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President's Message

ALUMNI INSPIRE US TO LOOK FORWARD

This issue of *Lindenwood Connection* highlights inspirational stories that reflect the spirit, strength, and vision of Lindenwood University alumni.

Just think about our own Louise Ritter Blackwood ('48), whose Lindenwood family legacy (page 2) is a statement to the quality of this great institution. Louise's mother started teaching at Lindenwood in 1919. This fall, almost 100 years later, we will have on our campus as a freshman the 19th member of her family to attend Lindenwood University.

Another member of the Lindenwood family, Cliff Davis (Page 5), will graduate in December with his doctoral degree. Cliff has opened doors for Lindenwood as a result of his efforts to introduce us to the Robert W. Plaster Foundation, which has provided a donation to name our School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

I think you will love the story of Albert Harrold ('03, '13) on page 8. Albert exudes the qualities of his unique summer camp program, Strength and Honor. This Ferguson resident is making a difference by helping to instill the importance of developing the tenets of character in the young people in his community.



On page 14, you are sure to feel proud while reading the story of Tom Shepherd ('04, '05), who has put his Lindenwood University degrees to good use with the development of a high-tech interactive museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Anyone who can take the study of the economy and financial policy and turn it into something fun has to be a creative person!

Each of these forward-thinking individuals is a graduate of Lindenwood University, or soon will be, and each of their stories inspires us to focus our time and attention on the future as well. That's the thought I would like you to have as you look through this issue of *Lindenwood Connection*. Think about what our university will look like in 2027 at the time of our bicentennial celebration. It's not that far away. How will you be involved with the university? What do you see in 2027? Let's start the conversation.

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The class of 1967 poses on and around the Alumnae Gate for a photo.

Alumnae Gate Back Stronger Than Ever!

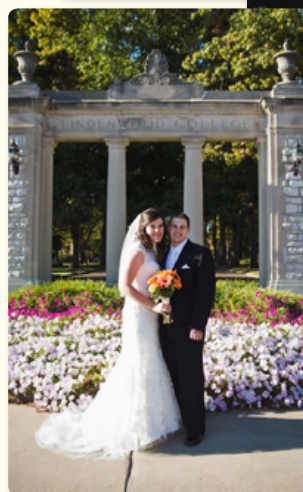
by SCOTT QUEEN

It's been on postcards, paintings, and sketches. It's been a Christmas ornament. And it's been a favorite photo spot for alumni and students for 10 decades.

Lindenwood University's beloved Alumnae Gate has had quite a summer! The gate suffered serious damage on June 24 when it was struck by a tractor-trailer. It now stands proud again, stronger than ever, thanks to masterful restoration work by a nationally recognized expert.

The gate, built in 1921 using donations from alumnae, was methodically rebuilt and restored by Felling Contracting and other subcontractors. Dave Felling has over 40 years' experience in historical architecture restoration. Work on the gate was completed August 1.

Alumni from across the country, as well as current students, overwhelmingly responded to a call to share their memories and photographs of the gate. We've picked a few for this page, and you may go to the alumni web page at lindenwood.edu/alumni for more.



Abby (Gersman) Forguson ('10, '13) and Nicholas Forguson ('14) on their wedding day in October 2013.

All the Ritter Boys *Marry* Lindenwood Girls Family Has Long History at Lindenwood

by DONNA BABER

There are Lindenwood families who have multiple connections with the University, some going back a generation, and then there is Louise Ritter Blackwood's family, whose connections number a dozen and a half and date back to the early 20th century. *Blackwood, a 1948 graduate and a charter member of the Linden Grove Society, lives in Sarasota, Fla., and has meticulously chronicled her family's long history at Lindenwood.*

The story begins in 1919, when Blackwood's mother, Louise Laipple Ritter, arrived at Lindenwood to teach botany and mathematics. Laipple grew up on a farm in Iowa as one of 11 children. After both of her parents died, the family was left impoverished. Nevertheless, all of the siblings were able to attend Ellsworth College in Ellsworth, Iowa. From there, Laipple went to Columbia University, obtained a master's in German, and moved to St. Charles to teach at Lindenwood College. She taught for four years before marrying Dr. Hubert C. Ritter, a chiropractor practicing in St. Charles, after which she continued to tutor in her home while Dr. Ritter practiced on the second floor. They had two sons, Hubert Jr. and Paul, and a daughter—Louise. Blackwood recalls that her parents "really believed in education," and this belief was so strong that the Ritters financially supported unrelated young women attending Lindenwood. The Ritters opened their home in some cases, and Blackwood remembers that the family "always had someone living in their house that needed help."

Louise Ritter maintained close ties to Lindenwood for the rest of her life. In 1966, Lindenwood President Dr. Franc L. McCluer nominated her for Missouri American Mother of the Year; she was runner-up. Ritter also served as an elder in her Presbyterian Church and was active in the local historical society, where she was committed to the initiative to preserve historic Main Street in St. Charles.

Louise Laiple Ritter's daughter, Louise Ritter Blackwood, attended Lindenwood as a day student and, during that time, was the organist at the First Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. James Blackwood served as the new pastor. Rev. Blackwood arrived at Lindenwood via Princeton, N.J., where at age 16 he had served as Albert Einstein's personal driver while the scientist was teaching at the Institute for Advanced Study. One Sunday, Louise Ritter invited Jim to lunch after church. Later that day, he took Ritter's daughter, Louise, for a ride in his new car, followed by Vespers and a reception at Dr. McCluer's house.

After graduating with a bachelor's in home economics, Louise Ritter attended the University of Missouri, where she received her Master of Education in guidance counseling in June of 1949. Just after graduation, Louise and Jim married and their reception was held in what is now known as the Memorial Arts Building on Lindenwood's campus. In 1952, Louise and Jim Blackwood left for Wooster, Ohio, where Jim served as Pastor at Wooster College. In 1962, they moved to Florida.

Louise Blackwood says she had a "great experience" at Lindenwood and feels that it "gave me the education that I needed for rest of my life."

"Lindenwood was not a finishing school because most graduates weren't finished—they went to graduate school," she said.

Her most memorable experience was the mock political convention with Sen. Robert A. Taft as the speaker and visiting

students from across Missouri; she fondly remembers professors Dr. Kate Gregg (English), Marguerite Ahrens (home economics), Dr. Marion Lucile Dawson (biology), and Dr. Siegmund A.E. Betz (English).

Although none of Mrs. Blackwood's three children attended Lindenwood, the Lindenwood legacy has continued through the families of her two brothers, the late Dr. Hubert A. Ritter and the late Dr. Paul J. Ritter. Hubert married Harriette Hudson Ritter ('46), and their daughter, Lisa Ritter Hayman ('79), is the youngest of the known Ritter family alumni. Lisa lives in St. Louis and reconnected with her former classmate, Thomas Hayman ('79), during Homecoming in 2012. A year later, he proposed in front of Lindenwood's iconic Alumnae Gate, and the two were married exactly one year after. They plan to celebrate their first anniversary with their friends during Homecoming in October this year.

Louise Blackwood's other brother, Paul, met his future wife, Oklahoma City native Paula Moore Ritter ('54), on her first day at Lindenwood when he offered to help her move into her dorm. Two days after she graduated with a major in drama and a minor in English, the two were married, with the reception held at President McCluer's home on the Lindenwood campus. Moore Ritter enthusiastically says her most memorable moment at Lindenwood was "meeting my future husband." Today, she lives in St. Louis County and remains close with her niece, Lisa Hayman.



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The Ritter-Lindenwood connection is not limited to the immediate descendants of Hubert Ritter and Louise Laipple. Hubert's brothers, Arthur and Raymond, also established strong family ties to Lindenwood. Four of Arthur's children and three of his grandchildren attended Lindenwood, and his great-grandson, Blake Bredensteiner, will enter Lindenwood this fall. Arthur's son, Raymond, married a Lindenwood alumna, Helen Hammer Ritter ('29), and their son, Raymond, Jr., continued the Lindenwood association by also marrying an alumna.

Ann Wescoat Ritter ('60) and her future husband, Dr. Raymond Ritter Jr., both grew up in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and had known each other since kindergarten. She came to Lindenwood at the insistence of her future husband, who told her that "all the Ritter boys marry Lindenwood girls," thus, she knew that he was serious about marrying her. She still lives in Cape Girardeau, remembers all of the "wonderful people that I knew at Lindenwood," and says that she had "a lot of fun." She continues her relationship with Lindenwood as a charter member of the Linden Grove Society.

With the 18 known Lindenwood alumnae in the family, and another Ritter descendant entering this fall, the Ritters are perhaps the most prolific Lindenwood family. And, if future events follow history, this number will continue to grow as new generations of Ritters reach college age.

Relatives of Louise Ritter Blackwood Attending Lindenwood:

Louise Laipple Ritter – taught at Lindenwood 1919-1923; married Dr. Hubert C. Ritter

Louise Ritter Blackwood (1948)*

Hubert August Ritter, MD – married Harriette Hudson Ritter (1946)

Lisa Ritter Hayman (1979)* – married Thomas Hayman (1979)*

Paul J. Ritter, MD – married Paula Moore Ritter (1954)*

Lillian Wilson Naumann (1935) – Foster child of Louise Laipple Ritter

Chloe Neal Wilson (1935) – sister of Lillian Wilson Naumann

Descendants of **Arthur Ritter** – brother of Dr. Hubert C. Ritter

• **Ruth Ritter Staggemeier** (1973)

• **Helen Staggemeier Sandfort** (1966)*

• **Leslie Staggemeier** (1988)*

• **Elnor Ritter Lammers** (1943)*

• **Grace Ritter Jackson** (1934)

• **Bernadette Jackson McLain** (1969)*

• **Alice Ritter Boschert** (1974)

Raymond Ritter, MD – brother of Dr. Hubert C. Ritter; married Helen Hammer Ritter (1929)

Raymond Ritter, Jr., M.D. – married Ann Wescoat Ritter (1960)*

Ruth Burkle (1936) (Cousin of Louise Ritter Blackwood through Laipple side of family)

*Living

PHOTOS: 1. Louise Laipple Ritter (1920); 2. (Left to right): Louise Ritter Blackwood, Paul J. Ritter, Louise Laipple Ritter, Lillian Wilson Naumann, Hubert A. Ritter (1930s); 3. Louise Ritter Blackwood (2015); 4. Lisa Ritter Hayman and Paula Moore Ritter (2015)



Project Compassion Inspires, Empowers

by STEPHANIE DULANEY

What is your purpose in life? For Lindenwood Belleville alumna and current student Rachel Jackson-Bramwell, it's about embracing your vision and making sacrifices that mean something.

A nationally-recognized nonprofit owner and consultant, Jackson-Bramwell started her own business from scratch with no previous experience. At the age of 25, she began Project Compassion, a nonprofit located in Belleville, Ill., with the mission to show kindness to those in need, especially youth and young mothers. In just 10 years, Project Compassion has served more than 45,000 economically disadvantaged people through job resources, workshops, and trainings, in addition to donating 7,000 personal care items and providing assistance to four low-income shelters in St. Clair County.

"I was a single mom at a young age, and I lost my own mom when I was 19," said Jackson-Bramwell. "After moving back home and experiencing a great support system, I wanted to give back."

With no formal education on how to start a nonprofit, Jackson-Bramwell learned by trial and error, extensive reading, and several hours on the phone with the IRS.

Only three months after starting Project Compassion, Jackson-Bramwell received national attention and a jump-start on fundraising when she was featured on the *Tyra Banks*

Show. The American television personality and supermodel awarded Jackson-Bramwell \$10,000 for her explanation of how she would use the funds to benefit others. As a result, calls from media outlets and interested volunteers began pouring in.

"We were feeding the poor and giving out clothes to the needy," she said. "Project Compassion brought awareness to the type of poverty that exists right where we live."

Jackson-Bramwell is most excited about Project Compassion's work in area schools.

"We are working with 12 schools in St. Clair County to bring our empowerment program to kids and teens," she said. "It gives us the chance to reach kids after school to teach them the importance of continuing their education beyond high school and equip them with customer service skills and job etiquette at a young age. It's giving them the right attitude that really makes a difference."

In spite of her busy schedule, Jackson-Bramwell says Project Compassion inspired her to go back to school and finish her bachelor's degree. In 2008, she began attending classes at Lindenwood University-Belleville and earned her bachelor's in business administration in 2013.

Much like the message she sends to the youth she serves, Jackson-Bramwell is still continuing the Lindenwood tradition of lifelong learning. Returning as a graduate student in the professional counseling program, she plans to use her next degree to fill a different need at Project Compassion.

"Behavioral counseling is often needed with the clients we serve," she said. "We are doing a lot of referring now, but I started finding that several of the young girls were saying, 'I'll go if you come with me.' They are already comfortable with me, so by adding therapy as another service we offer, they don't need to tell their story twice."

Jackson-Bramwell's passion for the children and young women she serves garnered national attention yet again in 2014 as L'Oreal Paris presented her with the Women of Worth Award. Out of 4,320 women nominated across the country, Jackson-Bramwell was one of 10 women selected for this prestigious award.

As someone who is always looking for opportunities to empower and encourage, Jackson-Bramwell believes that one reason behind the success of Project Compassion lies in her willingness to fully embrace the vision before it became a reality.

"Pursue your purpose," she said. "Don't enter a career or go for a degree just to do it. Whatever your passion, make sure the sacrifices you make are always connected to that purpose."



Lindenwood University Alumni Profile

Davis Unites Lindenwood with Ozarks Technical Community College, Plaster Foundation

by SCOTT QUEEN



Cliff Davis has been connecting people and organizations for years. And lately, Lindenwood seems to be the benefactor.

Davis is president of Ozarks Technical Community College Table Rock Campus, and he is about to become a Lindenwood alumnus. He is on target to receive his doctorate in education in December.

Davis started his doctoral journey a few years ago, just as Lindenwood received approval to launch its doctoral program. His first thought was to connect Lindenwood to his employer—OTC—and sell Lindenwood on teaching education classes in southwest Missouri.

"I called, and not long after that I was meeting with a Lindenwood team about the idea," said Davis. "And they accepted my proposal."

Davis sold Lindenwood's School of Education on his idea to teach graduate-level education coursework at OTC, and then he became a student in the program.

OTC became a great partner with Lindenwood's School of Education, building graduate-level programs in southwest Missouri.

Davis took another step to connect with Lindenwood—a big one. He introduced the University to the Robert W. Plaster Foundation.

"The Plaster family has been wonderful supporters of OTC," said Davis. "They have been great personal friends. They are delightful people who are strong supporters of higher education."

Davis, who spent a decade as OTC's chief advancement officer, was a key figure in working with the Plaster Foundation to name the Plaster Center for Free Enterprise at OTC. So, he figured it was only appropriate to tell the Plasters about his friends at Lindenwood and mention that the University might have some common interests with the foundation. Davis called Lindenwood again and connected the Plaster Foundation to the University.

The result? The foundation contributed a significant seven-figure gift to support the University, which in the spring named the Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.

"Cliff is a very positive guy who is always smiling," said Dolly Clement, executive director of the Robert W. Plaster Foundation. He told me one day about Lindenwood and really helped connect us to the university."

As president of OTC's Table Rock Campus in Branson, Mo., Davis is all about growing his campus and making connections. And he's doing it on a statewide level—not just at Lindenwood. He is chairman of the Presidents/Chancellors Council of the Missouri Community College Association.

"We just had the most successful legislative session in quite awhile," said Davis.

Working with the MCCA and connecting with Lindenwood helps make OTC Table Rock Campus even better, said Davis.

"The Branson community is now in the OTC taxing district; we're building new facilities, increasing our degree offerings, and connecting with our students," said Davis.

And because of Davis' efforts, Lindenwood teaches classes at OTC.

"It's about being connected and serving our students," he said.

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Ken Starke and His Moonlight Serenaders—from 1965. Playing on the back row, fourth from left, is Gene Henderson, who later became the Dean of the Education Division at Lindenwood.



Ken Johnson speaks at an author appearance at St. Louis County Library Headquarters in March. (photo courtesy of St. Louis County Library)

Ken Johnson Debuts Book on *Dance Hall Era in Missouri*

by CHRIS DUGGAN



Paul Turner and the Green Valley Ranch Hands—1947



King Engel and his Happy Buckaroos—1950



Missouri Valley Boys—1957



Eddie Randle and his Blue Devils—1936



School of Education Professor Ken Johnson has been making the rounds promoting his new book, *Moonlight Serenade to City Lights: Rare Images of Bands and Orchestras from the Dance Hall Era in Missouri*. The book consists of about 230 rare photos of the musicians that played in Missouri's dance halls, collected by Johnson painstakingly over a period of several years.

A career educator, Johnson has taught teacher education and education administration courses at Lindenwood since 1996 and, prior to that, worked as a high school teacher and administrator, going back to 1964.

He recently told St. Louis Public Radio that, growing up in rural Missouri, music was always around him, especially from age 9 to 11, when his bedroom sat adjacent to the dance hall that adjoined his grandparents' gas station and restaurant in Morrison, Mo. He talked of hearing the bands play while he went to sleep.

In that period, families would go to the community dance hall to eat, drink, listen to live music, and dance. Several years ago, Johnson began collecting photos for a family history project. His father and grandfather played drums, and his mother played banjo and sang. Initially, he collected 20 to 25 photos, and someone suggested to him that he should publish a book of photos, but to do that, he knew he would need in excess of 100.

Over several years of working on and off on the project, making phone calls and driving from small town to small town, ranging from St. Louis to Hannibal, Columbia, Jefferson City, Rolla, and points in between, he visited families of musicians who had played in the dance halls. Some photos were hanging on walls in living rooms and kitchens. Others were sitting in boxes in basements and attics.

The book, published by Reedy Press, is a truly one-of-a-kind collection of images from a by-gone era. Johnson has done 10 author appearances for the

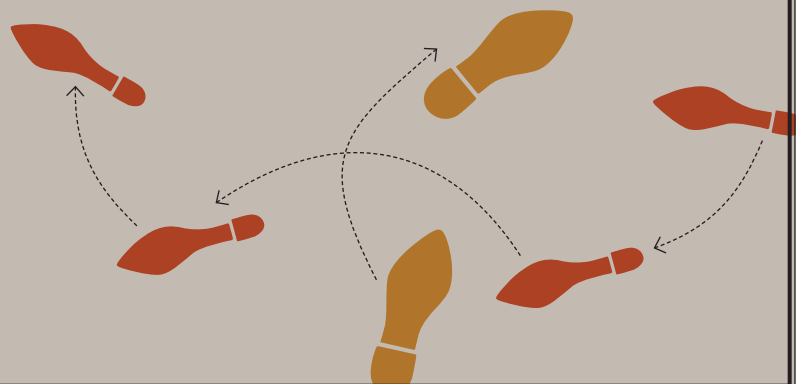
book at the St. Charles County, St. Louis County, and St. Louis city libraries, as well as at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and numerous historical societies throughout the region. The response from the public and the media has been amazing.

His presentations have had large audiences, with many people purchasing multiple copies of the book and several staying behind to talk to him. He said one man from Jefferson City remarked to him, "This is a treasure." In addition to the St. Louis Public Radio interview, the book was mentioned in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, as well as two other newspapers and two magazines. An article on his book appeared in a recent edition of *Missouri Life* magazine, and he was recently interviewed for KETC-TV's *Living St. Louis* program.

"The experience has been one of the most rewarding of anything I have ever done," Johnson said. "To sit and visit for an hour with a musician, listen to his or her story, borrow a photo from them, and now, years later, see their excitement and joy when it finally ends up in a book — it has been wonderful."

The 152-page hardcover book sells for \$35.

For more information, contact Johnson at kjohnson@moonlightserenade-to-citylights.com.





Harrold Teaches Strength and Honor with Mentoring Program

by OLIVIA HANCOCK

It's lunchtime at Strength and Honor Summer Camp, and the campers are ready to eat. Before they do, Albert Harrold needs to address some morning misbehavior.

The offenses are pretty typical for elementary and middle school kids: tattling, failing to listen, general rowdiness. But Strength and Honor is more than a fun diversion, and Harrold tells the boys that attending camp is a privilege.

"Everybody doesn't get the opportunity to be around positive men," he says.

It's clear from the attention the boys pay Harrold that they see him as exactly that.

A Ferguson native, Harrold ('03, '13) has been teaching science at McCluer South-Berkeley High since 2006. He started the Strength and Honor program in 2011 after a particularly challenging semester of teaching summer school. Harrold felt that there had to be another way to educate struggling kids and came up with the idea of an all-boys summer camp.

The camp started out with around a dozen participants, mostly Harrold's sons, nephews, and their friends. Strength and Honor had 38 campers enrolled this summer and has expanded to include Tuesday tutoring and Thursday mentoring sessions during the school year.

Strength and Honor is open to any school-aged kid or teen who wants to participate. Tutoring is offered to boys and girls, but mentoring and camp is for boys only. Harrold says he saw a greater lack of resources for underprivileged boys and wanted to present them with positive male role models and better ways to spend their free time.

"If we don't teach [boys] to be men, how do we expect them to be men?" he says.

Harrold himself has benefitted from having positive role models in his life, including when he attended Lindenwood. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University.

"Lindenwood is near and dear to my heart," he says.

Harrold says attending LU helped him develop leadership skills that are crucial to his work today. Strength

and Honor is his passion project, and he has covered a large portion of the camp's expenses himself.

"I'm gonna get it done, but I'm gonna need help," he says. "I'm learning how to get help."

Harrold receives funding through friends and organizations such as the Ferguson Lions Club. He's also started a GoFundMe page for the program, and Strength and Honor was recently classified as an official tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

All this support for Strength and Honor helps Harrold run a program that teaches kids not only how to succeed in school, but also to be positive influences in their communities. He says he wants to show his students that education isn't all school and books: "Education is everything you learn to better yourself."



Picnic Draws Alumni

BACK TO THE FUTURE



On June 5, the annual Alumni Picnic was held on the Evans Commons lawn with a showing of the 1985 classic *Back to the Future*.



President Michael Shonrock and his wife, Karen, spent some time chatting with the crowd.



Melynie Blackshear ('13) with her daughter, Sasha, 8 (left), and guest Venyshia Hatfield enjoyed some popcorn with the movie.



Edgardo Sanchez ('83) and his daughter, Scarlett Sanchez.





#Lindengrad15

May's commencement ceremonies marked the first time the University has invited graduates and their families and friends to share graduation photos using a special social media hashtag. The hashtag was promoted on social media, online, and in print materials, and it was prominently displayed inside the Family Arena during the ceremonies.

The response was overwhelming, and we decided to share a few of the photos submitted by proud new alumni!



GRADUATION 2015



Undergraduate graduation Keynote Speaker **Penny Pennington**, Principal at Edward Jones.



Keynote speaker **Sean O'Donnell**, vice president and general manager of Charter Communications.



The opening **Graduation Procession March**, featuring the **Lindenwood Pipe and Drum Corps**.



Graduate school graduate **Dustin Hoskins**.



John Stevens ('75) was awarded the 2015 Alumni Merit Award for his work in the communications industry.



Voice Only performing the Alma Mater.



Graduate **Becca Hodge**.



EdD graduate **Melissa Lee Wyers**.

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Homecoming & Reunion '15 Schedule of Events

Events and locations are subject to change. Check Lindenwood website at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming frequently for the most up-to-date Homecoming and Reunion information or to register today!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

7:00 p.m. /

Lip Sync Dance Contest and Pep Rally

GO LIONS! Our students, alumni, parents, and friends will get pumped for the weekend. Enjoy the student performances in the Lip Sync Dance Contest and see the excitement with appearances from the fall sports teams and the LU marching band during the Pep Rally!

Location: Hyland Arena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

Homecoming and Reunion Registration

Pick up your Homecoming and Reunion packets. Extra lunch tickets (\$8) and t-shirts (\$5) can be purchased at this time.

Location: Hyland Arena

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

Alumni and Guest Reception

Reconnect with fellow alumni and reminisce about your days as a Lindenwood student.

Location: VIP Room, Hyland Arena

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

Alumni ID Station

Apply for your new photo ID during registration.

Location: Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. /

President's House Reception for the Class of 1965

This is a special dessert reception for members of our returning 50th Class. Welcome back, class of 1965! Tickets can be picked up at registration.

Location: Lindenwood House

2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 3:45 p.m. /
Historic Campus Bus Tours

Three 45-minute bus tours will be available for you to reminisce on the Heritage Campus and to familiarize yourself with the new areas of campus. Tours are available from 2 p.m.–2:45 p.m., 3 p.m.–3:45 p.m., and 3:45 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Location: Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. /

Dorm Tours

Visit your old dormitory; students will be available at all dorms to greet you.

Location: All on-campus dormitories

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. /

The Lions' Red Cross Blood Drive

Donate blood to the American Red Cross. One donation can save as many as three lives; it feels great to donate!

Location: Evans Commons Multipurpose Courts

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

Archaeological Dig

Join Lindenwood students as they uncover items from Lindenwood's past

Location: Southeast Corner of Harmon Hall Parking Lot

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. /

Rediscover Lindenwood

Join Lindenwood's Archivist Paul Huffman, MLS, as he elaborates on the rich history of Lindenwood.

Location: Spreckelmeyer Room, Hyland Arena

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. /

Ayres Hall Ribbon Cutting

Be a part of the ribbon cutting to reintroduce Ayres Hall as an all-women's residence hall. Ayres was a men's and women's residence hall (alternate floors) in 1968, and as more men enrolled, it became an all-male dorm in 1969. Due to the need for more women's housing, it became an all-women's dorm in August 2015.

Location: Ayres Hall

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

4th Annual Alumni Fashion Showcase featuring Nelly Don: Giving Back in Style

Meet LU Fashion Design alumni and current LU Fashion Design students as they showcase their talents in the fashion industry and enjoy a special tribute to Nelly Don: Giving Back in Style.

Location: J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, 2nd Floor

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. /

"Mocktail" reception.

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. /

"Fashionable Conversation" about the history of the Lindenwood University Fashion Programs, including the "Nelly Don Era" and her 50-year association with the fashion program. Tribute: Nelly Don—Giving Back in Style

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. /

Alumni Showcase

6:30 p.m. /

Class of 1965 50-year Reunion Dinner

Alumna from the class of 1965 are invited to a special 50-year reunion dinner! 1965 Class agents have set up accommodations for a dinner especially for the class of 1965. Information was mailed to all 1965 alumna; attendees will purchase their own meals.

Location: Miss Aimee B's Tea Room

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. /

Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner

Join Lindenwood alumni, friends, and sports fans as we induct our new class of exemplary athletes into the Lindenwood Athletic Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Lisa Hundelt at (636) 949-4600 or lhundelt@lindenwood.edu.

Location: St. Charles Convention Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

7:30 a.m. / registration

8:30 a.m. / start

Race to Be King – 5K Run and Walk

7:30 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. start. Join us for our annual Homecoming and Reunion 5K Run/Walk! Starting at Roemer Hall, the event will end at the 50-yard line in Hunter Stadium. Entry is \$20 in advance and \$25 after October 14. All proceeds support exercise equipment for senior services in the area.

Location: Roemer Hall

Visit *Race to be King* – 5K Run/Walk page

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. /

Breakfast with the President

All are invited to join President Michael D. Shonrock for breakfast. Welcome him to campus and listen to his address about the school while enjoying the company of alumni and friends.

Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room; Spellmann Center

9:00 a.m. /

Alumni Association Annual Meeting

All alumni are invited to participate in the annual Alumni Association meeting.

Location: Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room; Spellmann Center

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. /

Homecoming and Reunion Parade

Homecoming and Reunion parade. Watch as Lindenwood's marching band, cheerleaders, dance team, and student organizations prepare for the game against the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Are you interested in being in the parade? Contact Nikki Cornwell at (636) 949-4717 or ncornwell@lindenwood.edu.

Location: Lindenwood Campus



10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. /

Homecoming and Reunion Registration

Pick up your Homecoming and Reunion packets. Extra lunch tickets (\$8) and t-shirts (\$5) can be purchased at this time.

Location: Lower level parking lot, Spellmann Center



Sporting Events

CHEER on the Lindenwood LIONS!!!

Don't miss these exciting sporting events the week of Homecoming and Reunion:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

7:00 p.m. /
Men's Soccer vs. Missouri S&T
Location: Hunter Stadium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

6:00–9:00 p.m. /
Homecoming Pep Rally
Location: Hyland Arena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

5:00 p.m. /
Women's Field Hockey vs. Bellarmine
Location: Hunter Stadium

7:00 p.m. /
Women's Volleyball vs. Southwest Baptist
Location: Hyland Arena

7:30 p.m. /
Women's Soccer vs. Northwestern State
Location: Hunter Stadium

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

1:30 p.m. /
Football vs. Nebraska-Kearney
Location: Hunter Stadium



2:00 p.m. /
Women's Rugby
Location: Track Complex

4:00 p.m. /
Women's Lacrosse-Black and Gold Game
Location: Track Complex

6:00 p.m. /
Softball-Alumni Game
Location: Lou Brock Complex

6:00 p.m. /
Women's Volleyball vs. Missouri Southern
Location: Hyland Arena

7:30 p.m. /
Men's Rugby vs. Maryville
Location: Hunter Stadium

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

11:00 a.m. /
Women's Field Hockey vs. Dowling
Location: Hunter Stadium

1:30 p.m. /
Women's Soccer vs. Central Oklahoma
Location: Hunter Stadium

2:00 p.m. /
Women's Rugby vs. KC Jazz
Location: Track Complex

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. /
Lindenwood Library and Academic Resources Center (LARC)

Learn about the new Lindenwood Library and Academic Resources Center currently under construction on First Capitol. Join Elizabeth MacDonald and members of the Office of Development staff as they talk about the new facility and the current campaign underway for the structure.

Location: Butler Library, Lobby

11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. /
Barbecue Luncheon

Luncheon is included in your bundle purchase. Limited tickets will be available for \$8 per person the day of the event. All children age 5 and under are free. Students with meal plans do not need lunch tickets.

Location: Lower level parking lot, Spellmann Center

Linden Scroll Reunion

Former Linden Scroll alumni, please join the current Linden Scroll students at the Linden Scroll table located at the barbecue luncheon to reconnect!

Location: Lower level parking lot, Spellmann Center

Emeritus Faculty Reunion

Faculty emeriti will host a reserved table at the luncheon, stop by to reconnect!

Location: Lower level parking lot, Spellmann Center

Kid's Den

Bring your little lions to the Kid's Den for games and activities at the pregame tailgate event.

Location: Spellmann Center parking lot

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. /
Football Tailgate

Join other alumni, parents, and friends at the annual tailgate! Enjoy the pregame activities before you cheer on the Lions to a Homecoming victory! Tailgate music by Broken Hipsters.

Location: Dorm parking lot across from Spellmann Center

1:30 p.m. /
Homecoming Football Game

Cheer on the Lions to a Homecoming VICTORY as they take on the University of Nebraska at Kearney! Football admission is included in your wristband bundle, or tickets may be purchased separately at the ticket office.

Location: Hunter Stadium

7:00 p.m. /
Evening Entertainment

Student Life will present a fun entertainment option for Homecoming and Reunion attendees! Log on to www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming for more information.

Location: TBD

Lindenwood University Belleville Homecoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015

7:00 p.m. /
Comedian and Magician Daniel Martin

Free for students and alumni

Location: Lindenwood Auditorium

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

7:00 p.m. /
JV Women's Volleyball Game vs. McKendree University

Location: Lynx Arena

7:00 p.m. /
PowderPuff Football Game

Free admission

Location: Lindenwood Football Stadium

Following PowderPuff Football /
Bonfire

Free admission

Location: Fred J. Kern Residence Hall parking lot

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

7:00 p.m. /
Men's Soccer Game vs. Alumni

Location: Lindenwood Stadium

7:00 p.m. /
Women's Volleyball Game vs. Alumni

Location: Lynx Arena

9:00 p.m. to midnight /
After-Hours Mingle at The Edge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

11:00 a.m. /
Barbecue Picnic

Free for alumni with ID

Location: Schaltenbrand Parking Lot

1:00 p.m. /
Football Game vs Marian University

Location: Lindenwood Football Stadium

3:00 p.m. /
Men's Soccer vs Southwest Baptist
Location: Lindenwood Soccer Field

5:00 p.m. /
Men's Rugby vs Northern Iowa
Location: Lindenwood Football Stadium

8:00 p.m. /
Ice Cream Social & Movie Night
Movie TBD, free admission
Location: Schaltenbrand Parking Lot

Museum and Director Take Visitors Inside the Economy

by RACHEL JOHNSON



Certain themes emerge when thinking of the historic Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. These include financial operations, the economy, policy issues, and market stability. Words that may not immediately come to mind are high-tech, interactive, digital, and exciting.

Lindenwood University alumnus Tom Shepherd ('04, '05) aims to change that with the new 5,000-square-foot Inside the Economy Museum he helped create.

"It took two years of planning and detailed work before launching the museum in the fall of 2014," Shepherd said. "I think it's one of the coolest things I'll ever get to work on in my career. It's unique and not something you get the chance to do every day."

The Inside the Economy Museum is located inside the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a part of the Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve Bank is in the heart of Downtown St. Louis, where Shepherd's sister and fellow Lindenwood alumna Heather Dell ('03, '05) is also employed. The free museum engages visitors in a hands-on journey through nearly 100 exhibits that are brought to life through

interactive displays, games, sculptures, and videos. Everything inside is designed to immerse patrons in a one-of-a-kind experience that explains the economy and the role people's daily interactions play in it.

"We try to take those sometimes complex economic definitions and apply them to subjects as they relate to our daily lives," said Shepherd. "We've made it fun for visitors as young as age 10, but also informative for our adult visitors. We want everyone who comes here to learn something and have fun."

Shepherd came into his role as the museum's director in 2012 with career experience that made him uniquely qualified for the position. After earning an undergraduate degree in business administration with an emphasis in management, and a master's degree in business administration, Shepherd landed a job as a customer service manager for the St. Louis Science Center.

He left the position briefly after one year to serve as an assistant branch manager at a local bank, but felt the role was not the best outlet for his energetic and creative spirit. He returned to work at the Science Center, where he assumed an expanded role that included the planning, launch, and operation of educational exhibits and special programs.

After two years, Shepherd discovered the job posting for the Federal Reserve Bank's museum director position. His combination of museum and banking experience made

him a great fit for the role, and he immediately began planning the Inside the Economy Museum once hired.

"My time at Lindenwood really helped me because my professors challenged me to think outside the box and to go above and beyond what I thought I could do," Shepherd said. "The museum project was most definitely an out-of-the-box experience, making the concept into something fun and cool that may not immediately come across as exciting as other museums with dinosaurs and things like that."

Visitors to the Inside the Economy museum regularly share with Shepherd their pleasant surprise at the innovative and visually engaging space tucked just off the historic and stately grand lobby of the bank. The museum has received multiple awards, including 2014 Best Financial Service Project from the St. Louis Regional Chamber and the 2015 Association of Midwest Museums Best Practices Award, and has been featured on local television news channels and in various travel magazines.

"We've been very pleased with the reception, and now we're focused establishing ourselves as a high-quality museum destination for educators, youth groups, and members of the general public," he said. "We are a little bit unexpected, and we promise visitors won't be disappointed."

For more information, about the Inside the Economy Museum, visit www.stlouisfed.org/inside-the-economy-museum/.



Lindenwood University Alumni Profile

Honors Pile Up for Education Alumna Risley



Professor John Henschke and
Lori Risley, EdD ('12)

Dr. Lori Risley, a 2012 graduate of the andragogy program in Lindenwood's Doctor of Education program, has much to celebrate—three awards given in quick succession for her work with adult students.

In April 2015, she earned the College of Education and Professional Studies Emergent Faculty Award for Professional Contributions 2014-2015 from her employer, the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. In March 2015, she received the National Treasure Award from the Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education, which is given to "professors or academic professionals for their dedication and support of non-traditional students on their campus," according to the association. In November 2014, she received the coveted Malcolm Knowles Award for Outstanding Adult Education Program of the Year, which is given by the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education.

"I feel very blessed receiving all of these awards," Risley said.

She credits Lindenwood's andragogy program for serving as a springboard for her success. Andragogy is a humanistic strand of adult education that incorporates the adult student's life experiences and interests in the learning process.

"I was exposed to great faculty, and I had wonderful role models," Risley said, "so I knew what being an advocate for adult learners felt like."

Risley is a former nurse and nurse educator whose dissertation explored the congruency between esteemed Lindenwood professor John A. Henschke's practices

as an educator and his scholarship. After completing her dissertation and earning her doctorate, she was hired by the University of Central Oklahoma as an assistant professor in the Department of Adult Education and Safety Sciences.

"I am amazed, delighted, and not a bit surprised that Dr. Lori Risley has accomplished so much in such a short time since becoming faculty at the University of Central Oklahoma-Edmond, especially that she received three prestigious awards in a period of six months," Henschke said. "She continues the 'go-getter' drive she had as an LU doctoral student. At this pace I speculate that in the years to come she will make additional important contributions to our field of adult education."

She and her colleagues have developed a program called Learning Counts at UCO. She is helping faculty at UCO to use andragogical principles to develop standards for portfolios that will provide evidence of prior learning, for which students can gain credit. In the courses she teaches, students learn in a flexible format that enables them to come to class or to learn at home through Skype. Students create their own learning contracts to determine their learning objectives and the criteria by which the successful completion of learning will be determined.

Risley says she is delighted to have the chance to help adults succeed at lifelong learning.

"I am extremely grateful for the education that Lindenwood provided me," Risley said. "Now, I can make a difference in other people's lives like Lindenwood professors made in mine."

Lindenwood University Campus News

Groundbreaking held for new Library and Academic Resources Center



On May 21, Lindenwood held a groundbreaking for its 100,000-square-foot, \$21 million **Library and Academic Resources Center**, which is scheduled to open in late 2016.

Science, Race, Gender, Politics, and Animals *Speaker Series will Cover Variety of Topics*

Lindenwood's 2015-16 Speaker Series will feature six thought-provoking discussions by noted experts on viral disease, race, botany, feminism, Middle East politics, and zoology, the last of whom, Jeff Corwin, will include some exotic animals as well.

"The 2015-2016 Lindenwood Speaker Series will bring together another wide range of dynamic speakers covering issues such as science, literature, international relations, and politics," said Paul Huffman, coordinator of the series.

All events are **free** and open to the public.

For more information about the 2015-16 Lindenwood University Speaker Series, visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakerseries.

The schedule is as follows:

2015

Dr. Nathan Wolfe

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 / 7:00 p.m.
J. Scheidegger Center, Lindenwood Theater

Before It Strikes: Viral Forecasting for Pandemic Prevention

Wolfe, a virologist and director of Global Viral, will talk about his work traveling the world to eradicate the next pandemic before it strikes. Author of the book *The Viral Storm*, Wolfe was named one of *Time's* 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2011.



Star Parker

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 / 7:00 p.m.
J. Scheidegger Center, Lindenwood Theater

Politics, Policy, and Racial Polarization: How to Reverse the Trends of the Welfare State

Parker is the founder and president of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE), a public policy think tank that promotes market-based solutions to fight poverty. A former welfare recipient, she regularly consults with federal and state legislators on market-based strategies to fight poverty.



Amy Stewart

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 / 7:00 p.m.
Spellmann Center,
Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

Promoting her new book, Girl Waits with Gun

Stewart is the author of six nonfiction books, including *The Drunken Botanist*, and *Wicked Plants*. Her latest, *Girl Waits with Gun*, is a novel based on a true story. She has appeared on National Public Radio and numerous national television programs and has been profiled in the *New York Times* and *San Francisco Chronicle*.



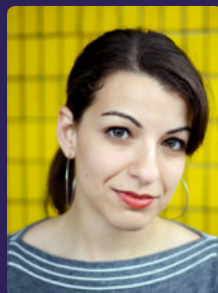
2016

Anita Sarkeesian

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.
J. Scheidegger Center, Lindenwood Theater

Tropes vs Women in Video Games

Sarkeesian is a media critic and the creator of *Feminist Frequency*, a video web series that explores the representations of women in pop culture narratives. Her work focuses on deconstructing the stereotypes and tropes associated with women in popular culture as well as highlighting issues surrounding the targeted harassment of women in online and gaming spaces.



Mosab Yousef

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.
J. Scheidegger Center, Lindenwood Theater

Son of Hamas—The Green Prince

Yousef is a Palestinian who worked undercover for Israel's security service, Shin Bet, from 1997 to 2007, supplying information that prevented dozens of suicide attacks and assassinations of Israelis, exposed numerous Hamas cells, and assisted Israel in hunting down many militants, including his own father, a Hamas leader. He currently lives in the United States.



Jeff Corwin (with animals)

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.
J. Scheidegger Center, Lindenwood Theater

The Jeff Corwin Experience

This year's Student Choice Speaker, Jeff Corwin is a renowned wildlife conservationist and environmental speaker, best known for his Emmy Award-winning shows on Animal Planet and the Discovery Networks and as the host of the ABC series *Ocean Mysteries*. With CNN and NBC News, he has become known as one of the world's leading environmental journalists.





The legendary Tony Bennett will kick off the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts 2015-16 Performance Season on September 19.

2015-16 Scheidegger Season Starts with Tony Bennett

Shows will Include Music, Theatre, and Comedy

Lindenwood University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts recently announced its 2015-2016 professional season lineup. Following up a season that included the likes of Jay Leno, Willie Nelson, Amy Grant, and the Beach Boys, the eighth season since the \$32 million performing arts center opened will include a full slate of legendary performers, led by the timeless Tony Bennett.

The Lindenwood Theater Main Stage Season consists of nine touring performances that includes a mix of music, comedy, and theatre. All shows will be in the Broadway-style Lindenwood Theater.

Performances include (in chronological order) Tony Bennett (Sept. 19), The Doobie Brothers (Oct. 10), Natalie Cole (Dec. 12), Frank Sinatra Jr. (Dec. 19), the comedy of Sinbad (Jan. 30), Michael Bolton (Feb. 11), Stayin' Alive: A Tribute to the Bee Gees (March 19), the touring production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (April 7), and *Roots and Boots* (April 16), featuring country favorites Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and Pam Tillis.

Tickets for individual shows are currently available online at LUboxoffice.com and at the Scheidegger Center box office, 636-949-4433.

The Box Office is located in Lindenwood's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, at 2300 West Clay St., just west of First Capitol Drive in St. Charles.

The Scheidegger Center enriches the local community with performances and serves as a living laboratory for the arts for the students at Lindenwood University. The campus provides a secure atmosphere, with fully accessible facilities and a family-friendly environment.

"Celebrating some of the most influential artists of our time, the '15-'16 season has something for everyone," said Dr. Joe Alsobrook, dean of fine and performing arts at Lindenwood University. "We are thrilled to continue offering an all-star line-up, and we look forward to welcoming another season of sell-out crowds to the incomparable J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts."

In addition to the professional shows, the J. Scheidegger Center features multiple student productions, including music series, dance concerts, theatrical performances, art exhibits, and fashion shows, as well as several community events throughout each season. For more information about the 2015-2016 season or to be added to the J. Scheidegger Center mailing list, contact the Box Office at 636-949-4433.

2015-16 Scheidegger Season Performances

2015

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 / 8:00 p.m.
Tony Bennett

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2015 / 8:00 p.m.
The Doobie Brothers

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 / 8:00 p.m.
An Evening with Natalie Cole

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 / 8:00 p.m.
Frank Sinatra, Jr.

2016

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 / 8:00 p.m.
Sinbad

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2016 / 8:00 p.m.
Michael Bolton

Saturday, March 19, 2016 / 8:00 p.m.
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Saturday, April 7, 2016 / 7:00 p.m.
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturday, April 16, 2016 / 8:00 p.m.
Roots and Boots



Leave a Lasting Legacy

Martha Boyer

Professor of Speech and Communication
1947-1972

Jean Fields

Professor of English and Communication
1965-1998

Martha Boyer and Jean Fields are remembered as amazing innovators in Lindenwood's Communications program. Martha and Jean are remembered foremost for the priority they placed on the success of each individual student. Without Martha's vision, Lindenwood's radio station KCLC would not exist today. Jean extended her students' learning experience beyond the classroom through her cutting-edge teaching methods.

The legacy of these two dedicated educators lives on today through the many lives they shaped. We invite you to create a legacy for Lindenwood and its future students by including Lindenwood in your estate plan.

For information on how you can leave a legacy for Lindenwood and its students, contact Donna H. Baber, JD, Director of Planned Giving, at dbaber@lindenwood.edu or (636)-949-4532. Or visit www.lugift.org.

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Lindenwood University St. Charles

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Beaty Heads List of Sports Alums Doing Great Things

The journey from Hunter Stadium in St. Charles to Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kan., takes about a five hours. But for Lindenwood alumnus **David Beaty** ('94), his journey from being a star wide receiver to being a collegiate head coach took 21 years. His hard work paid off last winter when he was named the head coach of the University of Kansas football team.

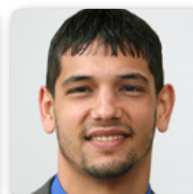
Beaty was a member of the inaugural Lindenwood varsity football team in 1990 and was one of the star players on those early teams. He led the team in receptions for three years and was a two-time captain.

After graduation, Beaty followed his passion for football by teaching the game to others. He began his coaching career at the high school level until 2005. In 2006, Beaty took his talents to the collegiate level as an NCAA Division I assistant coach at Rice University. He was also an assistant coach at Kansas and Texas A&M University over the next nine seasons. He helped train five

Kansas University coach **David Beaty** and Lindenwood University President **Michael Shonrock, PhD**



Marcus Yokeley, the new Defensive Coordinator at Missouri State University



Former Lindenwood basketball player **Kelly Albers**



Former Lindenwood volleyball player **Kathy Fritz**



wide receivers who were picked in the NFL Draft, including Mike Evans, one of the top rookies in the NFL last season.

Beaty's accomplishments earned him his first collegiate head coaching job last December, but it was not just any job. He is one of just 64 head coaches in the country at an NCAA Division I power conference as he takes over the reins of a Big 12 program, completing his trek from Lion to Jayhawk.

Beaty isn't Lindenwood's only alumnus in the football coaching world. Another who received a big promotion last winter is **Marcus Yokeley**. Yokeley spent six seasons on the Lindenwood coaching staff, and also earned his Master's in Education. Last season, he was named defensive coordinator at Missouri State University, under one of the hottest head coaches at that level, Dave Steckel.

Kelly Albers was a key member of the 2010-11 women's basketball team, the squad

that turned around the program after nine straight losing seasons. She also served as a graduate assistant coach for the program. Now, she is a key member of the nursing staff at Saint Louis University Hospital. After graduating from Lindenwood, Albers attended nursing school at Saint Louis University. Graduating near the top of her class, she will be staying close to her former team, having earned a position in St. Louis.

Kathy Fritz (formerly Moore) received plenty of serving while at Lindenwood as a defensive specialist on the Lady Lions volleyball team, including as captain of the first conference championship team in program history. Now, she is doing the serving as the senior manager of club services for the St. Louis Rams. Fritz has been with the Rams since 2005 and is responsible for the service, retention, and administration of all Rams club seats and all-inclusive clubs in the Edward Jones Dome.

Lions Ready for Fall Season to Begin

The Lindenwood football team has been getting bigger and stronger since its transition to the NCAA Division II level. The Lions hope 2015 is the year for it to translate into more victories.

No player represents the bigger and stronger Lions better than linebacker **Connor Harris**. The junior dominated last season by averaging nearly 14 tackles a game, the fourth-highest total in NCAA Division II. Harris also showed his offensive skills in the final game of the season, rushing for 188 yards and four touchdowns in a season-ending win over Northeastern State.

Harris, an All-American after his performance in 2014, is one of seven returners on the Lindenwood defense, including three other honorable mention all-MIAA picks.

On offense, wide receiver **Jaron Alexander** returns after being named third-team all-MIAA last year. Alexander will be chasing the record book in his senior year, including a chance to become the school's all-time leader in receptions.

Eight other starters also return on the offensive side, but it could be a newcomer that will play the key role in how the Lions fare. Quarterback **Jesse Scroggins** transfers to Lindenwood after playing two seasons at the University of Arizona, including an appearance in last year's Pac-12 Championship game, in which he connected on a 69-yard touchdown pass.

The women's volleyball program returns the majority of last year's team, including all-conference performers **Shannon Doyle** and **Kayla Guyot**.



Lions' football
linebacker
Connor Harris

Those two players combined for nearly 44 percent of the team's kills in 2014.

The men's soccer team looks to get back to the MIAA Tournament Finals for the fourth straight season. It returns two all-conference players, including **Andre Hayne**, a second-team all-region selection.

The women's soccer program lost just one senior and returns four all-conference players this season. The Lady Lions have improved their MIAA finish in each of their last two seasons and look to keep that trend going with a top-four finish in 2015.

The field hockey team returns its top offensive player, **Greta Banholzer**, and top defensive player, **Victoria Gil**, as it tries to build on last year's 10-win campaign.

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National Champs Ready to Defend Titles



As the fall semester gets under way, several Student Life Sports teams begin the new season as national champions.

The shooting team will seek an unprecedented 13th straight title after winning the ACUI Collegiate Clay Target Championship in March. Olympic weightlifting captured the first collegiate team title in program history by winning the coed division at the National University Championships in September 2014. Men's water polo earned its first Division I title at the Collegiate Water Polo Association

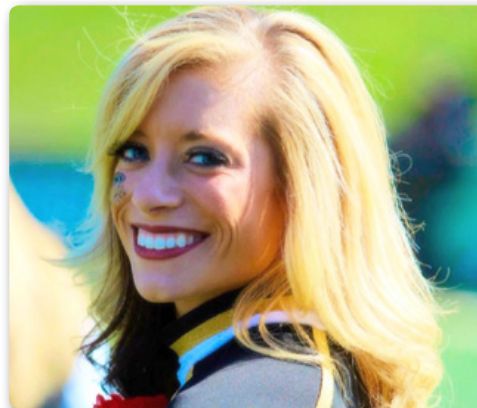
Men's Club Championship in November. It was the fourth championship overall for the program after winning the Division III crown in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

As the calendar year began, the Lion Line dance team won its first Open Jazz division title and sixth overall at the UCA and UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships. Not to be outdone, cheerleading won the Large Coed Division II crown in April, the second overall for the program. Shortly after the spring 2015 semester concluded in late May, men's rugby emerged victorious at the USA Rugby

National Collegiate 7's Championship for its second national title in just the fourth year of competition for the program.

Several Lindenwood student-athletes won individual national titles: **Connor Brown** in cycling, **Morgan Mavis** in shotgun sports, **Mary Killman** in synchronized swimming, **Victoria Francis** in women's wrestling, and **Briana Miller** and **Landon Shuffett** in billiards.

Lindenwood Experience Leads to Coaching Jobs



Former Lindenwood
Lion Line member
Whitney Sterns

Two Lindenwood alumni have recently been hired as head coaches. Former Lion Line member (2010-14) **Whitney Sterns** graduated with a fine arts degree in dance in 2014 and returns to her alma mater to lead the Lionettes program, effective August 1. She was a part of the national championship squads in 2012 and 2013 and served as a captain in her final two years.

Sterns said she is very excited about returning to Lindenwood as a coach.

"My four years on the team were some of the most incredible years of my dancing career because of the friendships built and the lessons learned," she said. "While

winning two national titles was a great experience, the best part was the way we worked together along the way. We were a family that fought for something together. I cannot wait to take the lessons I learned and use them to help the Lionettes have another successful season."

Former men's bowling team member (2007-11) **Kimani Smith** was named the head coach of the women's bowling program at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio, in late May. Smith bowled for the Lions from 2007 to 2011 and graduated with a degree in elementary and special education. He served as a graduate assistant bowling coach for two years, earning a master's degree in teaching in 2013. Smith currently works as

an intervention specialist at Buchtel High School in Akron, Ohio.

Two other former men's bowlers are in the coaching ranks. **Brett Cunningham**, who played for Lindenwood for two seasons from 2008 to 2010, was hired as an assistant coach for the University of Maryland–Eastern Shore women's program in November 2014. **Steve Solovic**, who was one of the original team members for the Lions program in 1999, has been head coach at Missouri Baptist University since 2012 after serving as an assistant coach for the program the previous five years.

Lindenwood University **Belleville**

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Starks Giving Back in Numerous Ways

by DAVID DALFONSO



Former Lindenwood Belleville basketball standout **Todd Starks**

In 2013, **Todd Starks** left Lindenwood Belleville as the all-time leading scorer in men's basketball. Two years later, he still holds that title—among others—even as the first four-year class has gone through the program. Starks has spent the last few years putting his feet down in 30 different countries and four continents, playing professional basketball, entertaining, and lecturing to thousands of kids and adults.

"I talk to both kids and adults about training, fitness, nutrition, and staying in school and getting good grades," says Starks. "I just give them a personal testimony of how I got to where I am today."

Currently, Starks is in the process of developing his own training program, which started at Lindenwood Belleville, while attempting to bring the first Lynx basketball camp to Belleville during the summer months. Beginning in Lynx Arena, Starks started training players from the Premier Panthers and has since gained more clientele due to his professional accomplishments.

Starks has had professional contracts with teams in Canada, as well as a stint with the World All-Stars, where he traveled to countries such as Italy and Turkey before being picked up by the Washington Generals. During his time in Europe, Starks has garnered playing time on multiple teams on the European tour over parts of the past two seasons.

"Todd's success is representative of everything we want for our graduates when they enter the professional world," said Scott Spinner, his head coach while at Lindenwood Belleville. "He is using his skills developed in the basketball program and in the classroom to tour the world entertaining basketball fans."

The all-time leader in points (1,531), Starks was the first of two players to eclipse 1,000 points in his career. He also holds career records for three-pointers made (193), free throw percentage (81.8), and assists (343). He holds the top scoring mark in a season with 761 points, most three-pointers in a season with 103, and the top three marks for assists in a season with 126, 109, and 108.

Starks, a native of Memphis, Tenn., is a frequent visitor to Lynx Arena when he comes home.

"Whenever I'm in town, I always make sure to return to Lindenwood-Belleville to work out with some of the younger guys and show them some things I've learned while playing professionally," he said.

Not only does Starks come to Belleville to work out with some of the younger guys, but also to watch his alma mater play and keep in touch with his coaching staff.

"I am very impressed with how the basketball program has grown from my first year playing and will say I am the most proud of coach Spinner and the job he has done with the overall success of the program," he said.

Spinner spoke about Starks' continuous contributions to the program.

"We are so proud of Todd and his professional accomplishments," Spinner said. "He was a true blessing to our basketball program during his time here, and his professional success and reputation continue to bless our program today."

Lynx Prepare for New Era in Belleville

Coming off its first season of competition in the American Midwest Conference (AMC), Lindenwood Belleville athletics continues to move forward in the AMC and will also begin a new era in football as the Lynx join the Mid-States Football Association (MSFA).

The football team opens up its inaugural season in the MSFA with a Sept. 5 matchup against Sienna Heights at Lindenwood Stadium. The Lynx will host conference opponent Marian Heights on Oct. 17 for Homecoming before the final home game of the year Oct. 31 against Robert Morris University.

The men's soccer team comes off a historic campaign in the 2014 season, winning the AMC regular season and tournament championships. This year, Lynx Field will feature the first ever night game in the home opener against Spring Arbor on Sept. 4. The Lynx will travel to Columbia College on Sept. 29 for a rematch of last season's conference championship game. The 2015 team features four returning all-conference members, including Freshman of the Year Guillermo Chinchilla.

Kelly Prince and the women's soccer team will play their inaugural night game on Sept. 9 against conference opponent St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Traveling to Columbia College on Sept. 30, this will

be a rematch of the first-round game in the AMC tournament last season. The regular season concludes with a home match against Park University on Oct. 31.

The women's volleyball schedule features competition in two regular season tournaments hosted by Evangel University and MidAmerica Nazarene. Defending national champion Park University comes to Lynx Arena on Oct. 26 in a feature game of the 2015 season, and the regular season will conclude with Senior Day on Nov. 7 against Lyon College.

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'60s

Dr. Sharman Beasley Vesecky ('66) retired in the spring of 2015 from El Centro College in Dallas after more than 39 years of service. She was the first coordinator of the paralegal program in 1976 and served in the same capacity until her retirement. She will continue as a political science adjunct instructor, which she has also been since 1976.

Vicky (Smith) Tarleton ('67) retired from her job as director of planned giving and major gifts at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

'80s

Rich Hanneken ('83) received a graduate degree in banking from Louisiana State University in 1995. Hanneken received the Gilbert Bickel III Award for Outstanding Business Senior from Lindenwood. He is now the managing member of Hanneken Hogan and Associates, a banking company in St. Peters, Mo.

Abigail Tuttle ('86) is a wealth management advisor with Northwestern Mutual in Clayton, Mo. She qualified for Court of the Table and membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable (MDRT), an international, independent association of nearly 19,000 leading life insurance producers. MDRT is a coveted career milestone that indicates sales and service achievement and is a highly recognized mark of excellence for life underwriters.

'90s

Todd Rumbo ('91) was promoted from senior vice president to president and CEO of C4 Connections. The organization's mission is to help businesses efficiently tackle the challenge of sales and marketing.

Patti York ('92) and her daughter Lynette opened Uncharted CrossFit on Portwest Drive in St. Charles, Mo. CrossFit combines elements of

aerobic exercise, gymnastics, weightlifting, calisthenics, running, and several other forms of exercise that involve pull-up bars, kettlebells, and medicine balls.

Karen Lettner ('93) has been a Boeing employee for 29 years.

Mildred McChesney ('94) recently retired from Boeing's Explosives Detection Systems department.

William Schrum ('94) retired as a science teacher from Hazelwood School District.

Michael Laws ('97) works for the Overland Police Department as the chief of police. This year, Laws was named chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chief's Association and secretary/treasurer of the FBI National Academy Associates.



Jo Anna (King) Pollock ('97) was named to the Illinois Rising Stars list as a top attorney for 2015. No more than 2.5 percent of all Illinois lawyers are named Rising Stars, who must be 40 years old or younger, or have been in practice for 10 or fewer years. Pollock was named an Illinois Rising Star for the fourth consecutive year in the areas of environmental litigation and personal injury—general: plaintiff. She was the 2014 chair of the Intellectual Property Group for the American Association of Justice.

Farrell Shelton ('97) joined Kirkwood High School as a physical education teacher and the head football coach in July 2015. Shelton taught social studies at Eureka High School, where he also served as the head football coach since 2000.

Gregory Uptain ('97) will marry Maggie Hawkey. Uptain received a Bachelor of Arts in mass communication from Lindenwood University. He is an editor for Lee Enterprises in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Laura Heitert ('99) completed her 19th year of teaching in the Parkway School District. She recently published a children's book about diabetes titled *Maddie's Me Bag*. The book is based on an actual activity she completed with her third-grade students. Her goals are to raise diabetes awareness and to help others who are newly diagnosed or simply need support. Heitert received her master's degree in education from Lindenwood.

Rhonda Schrum ('99) retired from the Hazelwood School District.

'00s



Linda Stewart ('00) was accepted into the Peace Corps and has departed for Ethiopia to begin training as an English language specialist volunteer. Stewart will live and work at the community level to improve students' English through classroom instruction and computer lab work, and she will also foster professional development for English teachers. She will work with teachers and student teachers to strengthen ties between schools and colleges where teachers are being educated.

Rick Brueggemann ('01) has a son, Conner, who is currently attending Lindenwood as a music education major.



Anthony (Tony) Kreutz ('01) received the East Central College (ECC) Outstanding Alumni Award for 2015. Kreutz began his college education at ECC in 1984, and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration at Lindenwood. In 1991, he began his career at SCI Engineering as a structural steel manager and in 2001 advanced to his current position as vice president and partner at the company. As director of business development, he oversees corporate customer service and marketing, including strategic planning, acquisitions, and expansion. Kreutz serves on the Board of Directors for the Downtown Partnership of St. Louis, the Hawthorn Foundation, and First State Community Bank. In 2016, he will serve as chairman of Make-a-Wish Foundation's governing board in Missouri. He currently chairs the Mercy Foundation board and is on the executive board of the ECC Foundation. Kreutz is a third-degree knight with the Knights of Columbus in Washington, Mo., and a member of the Washington and Union chambers of commerce.

Casey Godfrey ('02) became principal of Lincoln Elementary School in River Forest, Ill., on July 1 after wrapping up his principal tenure at The Lane School in Community Consolidated School District 181 in Hinsdale, Ill. Godfrey has also shared teaching and principal duties previously in Hawk Point, Mo.

Pamela (Bastain) Smith ('02) completed her first children's book, titled *Bullied on the*

Court. The book gives lessons about bullying, friendship, and peer pressure. Smith also works as an inside sales representative for Heraeus Noblelight in Buford, Ga.

Alex Mariscal ('03) received his master's degree in theatre from Lindenwood. He is now head of the Research and Graduate Program at the Universidad de Panama in Panama City, Panama.

Sheryl Guffey ('04) is the president of P.E.O., Chapter JY, St. Charles, and is on the board at Siteman Cancer Center-Barnes, St. Peters. She also leads a group at Fairwinds Retirement Community called S.W.A.P. (Seniors with a Purpose), which helps senior volunteers meet the needs of the community. Guffey wrote a book titled *Cottleville: Where History Never Grows Old*.

Melinda Ray ('04) continued her education at Rhema Bible Training College in Oklahoma.

Curtis Shelton ('04) has been named the new principal at North Middle School in Henderson, Ky. He received a master's degree in educational administration from Lindenwood.

Widad Franco ('05) works for NHK Japan Broadcasting as a correspondent in New York. He has also been invited to be a guest lecturer at the Pontifical Catholic University in his home country of Ecuador.

Yvette Scott ('05) is a recent addition to PohlmanUSA, a court reporting and litigation service provider, and has more than 30 years of experience working in the legal field, primarily in mass tort and multi-party litigation.

Patricia (Gettemeier) Hellrung ('06) was married in July 2013. She and her husband reside in O'Fallon, Mo.

Nancy Holth Adrian ('07) is a senior business assistant at Group Head. She is co-author of the book *Life at the Lemonade Stand*, published in 2008. She also started her own

professional speaking business and publishing business in 2013 called The Lion and Willow.

Carla Hayes ('07) is a North County Inc.'s 30 Leaders in Their Thirties honoree. She is the leadership and alumni program manager and diversity leadership fellowship director for Focus St. Louis. Hayes is also lobby head usher for the Fabulous Fox Theatre.

Marty Linson ('07) created a bronze sculpture in honor of James D. Evans. The bust is on display in Evans Commons.

Gretchen Lippincott ('08) was named Teacher of the Year at Warren School in the Francis Howell School District.

John Louis Barnes Jr. ('09) is a gunsmith at Briley Manufacturing.

Kyle Lindquist ('09) is principal of Timberland High School in Wentzville, Mo. He holds a masters in educational administration from Lindenwood University.

'10s

Christopher Bell ('10) is a market development manager for FedEx and will marry Jennifer Clarkston in September 2015.

Jason Ceballos ('10) is a visual designer for Flight Safety International.

Robert T. Jordan Jr. ('10) is a retired police sergeant and is now working as a human relations specialist for the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency.

Thomas Leasor ('10) recently retired as the patrol division lieutenant from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office with 24 years in law enforcement. He has accepted the position of executive director for the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. Leasor is also an adjunct instructor for Lindenwood while pursuing his doctoral degree in higher education administration and leadership.

Raelynn (Ciesynski) Mears ('10) and **R. Travis Mears ('10)** announced the birth of their first child in July 2015.

Joyce Wesley ('10) is a police sergeant with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, where she has over 17 years of service.

Lauren Stepp ('11) and **Andrew Batson ('13)** married on June 14, 2015, in Negril, Jamaica. Stepp received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and teaches first grade for Warren County R-III School District at Daniel Boone Elementary School. Batson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a food trader for Food Link. The couple resides in Wentzville, Mo.

Kristy (Soetebier) Godi ('11) is a special education teacher at St. Clair Elementary School in St. Clair, Mo. She is married to Josh Godi. She received her Bachelor of Art in psychology and elementary education from Lindenwood.

Michael Emerick ('11) and **Andrew Hock ('11)** have opened a rental management company called Oversee in South Walton Beach, Fla. The duo also coaches the South Walton High School girls' volleyball team and has led them to the final four in state.

Sophia (Galati) Phifer ('11, '12) is owner and trainer at Recalibrate Fitness in Old Town St. Charles, Mo. Her niche is helping people lose weight, gain confidence, and become the ultimate versions of themselves. Phifer graduated with her Bachelor of Science in exercise science in 2011 and with a Master of Business Administration in 2012 from Lindenwood.

Kayla Smith ('11) works for Metro East Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a programs, events, and development administrator.

Erin Whitson ('11) is a graduate student at Binghamton University in New York. She is

also an employee at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, Mich., where she is working on an archaeological dig. Whitson graduated with a degree in archaeology from Lindenwood.

Erin Calahan ('12) is the operations manager for Anheuser-Busch InBev and resides in Valencia, Calif. While at Lindenwood, Calahan was a member of Alphi Phi Omega and enjoyed participating in the Natural Science Club and the LU Environmental Club.

Lauren Maureen Costigan ('12) and **Parth Shailesh Patel ('12)** are engaged. Costigan graduated summa cum laude from Lindenwood with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She is an area sales manager with Dillard's. Patel graduated magna cum laude from Lindenwood with a bachelor's degree and is co-owner of Haveli Indian Restaurant in St. Louis.

Stacey Noble-Loveland ('12) is the executive director for Foxes Grove Supportive Living Community in Wood River, Ill. She graduated with her Master of Arts in gerontology from Lindenwood.

Lindsay Norton ('12) and **Andrew Lawrence ('12 & '13)** will marry in October 2015 in Blue Springs, Mo. Norton played football while he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and an Master of Business Administration in 2013. Lawrence was an athletic training student while at Lindenwood.

Amanda Moehlenpach ('12), graduated from Saint Louis University with a master's in French. She previously received a bachelor's in American studies and French from Lindenwood. Moehlenpach was selected by the University of North Carolina to receive the Royster Fellow, one of UNC's most prestigious fellowships. The five-year duration includes travel, full-ride benefits, and teaching experience. Her dissertation focuses on 17th and 18th century dance and French.

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Stephanie Moss ('12) is fundraising coordinator for New Pathways for Children in Paducah, Ky. She graduated from Lindenwood with a master's in nonprofit administration.



Erika (Schalamon) Sinner ('12) and **Christopher Sinner** married in March 2015 in Chesterfield, Mo. The couple met when they attended the Lindenwood evening bachelor's program five years ago. They reside in Chesterfield, Mo.

Daniel Bliese ('13) is a volunteer and staff member at Colonial Michilimackinac located in Mackinaw City, Mich. It is the site of one of the longest running archaeological digs in the United States, having been in progress since 1959. Bliese graduated with his Bachelor of Arts from Lindenwood, where he worked at the Historic Daniel Boone Home and Heritage Center.

Sandy Boschert ('13) is the owner and operator of Lady B's Bed & Breakfast, as well as rental manager and real estate agent in St. Charles.

Mark Clements ('13) became principal of McIntire Elementary in the Fulton, Mo., 58 School District in June.

Stephanie Enger ('13) is now a recruitment manager at Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri.

Emanuel "Manny" Forbes ('13) joined the St. Louis Ambush Soccer Team in October 2014 as a mid-fielder and is known for his speed and agility. Forbes moved to the U.S. in 2006 to major in business administration at Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina, and then moved to Belleville, Ill., where he received his master's in human resources at Lindenwood University-Belleville.

Kelli (Wilburn) Meyer ('13) married Bruce Meyer in 2014. She works as a communications specialist in government and public affairs at the nonprofit Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in Creve Coeur, Mo. She received her degree in corporate communications from Lindenwood.

Sergei Prasolov ('13) is currently working at the nonprofit Lutheran Senior Services.



Emiley Scott ('13) married **Brett McMillan ('14)** in March 2015 in St. Charles, Mo. They now live in Kearney, Neb., where she works at the Buckle Headquarters and he is a sports anchor and reporter for the ABC television affiliate.

Jennifer (Duffield) Botello ('14) was announced as the new principal for Ray Miller Elementary in Kirksville, Mo. Previously, Botello worked for the Ferguson-Florissant School District for 24 years as an elementary school teacher, instructional coach, and summer school administrator.

Nathan Bramwell ('14) is the Athletic Facilities Ops Coordinator at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. Bramwell recently attended the MIAA University Advancement Summer Conference at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Patricia Cowell ('14) is a community health facilitator with the OASIS Institute. After instructor certification for Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions, she now teaches the course in St. Charles and Wentzville.

Betty Jones ('14) opened Pauline's Place Adult Day Care in St. Louis in June 2015. Jones received a degree in gerontology and public administration.

Miro Ruiz ('14) announced the birth of his first son.



Kimberleigh Griffin ('15) has been accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Ethiopia June 29 to begin training as a secondary education English volunteer. Griffin will live and work at the community level to improve students' English through classroom instruction and computer lab work, as well as foster professional development for English teachers. Griffin received her bachelor's in English from Lindenwood.

Faculty/Staff

Jerry Bladdick ('93), Lindenwood-Belleville President, will be leaving the Belleville campus to start a new position with Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla. Bladdick came to Lindenwood-Belleville in 2009, and under his leadership the campus population grew from 450 students to more than 2,000 and the number of degree offerings increased from 12 to 38.

Rachel Beard's children's book, *Building Forever Friendships*, was published.

Cynthia Bice ('91) was named Educator of the Year by the St. Louis Association of Secondary Principals in March 2014.

Derek Stanley, a wide receiver football coach at Lindenwood, married Andrea Lowe in June 2015.

Saint Rice ('10) is now an adjunct professor at Lindenwood.

Dr. Mary Ruetters ('07 & '13) joined the School of Education faculty in August 2015.

IN MEMORIAM

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

M. Elizabeth (Bardwell) Stevenson ('35),
Mission Viejo, Calif.

Elizabeth "Betty" Atkins ('38),
Arlington Heights, Ill.

Edith (Mandel) Myers ('38),
Springfield, Ill.

Kathryn (Trescott) Ricks ('39),
Jefferson City, Mo.

Audrey (Wenger) McCully ('40), Hot Springs, Ark.

Rachel Emma (Britain) Bowles ('41), Durant, Okla.

Jean (Moore) Atwood ('42),
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Marjorie (Murphy) Edwards ('42), Collinsville, Ill.

Ruby (Wilson) Alberts ('46),
Wichita, Kan.

Polly (Percival) Vermeulen ('46), Tucson, Ariz.

Jacquelyn (Bond) Clausonthue ('47), Naples, Fla.

Majoree (Cashman) Rung ('47), Mokena, Ill.

Doris E. (Weinkauf) Siebenthal ('52), Knox, Ind.

Nancy A. (Stigall) Bell ('54),
Slidell, La.

Betty Jo (Green) Morse ('54), Ponca City, Okla.

Gerean (Millman) Rudnick ('55), Leawood, Kan.

Carlie (Samuel) Schnabl ('55),
Wilmette, Ill.

Dr. Mary N. Walker ('56),
St. Louis, Mo.

Irene Ritter ('65),
Hermitage, Tenn.

Kathleen (Esther) Sommerfeldt ('65), Edwardsville, Ill.

Priscilla (Griest) Shoemaker ('79), St. Petersburg, Fla.

Frank McSpaden ('81),
Clarksville, Tenn.

Lola Lucas ('84),
Springfield, Ill.

Sally Henry ('85),
St. Charles, Mo.

Craig Beffa ('99),
St. Louis, Mo.

Bonna (Kirkpatrick) Harmon ('00), Puxico, Mo.

Collin Loveless ('10),
St. Louis, Mo.

Allison Turner ('13),
St. Peters, Mo.

Kathleen Keegan ('14),
St. Peters, Mo.

Earl Davis (Faculty/Staff of
the University)

Lindenwood/Taylor Swift Connection Comes to Light

Taylor Swift, the singer-songwriter and recording superstar, has a fairly direct connection to Lindenwood University, which recently came to light.

Lindenwood's Alumni Office learned that Swift's maternal grandmother, Marjorie Moehlenkamp Finlay, was a graduate of Lindenwood from the class of 1949, which was later confirmed by the university's archives.

Born in 1928 in Memphis, Tenn., Moehlenkamp earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Lindenwood in 1949. An opera singer, she performed as a soloist on radio shows on NBC and CBS and married Robert Finlay in 1952. The couple went on to live in Cuba and, later, Puerto Rico, where she hosted a bi-lingual variety show on television called *The Pan American Show*, according to an article in a Lindenwood publication.

She was awarded Lindenwood's Alumnae Certificate of Merit in 1961. The article states that she "can often be heard harmonizing with her two young daughters" and that she is known for her "genuineness, warmth, and her 'girl-next-door' manner," which sounds a little like the image that her famous granddaughter would later project.

Moehlenkamp Finlay and her husband would later live with Swift's family in Reading, Penn., where she died in 2003. Some have suggested that it was her music career that inspired Swift to pursue a career in music.



Marjorie (Moehlenkamp) Finlay ('49)
is recording artist Taylor Swift's
maternal grandmother



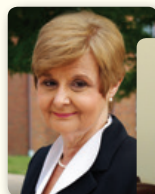
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President Shonrock meets with the alumni board during his first week at Lindenwood.

by JUDY FORSTMANN BROWN ('67)



Summer 2015 arrived with a BANG—both figuratively and literally—on the Lindenwood campus. June 1 brought a new beginning with the arrival Dr. Michael Shonrock as the 22nd President of Lindenwood University. The Executive Committee of the Alumni Board met with our new President during his first week on campus to explore opportunities for expanding the role of the alumni and to seek ways to enhance the University's commitment to its alumni base.

In June, we also witnessed a literal bang when a truck toppled a portion of the historic Alumnae Gate on Kingshighway. The outpouring of concern from alumni and the St. Charles community regarding the

alarming tragedy was overwhelming. Swift and decisive action from our new president brought guarantees that the gates would be preserved and rebuilt. A reconstruction specialist was contracted almost immediately to restore the gates to their former glory. Dating back to 1921, the gray stone gates were constructed with alumnae donations. We have been assured the gates will return built stronger and better. Our treasured landmark was fully restored as of Aug. 1.

The bang of construction also can be heard across campus as grading has begun for the new Library and Academic Resources Center. Building a new library is a unique experience for a university. The structure, situated along First Capitol Drive near the

LU Welcome Center, has been designed to serve the university and the community.

While change seems to be a constant in today's world, one unwavering element at Lindenwood is the loyal alumni who return to their alma mater to celebrate Lindenwood and reminisce with former classmates and professors during our Reunion/Homecoming. Reunions have been a longstanding tradition at Lindenwood. They bring us back to that special time in our lives. October is not far away. I hope you are making plans to celebrate with us October 16-18. I look forward to seeing you to celebrate our history and our future.