADEMY

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[Click here to check  
out our webpage!](#)

The Lindenwood Learning Academy asked employees to reflect on their virtual victories since we moved classes online and began working from home. Check out the inspiring experiences from our faculty and staff features!

## FACULTY FEATURE

### DR. MICHIKO NOHARA-LECLAIR

Professor, Psychology, School of Sciences

In my **Basic Research Methods** course, I give out a Teamwork Award every semester to the most outstanding team in each section. Outstanding team is defined as a team that exemplifies great teamwork and does not necessarily correspond to grades. For example, a team can win because it overcame exceptional hardships or started out horribly but figured out a way to work together and aced the last project, or a team can win because it performed at the top of the class throughout the semester or was always first to complete projects or just collaborated so well together it did not need a leader, etc.

This semester, I just felt like that was not enough because all teams were put through additional challenges having to work together online, and I demanded so much of them. So I decided to give out a **COVID-19 Special Teamwork Award** to any team that successfully got to the finish line in one piece and together...

- Written by Dr. Nohara-LeClair

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL STORY ONLINE](#)



#### DR. NOHARA-LECLAIR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION AND DRIVE TO CONTINUE THE HIGH CALIBER OF TEACHING EVEN WHILE ENCOUNTERING OBSTACLES AS WE MOVED TO THE REMOTE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. WE APPRECIATE YOU AND VALUE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR STUDENTS!

## STAFF FEATURE

### KAITLYN MAXWELL

Office of Institutional Effectiveness



**KAITLYN, THANK YOU FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE QUALITIES OF A TRUE Q2 CHAMPION! YOU ARE SETTING THE BAR HIGH FOR ALL OF US.**

Below are Q2-minded strategies I've found useful during this time:

- Being **as accessible as possible** through Teams, e-mail, phone. I've found that just being available to support team members and other departments reassures them.
- I have made my hours more flexible to assist students with account setup and OIE internship inquiries.
- Consistency is valued during this time and the OIE has done a great job of keeping up with our Monday meetings where we share personal and professional accomplishments.
- Dr. Alden-Rivers makes each week fun with "**Tuesday Tips**" compiled from team member responses on everything from how to best work from home, to charities in the area, to our favorite recipes! **To stay connected**, The OIE also sends out an interdepartmental Friday wrap-up e-mail that includes work accomplishments and photos.
- I have enjoyed finding new ways to **embody the Q2 mentality** virtually by offering to collaborate with other team members and departments on their ongoing projects.
- I look for **ways to help** complete a project, not just assist with it. Anyway that something can just be taken care of and crossed off someone's list is helpful.
- When I find neat links or virtual events available, I share them with others to **brighten their day**.

-Written by Kaitlyn Maxwell

# EMBODYING Q2

## VIRTUAL VICTORIES

Check out how the Lindenwood community is embodying Q2 while transitioning to online classes and working remotely! [Please click here to read full descriptions of these initiatives on the Lindenwood Learning Academy Q2 site.](#)

## CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Coffee Talk Podcast

## DEMSE

- Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)
- Streamlined student enrollment process
- Waiving \$200 enrollment deposits for students
- Enhancing the pre-tour presentation video
- Ben Carril opens space for DEMSE to discuss hardships and wins while working from home



## ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Finding new ways to celebrate honors students
- AS staff delivered diplomas to local students that needed them urgently

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Virtual student engagement through daily activities like Let's Get Quizzical and cooking classes!

## STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

- Virtual Leadership Session on the impact of positivity
- Nearly 100 virtual interviews to find the next Lion Leaders
- Optimizing resources for a smooth transition into student interaction amidst COVID-19

## LIBRARY AND WRITING CENTER

- Drop in Reference through Zoom
- Extended chat hours
- Dorm book drop off

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- Title IX Care and Concern Advocate Program

## ADVANCEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

- Updated Project Request Form

## LINDENWOOD ONLINE

- Professional development opportunities and design sessions



## WORRIERS TO WARRIORS

The COVID 19 pandemic has brought with it some of the greatest challenges many of us have faced in our lifetimes. The university has rallied in spectacular ways to ease the burden on students; however, we still see a struggle among neighbors, among our friends, and within ourselves. In the face of these struggles, we can unite to transform our anxiety into action.

Even though we are not physically together, we are still Lions with a common cause. Let's focus our energy on becoming doers, helpers, and givers. Simple acts like fundraising, providing words of encouragement, or even making a fun meal can go a long way. We have created an internal SharePoint to share things that inspire you and to provide collaboration in support of local causes. We hope you will use this site to watch and share things that inspire you, and in doing so, choose to fight this battle with inspiration and courage. Our hope is that, through this joint effort, we can evolve from Worriers to Warriors!

- Faculty members from the School of Sciences make masks for the community! [Click here to check out the video.](#)

# thank you!

THERE ARE NO WORDS THAT CAN ADEQUATELY EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

We are here for you! [Click here to check out resources from the March Learning Log.](#)