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*Glenn Markway's Impact Lives On*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## A SEASON FOR REMEMBERING



I can't tell you how much I look forward to this time of year, when the weather warms up and the trees begin to green. In this time of rebirth, we're celebrating the lives of some from our Lindenwood family who left us.

Glenn Markway was an inspiration to the people around him as a student-athlete, as a leader in our Nonprofit Administration Department, and as a friend, up to the day last August that he succumbed to leukemia, and beyond. In December, his parents, Carol and Michael, crossed the stage for him, accepting his diploma at our commencement ceremony. It was an amazing moment.

We also remember in this issue Elizabeth Mudd Rauch ('44), a longtime member of the Board of Directors and an iconic figure in Lindenwood's history. Elizabeth devoted so much of her time over the years to Lindenwood, but what we'll remember the most is her smile, her wry sense of humor, and her warm and giving spirit. We have a special tribute to her on page 4.

We were also saddened to learn this February of the passing of Gene Henderson, professor emeritus and former dean of the School of Education. His memorial service was held in the St. Charles elementary school that bears his name, a fitting testimony to his legacy in this community.

Our current and former students make us proud every day, like Dimon Paige, a senior in our School of Communications who was one of just 50 in the country to win the American Advertising Federation's Most Promising Multicultural Student Award, or alumna Anna Hantack, who gave up a promising teaching job to teach impoverished children in the Dominican Republic. Similarly, our Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity on the Belleville campus is catching the attention of our neighbors and the media in that community, racking up an astounding number of community service hours.

There is so much happening on our campuses these days, including new accreditations for education and nursing, our "Like No Other" branding initiative, our new partnerships with some nationally known figures in our bookstore and dining halls, the largest grant in Lindenwood history, and more. You can read about all of it, along with the spring lineup of shows at the Scheidegger Center, the latest sports news from both campuses and, of course, Judy Brown's column.

As always, please keep in touch. Enjoy the spring weather.

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*Dan Grigg outside of the Academic Resources Center construction site. Grigg is working on a fundraising campaign to support the building efforts.*



## GRIGG ON CAMPUS LEADING DEVELOPMENT TEAM

**Dan Grigg is a quick study. Lindenwood University's new vice president for development and alumni relations is on a mission to learn all about Lindenwood's culture and its students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and he isn't wasting any time.**

"I'm talking to people all hours of the day and night," Grigg said, "and I've learned that this is a culture I've never experienced before in 18 years of fundraising. There's a palpable energy on this campus, and I'm excited to be a part of it."

Grigg started his job on Feb. 1. He's busy establishing and implementing best practices and focusing on the success of Lindenwood's *Doors to the Future* campaign. Grigg said Lindenwood's Board of Directors already has taken a leadership role in the campaign, and he and his development team recently launched a faculty and staff campaign for *Doors to the Future* that is already paying dividends.

"The bottom line to success in any development office is activity," said Grigg. "We are committed to being an external organization that gets out there and tells the story about the accomplishments of our students and this amazing campus."

Grigg said he is happy to be at Lindenwood and is excited about returning to the Midwest after spending the last 20 years in Texas.

"This campus is so beautiful," he said. "I can only imagine the feeling alumni have when they return for a visit. Lindenwood is a place to be proud of."

For 12 years, Grigg worked in development at the University of North Texas and later at Texas Christian University. Most recently, he spent five years as executive director of advancement at Liberty Christian School—the top private school in Texas.

*Michelle Giessman*



## GISSMAN NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

**Michelle Giessman was recently named the interim director of alumni relations at Lindenwood University. Prior to her appointment, she was the director of residential life.**

In her new role, the energized Giessman will work to reinvigorate alumni efforts and reconnect with alums around the country. She said a big step had already been taken when President Michael D. Shonrock increased the frequency of *Connection* to quarterly. Giessman will continue working closely with the Saint Charles Alumni Club in many areas—from assisting with identification cards to fundraising.

Moving from Residential Life to Alumni Relations is a natural step for Giessman.

"I have had the pleasure of meeting thousands of resident students as freshmen and following them through graduation," said Giessman, who started as director of residential life in 1996. "It is a challenge to switch to a new position. I now tell my residential staff that I will be following them around forever; they will not be finished with me when they graduate."

Though the job descriptions are different, Giessman said that the jobs are similar in many respects.

"There is a set schedule for everything, so I have been working with the four-year calendar to get event schedules set for publications, reserving rooms, setting

meetings," Giessman said. "Alumni Relations has a busier fall with the fashion show and Homecoming/Reunion, fundraising events, and the Christmas Walk. The spring is busier in Res Life, but there is more planning and scheduling in alumni."

Giessman said her future plans include increasing involvement for young alumni and establishing new clubs in Kansas City, Chicago, Arizona, Florida, and the St. Louis area.

"I really want to hear from Lindenwood alumni!" said Giessman. "Feel free to stay in touch and drop me a line at [mgiessman@lindenwood.edu](mailto:mgiessman@lindenwood.edu) or call me at 636.949.4975

*Elizabeth Mudd Rauch ('44), with her daughter, Lucy, on the day of the dedication of Rauch Memorial Hall.*



*At right, Elizabeth Mudd Rauch receives an honorary doctorate from then-president James D. Evans, Ph.D., and Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemaker.*



*Rauch with fellow board officers Ben Blanton, left, Jim Shoemaker, right, and John Hammond, seated.*



# A LEGACY OF INSPIRATION AND DEDICATION

## Remembering Board Member Elizabeth Mudd Rauch, '44

by SCOTT QUEEN

**Lindenwood University alumna and longtime member of the Board of Directors Elizabeth Rauch ('44) passed away in February at the age of 92, but her impact on the campus and her Lindenwood legacy will last forever.**

Mrs. Rauch joined the Board of Directors in 1989 and spent many years as the board secretary. The education of young women was always one of her top priorities.

"Mother was passionate about the education of young women," said Rauch's daughter, Lucy Rauch, a current member of the Board of Directors. "Helping young women advance their education and their future was one of her motivators."

Mrs. Rauch's impact was even broader. She was involved in a critical decision to save the institution from ruin. That decision was the foundation for the flourishing Lindenwood of today.

"Mother had brilliant administrative and executive talents," Lucy said. "She knew how to talk to people and how to listen. She spent a lot of time thinking about what was important for Lindenwood and considering what could be done to preserve its prestige."

One of the highlights of Mrs. Rauch's involvement at Lindenwood was the 2005 dedication of Rauch Memorial Hall, which she named in honor of her late husband, Henry P. Rauch, her husband's father Francis B. Rauch, and his father, Henry G. Rauch. Another highlight came in 2009 when she retired from active board service and became a life member of the board of directors. She received an honorary doctorate.

Mrs. Rauch was lovingly referred to by then-President Dennis Spellmann, who worked side by side with Mrs. Rauch for many years, as Lindenwood's "Head Butler," which meant she played an important role in presiding over the annual Butler Society Dinner to honor top donors.

"Elizabeth leaves a legacy of inspiration and dedication," said Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemaker. "She epitomized what it meant to be a good board member, a great alumna, and a wonderful role model."

Mrs. Rauch's leadership impact went beyond Lindenwood. She worked with many other organizations, including the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the St. Louis Archdiocesan Development Appeal Council, the Women's Division of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, the St. Charles Historical Society, SSM Health Care, Youth-In-Need, and others.

Her funeral mass was Feb. 25, 2016, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

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Judge Lucy Rauch,  
daughter of Elizabeth Rauch



# SHINING LIKE A DIAMOND

## COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT ONE OF 50 IN U.S. TO WIN MULTICULTURAL AWARD

by CHRIS DUGGAN

**Dimon Paige, a senior majoring in public relations and corporate communications, is one of just 50 in the country named a Most Promising Multicultural Student for 2016 by the American Advertising Federation. Paige, 21, of Kansas City, was the only student from Missouri named to the group.**

Because of the award, Paige and her nominator, Professor Krista Tucciarone, attended a week-long event in New York City Feb. 15-19, including industry immersion, a career expo, a professional development workshop, and the Building Bridges for our Future luncheon, at which Paige and Lindenwood University were recognized. This is, in fact, the second consecutive year Lindenwood has been recognized at the event, as two of its students won the honor in 2015: Andrea Ruano and Sheanelle Chambers. U.S. citizens of African, Asian, Latino, Native American, or Pacific Islander descent are eligible for the award.

Perhaps not coincidentally, Tucciarone, who is chair of Lindenwood's Advertising, Public Relations: Corporate Communications Department, was the nominator for Ruano and Chambers as well, though she deflects any credit for their recognition.

"If the students were not on board, there would be no success," Tucciarone said. "I tell the students' story to the judges. I believe that when I articulate those stories, the judges truly see the potential the students have. If I'm not connecting with the judges on an emotional level, I'm not doing my job."

**"I'll get to see what I'll potentially be doing in my career, attending workshops, and learning new things about the field that I can use..."** Dimon Paige

For Paige's part, she had to write five essays, sit for a business photo, submit her transcripts, and come up with a hashtag and tagline for herself, all in a period of about three weeks.

"I stayed up, sometimes until 2 a.m., writing and rewriting essays," Paige said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it was a learning process. If you really want something, you have to sleep it and breathe it."

Paige said she was drawn to the communications field because of the flexibility of it.

"I like advertising—getting people to see an idea I've made," Paige said. "It's always changing. I'll never be doing the same thing."

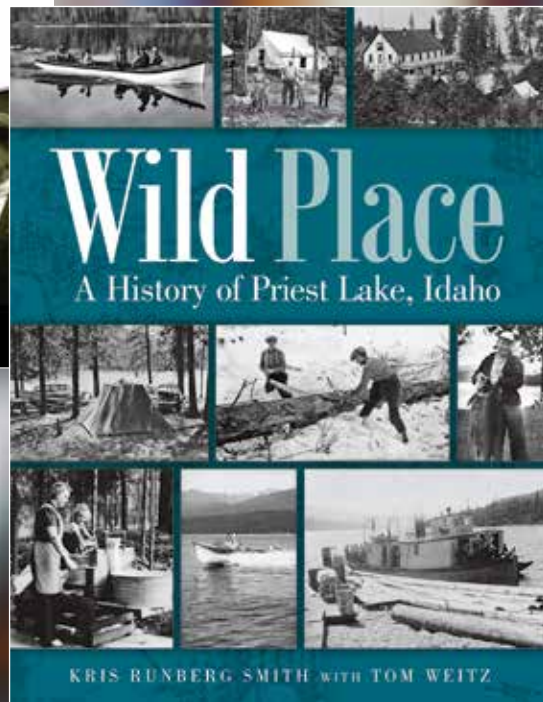
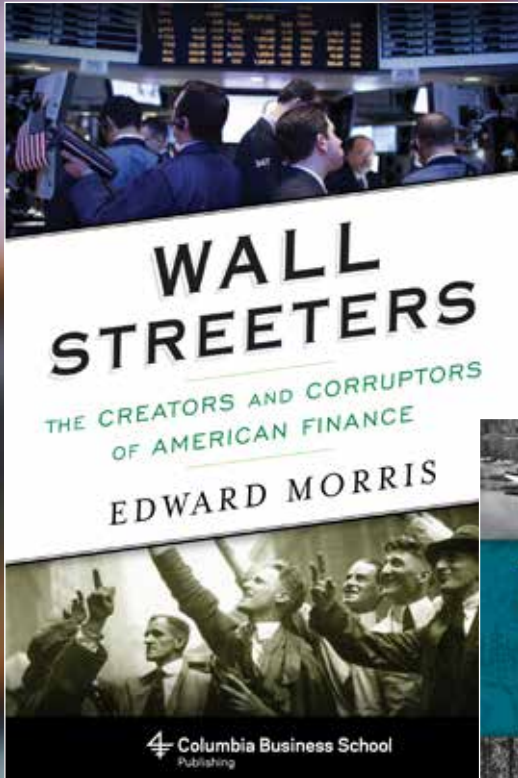
About a month after she submitted her application, she received an acceptance letter by email.

"At first, I was confused," Paige said. "I wanted to make sure it was what I thought it was. It is such a big thing—50 in the country, the only one in Missouri. It was exciting. I'm the first person in my family to go to college."

Paige said she was looking forward to going to New York, being around professionals from the industry, networking, and learning.

"I'll get to see what I'll potentially be doing in my career, attending workshops, and learning new things about the field that I can use," Paige said.





Ed Morris



Kris Runberg Smith



## THE WRITE STUFF PROFESSORS PRODUCE TWO CELEBRATED BOOKS

by CHRIS DUGGAN

**Two Lindenwood professors recently added to the long list of faculty publications with a pair of celebrated books. Ed Morris, of the Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, and Kris Smith, of the History Department on the St. Charles campus, have been making the rounds speaking about their releases. Both are histories—one of Wall Street and one of a remote section of Idaho.**

Morris, professor of finance and former dean, published in October 2015

***Wall Streeters: The Creators and Corruptors of American Finance*** and was a featured speaker in February at Columbia University's Lehman Center.

"I was flattered by the invitation, and I am excited by the opportunity to raise, and hopefully enhance, Lindenwood's profile in the academic world," Morris said.

Morris' book details Wall Street's transformation from a clubby enclave of financiers to a symbol of vast economic power. It begins with J. Pierpont Morgan, who ruled the American banking system at the turn of the 20th century, and ends with Sandy Weill, whose collapsing Citigroup required the largest taxpayer bailout in history. In between, ***Wall Streeters*** relates the triumphs and missteps of 12 other financial visionaries.

"Many of Wall Street's contemporary trends, including the 2008 financial collapse, the expansion of corporate and private wealth, and the influence of money in politics, can be traced back to the work of 14 critical figures who wrote, and occasionally broke, the rules of American finance," Morris said.

Morris said the book grew out of a class he began teaching for the 2009 J-Term on financial history. The mini-biographies format, he said, stemmed from a book he enjoyed in high school called ***The Microbe Hunters***, about the pioneers in medical research. ***Wall Streeters*** was published Oct. 13 by Columbia Business School, Columbia University Press in New York.

Smith's book, ***Wild Place: A History of Priest Lake, Idaho***, came out last summer published by Washington State University Press. Smith is from that area of the country and has long been interested in its history.

"I did some work with the Priest Lake Museum and later got invited to do an environmental history of northern Idaho," Smith said.

That was five years ago. Smith said she worked with primary sources, which took her to places like the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and Yale University. The book covers the period between the 1890s and 1965.

"The region was settled when the U.S. Forest Service took control of most of the land (a 90-by-120-mile area in the Idaho panhandle, abutting the Canadian border)," Smith said. "There was tension between conservation and development, between the forest service and the state of Idaho. I found it interesting, because they are the same conversations we are having today."

Smith began writing about two years into the project and brought her experiences to her Historical Methods class for history majors. She brought pictures, talked to them about what it was like to do primary source research, and even enlisted their help, including having them transcribe a diary from 1887. The students who helped are all listed in the acknowledgements.

So far, response to the book has been good. She has done eight lectures in the region and is slated to do four more this summer. The book was Washington State University Press' best-selling title last year, and it is slated for a second printing.

***Wall Streeters*** is available at [cup.columbia.edu](http://cup.columbia.edu), and ***Wild Place*** can be found at [wsupress.wsu.edu](http://wsupress.wsu.edu). Both are also available through other online booksellers and some local bookstores.



# MOMENTS IN TIME

**Bonnie Barczykowski ('87 and '97), the CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri and a Lindenwood University alumna, was the keynote speaker at Lindenwood's fall commencement on Dec. 6 in the St. Charles Family Arena. Barczykowski's speech was titled "Moments in Time."**

"What advice can I offer?" Barczykowski asked the 800 graduates at the ceremony. "My words are simple: Create moments in time."

Barczykowski, who resides in Weldon Spring, Mo., shared three stories from her life that she felt were important to her and that illustrated her point, reaching as far back in her life as 1978, when she was in junior high school.

The stories from the speech include wise words she heard from a friend's father, when he told his daughter to aspire rather than envy; advice from a high school counselor to apply for college, something Barczykowski's mother had never done; and the encouragement of a Lindenwood Career Placement Center worker during her undergrad years to stay in school when she was considering leaving college as a freshman.

Barczykowski earned her bachelor's degree in education in 1987 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1997 from Lindenwood. Prior to joining Girl Scouts in 2012, Barczykowski was a business owner, author, and motivational speaker. She owned and operated five successful Curves fitness centers in the St. Louis area. As the CEO for Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, she is responsible for driving long-term growth, developing new and creative initiatives to meet the needs of members and their community, and advancing Girl Scouts as the premier leadership organization for girls.

A recipient of many health and business-related awards, Barczykowski was named one of 2015's Most Influential Business Women by the *St. Louis Business Journal*, and she was named an outstanding alumna by Lindenwood's School of Accelerated Degree Programs last year.

In closing her speech, Barczykowski offered some parting advice for the new graduates.

"First, take time to thank those who have created moments in time that have allowed you to be here today," Barczykowski said. "Second, create moments in time for others. No matter how small a moment may seem to you, the ripple effect may be more than you will ever know."

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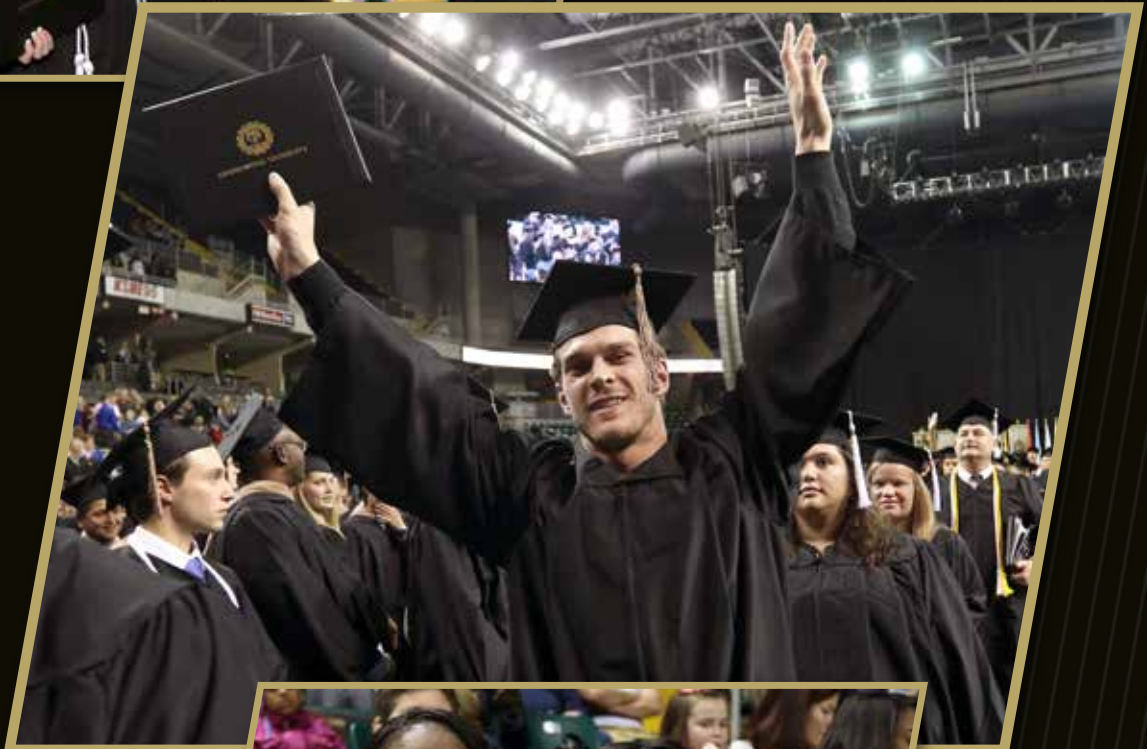
Bonnie Barczykowski, Lindenwood Alumna



# Scenes from December Graduation



*Happy Lindenwood graduates celebrate during their December graduation ceremony at the St. Charles Family Arena.*



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# SCHOOL MERGERS STREAMLINE OPERATIONS

**With an eye toward the future, four Lindenwood schools are involved in mergers this spring to streamline operations. Communications and Fine and Performing Arts will become the School of Arts, Media, and Communications this fall. The School of Nursing is combining with Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Science to become the School of Health Sciences.**

Dr. Joe Alsobrook will be dean of the new School of Arts Media, and Communications. With Mike Wall as his associate dean, the two will work toward capitalizing on the collective achievements of faculty and students and forge new interdisciplinary programs and partnerships.

“The School of Communications and the School of Fine and Performing Arts have a vast and talented group of alumni who set a great example for our students,” said Alsobrook. “We hope to further integrate them into our programs.”

Dr. Cynthia Schroeder will be the dean of the School of Health Sciences, which is a combination of the Schools of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Science and the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

“This is an incredibly positive merger with tremendous synergy,” Schroeder said. “Faculty members are excited about the possibilities.”

Schroeder expects the merger will produce better chances for state-of-the-art laboratories, equipment, and hands-on learning opportunities to more fully engage

students with faculty. She said the merger also plays an important role in relationship-building throughout the region.

Peggy Ellis, founding dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, will be director of a new program group that will include students from nursing, public health, and fire and paramedic science. She will lead the relocation of the nursing faculty and programs onto the St. Charles campus this summer from their current location in Dardenne Prairie.

Two other changes announced recently by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Marilyn Abbott are the move of the Criminal Justice Program to the School of Sciences, where it will join the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the move of the Social Work Program into a department with Professional and School Counseling in the School of Education.

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# HANTACK GIVES BACK AS A TEACHER IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

by OLIVIA HANCOCK

**Anna Hantack had her post-grad life figured out before she even received her diploma from Lindenwood in 2013. She had landed a position as the Spanish teacher at Liberty High School in Wentzville, new classroom included. She knows it was an amazing opportunity. That's why it was so hard for her to move to the Dominican Republic.**

"A lot of people looked at me cross-eyed, probably thought, 'That girl is crazy,'" Hantack wrote on her blog.

In the two years she spent teaching at Liberty, however, she was struck by how easy her life was. As a Spanish major (she also majored in education), she had traveled to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Bolivia and had seen poverty firsthand. The inequality bothered her so much that she started looking for teaching opportunities in similar areas, and the Dominican Republic proved the best fit.

Since moving to Santo Domingo in July of 2015, Hantack has spent practically all of her time teaching children in a second-to-seventh-grade classroom, and her school is sponsoring another in the countryside of Santiago. She's also involved with Teach a Man to Fish, which works with about 12 girls in Santo Domingo and teaches them marketable skills, and Growing in Grace in Guayacanes, which challenges high school seniors to develop projects that will benefit the community. Hantack also works with Gift of a Meal in Boca Chica, which serves a community of mostly Haitian refugees and aims to enroll children in school, build the school a bathroom, and secure safe drinking water for the students.

Hantack started a Christmas fundraising campaign to build the school's bathroom, which will get the school accredited. It was her only Christmas request.

"That is a little background on how I spend every minute of my free time," Hantack said.

Mary Beth Knickmeyer, Hantack's sister and a fellow teacher, says Hantack's passion extends to her teaching style, which she describes as "contagious."

She is drawn to teaching because of the impact teachers can make on kids and teens, Hantack said, whether they are in Wentzville, Mo., or Santo Domingo.

"Being a teenager can be one of the hardest times in life, because regardless of the situation, it feels like the world is crashing before your eyes," she said. "Being a teacher gives you that opportunity to look at a student and let them know it's going to be all right."

Hantack is committed to staying in the Dominican Republic for at least one to two years and says, even if she moves back to the U.S., she'll spend every summer working there. Although she loved being a teacher in a more traditional setting, Hantack says there is nothing more rewarding than seeing impoverished kids experiencing the childhood they deserve.

**"A lot of people looked at me cross-eyed, probably thought, 'That girl is crazy.'"**

Anna Hantack







**Carl and Michael Markway**  
with their son Glenn's Lindenwood University diploma, left, and accepting the diploma at the December commencement ceremony.

# GLENN MARKWAY HONORED AT DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

by RACHEL JOHNSON

**On Dec. 6, 2015, hundreds of newly minted alumni marched across the stage at the St. Charles Family Arena to receive their undergraduate degrees during Lindenwood University's December Commencement ceremony. Graduate Glenn Gregory Markway may have been missing from the crowd, but his presence was definitely felt.**

The 23-year-old passed away on Aug. 1, 2015, following a valiant two-and-half-year battle with a blood cancer called Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Just a few months later, his parents, Carol and Michael Markway, became the first to accept a diploma on behalf of their child during a Lindenwood graduation ceremony.

"It was very humbling and very overwhelming," said Carol Markway. "We had talked a lot as a family about how Glenn's graduation party was going to be the biggest party we were ever going to have. To accept his diploma was very touching, and it made me feel really special. We're honored that Lindenwood thought so much of Glenn to do that."

Markway attended Lutheran South High School, where he served as captain of the football team. After graduating in 2010, he enrolled at Lindenwood and became a member of the university's rugby team. At 5 feet, 11 inches tall and 250-pounds,

Markway was an intimidating and enthusiastic athlete and a key player on the 2012 men's national championship team.

Academically, he was drawn to Lindenwood's Fire and Paramedic Science Program and majored in nonprofit administration. Even after being diagnosed with blood cancer in April of 2013, he continued with his coursework at Lindenwood.

Through five rounds of chemotherapy, countless days in the hospital, and a stem cell transplant, Markway only missed one semester due to his illness. Even then, he completed required writing assessments during that time.

"Never once did he let the disease take hold of him or stop him from living life to the fullest," Carol Markway said. "He never complained. He was a pillar of strength, and he always won."

Markway's academic advisor, Professor Jack Beckerle, along with Lindenwood Professor Julie Turner, became friends with him during his time at Lindenwood. They were at the hospital when Markway passed away, and they immediately inquired as to what they could do for his parents.

"I remember saying the only thing I wanted was Glenn's diploma," Carol recalled. "And they both said, 'Say no more; it's taken care of.'"

Beckerle had Markway's official undergraduate degree in nonprofit administration with an emphasis in emergency services framed, and he personally delivered it to the funeral home so it could be displayed during Glenn's funeral visitation. There, Beckerle devised the plan to present Glenn's diploma to Carol and Michael Markway during Lindenwood's December graduation ceremony.

"Glenn is an inspiration to me, and he just amazed me," Beckerle said. "He was a tough kid with a great heart who was full of life. I thought we needed to show him the same level of dedication he'd shown us. There was nothing else that would have been fitting for him. It was a team effort to honor him."

Many messages of love and support can be found on Markway's Facebook page, which is still active. Beckerle and other members of the Lindenwood community, along with Glenn's family, teammates, and friends, continue to participate in and coordinate events to raise awareness and support research to eradicate leukemia and all forms of cancer.

"When you lose a child, you don't want anyone to forget them," Carol Markway said. "Lindenwood has not forgotten Glenn. We love to hear his name, to hear great stories, and to participate in all the good things people are doing to honor Glenn's life and legacy."

*John and  
Barbara Hammond*



# KOCH FOUNDATION AWARDS LARGEST GRANT IN SCHOOL HISTORY

**At the end of November, Lindenwood University announced that the Charles Koch Foundation awarded \$2 million in grant funding support for the John W. Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in the University's Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.**

University System President Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D., said the grant is the largest received in Lindenwood history and that the funds will advance the Hammond Institute's goals to foster free enterprise and civil and religious liberty through the examination of market-oriented approaches to economic and social issues.

Roger Ellis, dean of the Plaster School, said the grant will support research, conferences, and speakers at the Hammond Institute and that the institute, which is directed by Dr. Howard Wall, plans to use a portion of the grant funds to hire new faculty and an administrator.

"We are extremely grateful to the Koch Foundation for this grant," said Ellis. "We will put it to good use advancing the goals of the institute."

"We were excited when Lindenwood approached us for support, given the good work the scholars there are doing to better understand critical barriers to opportunity that stand in the way of success for so many in today's society," said Charles Koch Foundation President Brian Hooks. "We are glad this contribution will help them continue their work on these important

issues, such as the consequences of corporate welfare and the challenges of America's criminal justice system."

The Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) supports more than 500 programs at U.S. colleges and universities nationwide, enabling schools to increase opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty.

# SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION AND NURSING RECEIVE MULTI-YEAR ACCREDITATIONS

**Lindenwood's School of Nursing and School of Education received new national accreditations in 2015, the School of Education for seven years and the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences for five years.**

The School of Nursing's accreditation was granted by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing in Education (CCNE), which is officially recognized by the U.S. secretary of education as a national professional nursing accrediting agency that evaluates and makes judgments about the quality of baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing. The accreditation followed the submission of a written self-study and a three-day visit in March by a team from CCNE, during which faculty, staff, and

students were interviewed and data was evaluated to assess whether the school met CCNE national standards for quality nursing programs.

"We are proud to have received this national recognition," said Peggy Ellis, dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. "This five-year initial accreditation is the best possible outcome for our nursing program. This affirms our commitment to preparing individuals to provide the best possible nursing care and to continue to build other new health programs at Lindenwood University."

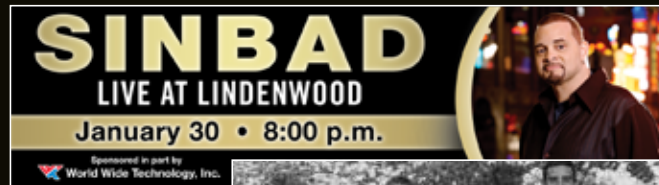
The school also saw its first graduates in 2015: Shannon Hood in May and Karen Littekin and Ellen Yates in December.

The School of Education earned accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the sole national accrediting body for educator-preparation providers. Lindenwood's teacher education program is one the first in the country to achieve this accreditation status, and the seven-year term was the maximum length available.

Cynthia Bice, dean of the School of Education, said she was excited to work under the new accreditation.

"This seven-year accreditation approval is a testament of our commitment to maintaining the highest-quality programs for educator preparation," Bice said. "We believe educator preparation programs and candidates should be held to very high standards."





## LAUNCHING A NEW BRAND

**The Lindenwood University system completed a rebranding in the summer and fall of 2015, introducing an energetic new look and feel and the “Lindenwood—Like No Other” slogan.**

The administration reviewed numerous slogan options and made the selection based upon its alignment with the institutional mission, its differentiation with competition, a campus leadership review, and internal and external focus groups. The slogan, along with the unique “slant”

design concept, was introduced to the public in late fall via an animated billboard message on the side of St. Louis’ Renaissance Hotel, digital and vinyl billboards, the Lindenwood website, and print advertisements.

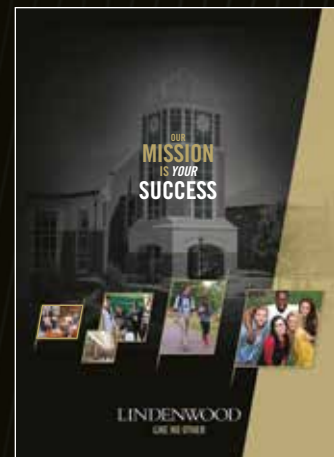
The design is appearing now on all Lindenwood University printed material, from letterhead and envelopes to recruitment materials. The process started earlier in the year with a brand audit and an extensive “distilled thinking” session that involved about 50 campus leaders providing feedback.

The goal of the process was to provide a cohesive and distinct image for the Lindenwood brand, starting with print materials and extending through radio, TV, print, and digital advertisements. The brand will make a triumphant debut on the World Wide Web in the fall of 2016 when Lindenwood introduces a new website.

## LINDENWOOD— LIKE NO OTHER WHY?

**There’s something about Lindenwood University that makes it like no place else and something about our students, alumni, faculty, and staff that sets them apart.**

We’ve been around since 1827, and one of our proudest traditions is how well we adapt to the needs of our students and how we do our part to keep every member of the Lindenwood family on a path to success. We do things differently here, and it shows. Opportunity abounds in this community as we invest in the strengths of our diverse student body. In all we do, we go above and beyond to provide an atmosphere where students can excel and grow, where faculty and staff members are passionate and approachable, and where community can thrive.



# LINDENWOOD PARTNERS WITH BARNES & NOBLE ON NEW BOOKSTORE EXPERIENCE

**The Lindenwood University system has entered into a partnership with Barnes & Noble College to bring a new bookstore and apparel experience to its campuses in St. Charles, Mo., and Belleville, Ill.**

"Barnes & Noble has had great success running university bookstores across the country," said Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock, Ph.D. "Lindenwood's Board of Directors is passionate about supporting partnerships that create the best student experience possible."

Shonrock said the board, which approved the agreement, was enthusiastic about bringing recognizable brands to the two

campuses and providing "a new standard for retailing that will promote the quality, richness, and heritage of Lindenwood."

The selection of Barnes & Noble College will allow the bookstores to offer a variety of affordable choices for course materials, including a robust in-store and online textbook rental program and an extensive selection of new and used books, as well as digital content through its new Yuzu digital platform. The e-commerce site for textbook purchases will be a simple and seamless experience for students, even offering in-store pickup or shipping to any location.

In addition to a variety of cost-saving textbook options, Lindenwood's new Like No Other brand will shine in an expanded selection of Under Armour apparel and gifts for alumni, friends, and family. The bookstores will also carry school supplies,

other educational materials, and a selection of snacks and beverages.

Faculty will also gain access to a groundbreaking online community called FacultyEnlight, a streamlined textbook adoption platform that combines advanced search capabilities with detailed information on course material formats, pricing, and reviews by other faculty.

Ryan Guffey, Ph.D., vice president for student development, said when students enroll in courses, they will have a direct link and image on textbooks, providing a "smooth and interactive experience." Barnes & Noble will "become a destination for new and current students," he said, and would "play an important role in new student orientation, game day support and alumni and faculty outreach."



# CHICK-FIL-A, QDOBA, CARIBOU COFFEE COMING TO ST. CHARLES

**Lindenwood University students will see big changes in food service this fall – highlighted by national brands Chick-fil-A, Qdoba, and Caribou Coffee and a seven-figure modernization of both dining halls.**

Lindenwood's Board of Directors has approved a partnership with Pedestal Foods to overhaul the dining experience at Lindenwood. It includes significant upgrades to the Evans Commons and Spellmann Center dining halls, turning Evans into the all-you-care-to-eat site and offering national brands and other a la carte options in the Spellmann Center.

"Our partnership with Pedestal Foods is all about the students," said Lindenwood

University System President Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D. "We asked the students specifically what they wanted, and we're delivering an experience that will be Like No Other."

Shonrock said students will see another big change this fall with declining balance and block meal plans for resident students and commuters, offering much greater flexibility and extended hours of operation.

"The best fuel for students is food," said Lindenwood Student Government President Samuel Rudloff. "That's why the student body is excited for the extraordinary changes coming to campus this fall. From Chick-fil-A and Qdoba to the flexible meal plans, it shows Lindenwood and Pedestal take great interest in our students' well-being."

Vice President for Student Development Ryan Guffey, Ph.D., said the changes are the institution's response to a student survey in the fall in which quality dining was rated just as important as campus safety and as an essential part of college life. Guffey said the students consistently sought more variety in their options and the national brands being added were "what students asked for over and over again."

Guffey said construction begins in April in the Spellmann Center dining hall, where students will see temporary walls and dining space cut in half due to construction. By fall, they will see Chick-fil-A and Qdoba there, as well as an enhanced Grill & Deli station. Construction will be complete this summer in the all-you-care-to-eat Evans dining hall.

# BELLEVILLE SENIOR BENEFITS FROM MENTOR NETWORK



**Finance major Maggie Dunham ('16) is gaining the interviewing skills, professional connections, and confidence she needs to enter the workforce, thanks in part to an innovative opportunity from the Regional Business Council (RBC).**

Utilizing its mentorship program, the RBC selects juniors and seniors from area colleges to participate in networking, professional development, and community involvement activities under the guidance of a mentor who is also a local business executive. Dunham was chosen to represent Lindenwood Belleville and credits the

support of her business professors as one of the main reasons behind the opportunity.

"As treasurer of the Enactus Club and the Division of Business' Student of the Month in September 2015, Maggie is the perfect ambassador for LU-Belleville in the RBC network," said Sila Tuju, associate professor of business. "She is not only an excellent student in the classroom; she is a vital 'citizen' in our division."

Through monthly meetings with her RBC mentor, Dunham has already learned much about the professional business environment and her own list of career goals. She has also participated in numerous networking events with local companies looking to hire new talent.

"My mentor has invited me to her office, and I attended a yearly goal meeting with her team," said Dunham. "She's helped me to feel comfortable interviewing and has taught me the importance of interviewing my potential employer to see if I will fit in with the company culture."

Dunham plans to one day pursue her master's degree and has already added "mentoring college seniors" to her list of goals for her future.

"I'm so grateful to have been chosen to participate in the RBC mentor program," she said. "It has been a great experience, and I hope to be involved in it as a professional to mentor others."



# SIGMA TAU GAMMA INSPIRES BELLEVILLE CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

**Their passion for helping others knows no bounds. Their bond of brotherhood connects and empowers them. In less than three months, 15 Lindenwood University-Belleville students from seven different countries garnered the attention of local residents and city leaders by giving more than 250 hours of their time to serve their community.**

As founding members of the Belleville campus' first fraternity, Sigma Tau Gamma, these young men established a provisional chapter on Sept. 11, 2015, after months of searching for the perfect fraternity to fit the male student population and Lindenwood Belleville as a whole. Originally founded by World War I veterans in 1920, Sigma Tau Gamma emphasizes the qualities of benefitting others, striving for excellence, learning, exhibiting good leadership, developing integrity, and bringing value.

"We believe that these six principles are all necessary for every man to lead an exemplary life," said Rafael Follador Gabriel, president of the Zeta Nu associate chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. "Community service is such a vital part of our fraternity because there is nothing more gratifying than helping others in need."

With nearly half of the fall 2015 semester already over, the men of Sigma Tau Gamma immediately jumped into volunteer activities. They assisted with a Special Olympics bowling tournament, the annual Belleville Chili Cook-off, the Art & Wine Walk, the Gingerbread Run, and a city-wide Trick-or-Treat event.

"Helping with the St. Louis Special Olympics bowling tournament and seeing all the athletes' joy was really rewarding to us all," said Gabriel. "Since that day, we realized how important volunteer work is, and we agreed we should keep doing it every chance we can."

The men also made quite a name for themselves throughout the area. Darrell Coons, executive director of the BASIC Initiative and Belleville Main Street,

publicly praised the fraternity members in a letter to the editor published in the *Belleville-News Democrat*.

"I am so excited about the attitude of service displayed by Sigma Tau Gamma and have been extremely impressed with the gracious demeanor of these fine gentlemen," wrote Coons. "Getting to know them has been refreshing and has given me a wonderful reminder of the gem that is Lindenwood University-Belleville."

This spring semester, the group is also taking an active role on campus, participating in orientation for freshmen, helping out at student check-in, and leading numerous student activities, including special events on Valentine's Day and International Women's Day.

While their main goal for 2016 is to become a full chapter, the men of Sigma Tau Gamma have already accomplished much through service to their fellow students and community members, all while forming lifelong friendships and learning even more about themselves.





# BODE AND JOSEPH, LIVE AT LINDENWOOD THIS SPRING

**St. Louis favorite Erin Bode and her band will make a return appearance to the Scheidegger Center for the Arts this spring, along with the touring production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and the country music collaboration *Roots and Boots*.**

Starting things off this month was Stayin' Alive: A Tribute to the Bee Gees, on March 19, which took the audience back to that iconic band's early days, all the way through the height of its popularity in the '70s and '80s.

Next up is the touring production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which will be on stage at the Lindenwood Theater at 7 p.m. on April 7. The musical tells the tale of Joseph, Israel's favorite son, in biblical proportions. The production is directed by Tony Award-winner Andy Blankenbuehler.

*Roots and Boots*, at 8 p.m. on April 16, brings together on one stage three of country music's most iconic stars: Sammy Kershaw, Aaron Tippin, and Pam Tillis. Packed with acoustic performances of more than 40 top-10 hits, stories, and a lot of jokes, the show weaves a tale about the three friends and their love of country music.

Closing out the season will be a return performance by the Erin Bode Group at 8 p.m. on May 28. Bode and her talented band rang in the holidays with a seasonal concert in December 2014, which was itself a follow-up to an Arts Endowment benefit on the same stage. With its stable of original songs and classics from the Great American Songbook, the St. Louis-based Erin Bode Group has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe, as well as at the Cotton Club in Tokyo.

**"Our spring season has something for everyone"**

Peter Colombatto, Scheidegger Center Director of Marketing

"Our spring season has something for everyone," said Peter Colombatto, director of marketing and patron services at the Scheidegger Center. "Just minutes away from historic Downtown St. Charles, Lindenwood offers a unique opportunity to see your favorite artists in our intimate 1,200-seat Lindenwood Theater. Tickets to these events and many others are available now, online or at the box office."

For more information about the professional series or any other events at the Scheidegger Center, call the box office at **636.949.4433** or visit [www.LUboxoffice.com](http://www.LUboxoffice.com).

## **Upcoming Performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts:**

### **Student Theatre**

*The Liar* By David Ives  
April 14-16, 7:30 p.m.  
April 16, 2:00 p.m.

### **Student Music**

Jazz Festival  
April 9, TBA

Student Conductor's Concert  
May 3, 7:30 p.m.

String and Woodwind Ensembles  
May 4, 7:30 p.m.

Wind Ensembles  
May 5, 7:30 p.m.

Brass and Percussion Ensembles  
May 6, 7:30 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble and Jazz Combos  
May 7, 3 p.m.

Voices Only  
May 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m.

### **Student Dance**

Spring Dance Concert  
April 28-30, 7:30 p.m.

### **Fashion**

Spring Fashion Show  
April 29-30, TBD

### **Art Exhibits**

Lindenwood Juried Student Exhibition  
Opening April 10, 12 p.m.  
Boyle Family Gallery

### **Lindenwood Fashion Exhibition**

Opening April 30, 4 p.m.  
Boyle Family Gallery

*Former wrestling coach **Joe Parisi**, now vice president for enrollment management, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.*



# NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR LINDENWOOD SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Lindenwood athletics department would like your help in finding the next members of the Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame. **The Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations in the categories of student-athletes, coaches, meritorious service, and teams.**

If you know of a worthy nominee, visit [www.lindenwoodlions.com/halloffame](http://www.lindenwoodlions.com/halloffame) for qualifications and a nomination form. **Nominations will be accepted until May 1.**

This year's Hall of Fame class will be the 10th in Lindenwood's athletics history. The annual banquet will take place on Saturday evening during Homecoming weekend in the university's Spellmann Center.



# SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP ST. CHARLES CAMPUS

## Men's Basketball Has Thrilling Season under Randall

The Lindenwood men's basketball team had a thrilling season under first-year Head Coach Lance Randall as the Lions took another step forward toward a national championship.

Randall and the Lions had the best defense in the MIAA and one of the top in NCAA Division II throughout the season, which helped the teams pile up victories. Seven-foot-one center Stanislas Heili, the tallest player in program history, and fellow seniors Zachary Biggs and Sam Mader combined to block over 100 shots to lead the defense.

Offensively, senior Cory Arentsen put together one of the top offensive seasons in school history. He became the first player at Lindenwood to have two games scoring 40 or more points, including a school record 46 points against Northwest Missouri.

## Wrestling and Swimming and Diving Teams Have Top Conference Showings

The Lindenwood wrestling team finished third in the MIAA regular season and at the MIAA Tournament Championships. The Lions, who were ranked in the top-10 nationally throughout the season, had four wrestlers advance to the finals at the MIAA Championships.

The women's swimming and diving team finished second at the RMAC Championships, and Alecia McGillivray was named the conference's swimmer of the meet. The men's team finished third, just eight points behind the conference champion. Cristian Vasquez was the RMAC Freshman of the Year.

# OLYMPICS-BOUND ALUMNA FONDLY REMEMBERS COLLEGE

by EMILY STUCHELL



**It was early September, and rain poured down on the historic town of Lonato, Italy. All was quiet on the skeet field as Morgan Craft ('15) faced her teammate Caitlyn Connor in a head-to-head shoot-off that would determine two things:**

who would take the gold medal at the International Skeet Shooting Federation World Championship and who would be representing the United States at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As the winds picked up and the rain continued to fall, Craft came out two targets ahead of Connor to become not just a world champion, but an Olympian.

Just a few months earlier, Craft had been at Lindenwood University's Commencement, walking across the stage in her cap and gown receiving her degree in exercise science. She spent four years at Lindenwood, not just earning excellent grades, but also competing on the Lindenwood shotgun sports team. She was a member of three national championship squads, out of 12 total for the program.

Craft said her fondest memories from her Lindenwood experience begin with team accomplishments.

"One year in particular, we watched as Lindenwood students filled all three positions on the podium, and that was tremendous," she said. "I love knowing

that we have the greatest athletes in the country and have proven so year after year. At Lindenwood, I learned how to not only view the world through my own eyes, but to see and respect the perspectives of others."

After years competing for her college, she will now compete for her country at the 2016 Summer Olympics.

"It's a relief and an honor," she said. "I can only hope and pray that every person always perseveres and knows their dreams and goals are obtainable with the right mindset!"

## SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP—BELLEVILLE



### Christian Cavaness Signs with Twins

After a tremendous three-year campaign with the Lindenwood University-Belleville baseball team, outfielder Christian Cavaness became the first player for the Lynx to sign a professional contract. Cavaness, a Cape Girardeau, Mo., native, inked a deal this July with the Minnesota Twins affiliate in the Gulf Coast League.

"I was overwhelmed when I signed with the Twins," Cavaness stated. "Once the draft passed, I didn't think anything could happen, but then they showed interest and signed me. I was so happy, as I get the chance to do what I wanted to do. I let my family and friends know right away, so it was a happy time in all of our lives."

During his three years with the Lynx, he finished with a career batting average of .340. He is third all-time in hits (145), doubles (30), and games played (143); second in runs scored (131) and walks

(66); and first in triples (14), home runs (20), runs batted in (112), and total bases (263).

"I learned a lot from coach (Logan) Johnson; he taught me to keep my emotions intact—don't get too excited or down after a play," said Cavaness. "My teammates always picked me up and congratulated me when I did something right. If they had their struggles, I'd be there for them as well. It's a value that I will use now with the Twins organization."

Cavaness left St. Louis for training camp on March 2 and started play for the Twins on March 10.

### Men's Soccer Advances to National Final Four

Last fall, Lindenwood University-Belleville men's soccer became the first team in LU-Belleville history to advance to the final site of the NAIA National Tournament.

Prior to the tournament, the Lynx were 11-7 overall in the regular season, which earned them the No. 4-seed in the American Midwest Conference (AMC) Tournament. The team collected its second consecutive AMC championship, defeating the likes of Hannibal-LaGrange, Columbia College, and Park University in the title game to advance to nationals.

At the national tournament, the Lynx defeated University of Northwestern Ohio in the opening round 2-1. They followed that up with a 2-1 overtime victory over Bellevue University, which set them up for another showdown against Columbia College in the Round of 8.

LU-Belleville defeated the Cougars 2-1 and moved on to the final four for the first time in history. There, the Lynx went toe-to-toe with MidAmerica Nazarene University but fell 4-2, which ended their 2015 season.

They concluded the 2015 campaign with a 17-8 overall record.



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES SPRING 2016

## '80s



**Miriam King ('83)** is retiring as senior vice president of enrollment management at the University of Baltimore. She is traveling to Paris in the spring to pursue her love of art. She "always tells people about Lindenwood" and looks forward to returning to campus in the fall for Homecoming. King attended Lindenwood for part of her undergraduate education and obtained her master's degree in LCIE.



**Adam Stills ('85)** hosted a gathering of mid-1980s Lindenwood alumni at his local establishment, AAA's Burgers, July 2015. They will reconvene on July 23, 2016.

## '90s

**Michael McFarland ('91)** recently graduated from North Central University with a Doctor of Education degree with an emphasis in athletic administration. He is the director of athletics and an assistant professor at Blomsburg University. McFarland earned his BA in corporate communications

at Lindenwood and was also a member of the Lions men's soccer team from 1987 to 1991.

**Tracy Hoesli ('97, '01, '10)** was recently honored among 102 St. Louis-area educators to receive an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. Now in its 26th year, the awards pay tribute to area educators—from kindergarten teachers to college professors—for their achievements and dedication to the field of education. Each honoree received a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is sponsored annually by St. Louis-based Emerson, a diversified global manufacturer and technology leader.

**Thomas Leasor ('97, '10)** accepted a position as executive director at the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. He is completing his fifth year as an adjunct professor at Lindenwood and is also pursuing his doctoral degree in higher education administration.



**Michelle Cleve ('98, '02)** has been hired as principal of Boone Trail Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. She has worked for the Wentzville School District for 18 years and is currently the assistant principal at Boone Trail.

## '00s

**Dr. Kelle McCallum ('00, '03)** will assume the role of principal of Washington High School, effective July 1, 2016. She is serving as the associate principal and has been with the Washington School District for the past 18 years.



**Ryan S. Flahive ('01)**, an archivist with the Institute of American Indian Arts, recently completed editorial work on *The Sound of Drums*, a personal look at the life of celebrated artist, fashion designer, and educator Lloyd Kiva New. Flahive has a distinguished career working with museums, archives, and publications at a variety of cultural institutions. Previously, he compiled, edited, and published *Celebrating Difference: Fifty Years of Contemporary Native Art* at IAIA, 1962-2012 (Sunstone Press, 2012) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the institute.



**Dustin Zahursky ('03)**, national champion wrestler for Lindenwood, is the founder of Kutting Weight® and has designed the Kutting Weight® sauna suit clothing.

**Sarah Sparwasser ('06)** was recently honored among 102 St. Louis-area educators to receive an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. Now in its 26th year, the awards pay tribute to area educators—from kindergarten teachers to college professors—for their achievements and dedication to the field of education. Each honoree received a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is sponsored annually by St. Louis-based Emerson, a diversified global manufacturer and technology leader.

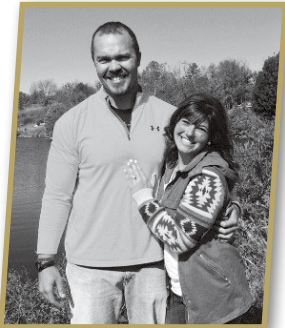
**Betsy A. Lewis ('09)** and Brian Jewell are engaged and will wed in May 2016.

**Tanya Sanchez ('09)** was recently honored among 102 St. Louis-area educators to receive an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. Now in its 26th year, the awards pay tribute to area educators—from kindergarten teachers to college professors—for their achievements and dedication to the field of education. Each honoree received a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is sponsored annually by St. Louis-based Emerson, a diversified global manufacturer and technology leader.

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# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES continued

## '10s



**Mitchel Saul Schwartzman ('10, '12, '15)** and Jessica Faith Schneider are engaged and will wed in October 2016. Schneider is a kindergarten teacher in the Parkway School District and recently published a children's book. Schwartzman earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science and two master's degrees in human performance and teaching from Lindenwood. He is a strength and conditioning coach for the Lindenwood University Lions.

**Patrolman Eric Waszak ('11)** and four Cahokia, Ill., police officers are being hailed as heroes after they rescued a pair of disabled people from a burning home on Jan. 5, 2016. The five officers arrived at a home to find the residence full of smoke.



**Shelly Layton ('07, '09)** has been appointed to the 15-member Board of Directors for the Missouri Foundation for Health. The foundation works to improve the health of Missourians through a combination of partnership, experience, knowledge, and funding.

**Caitlin Erickson ('11, '13)** has been named the head coach of Lindenwood Belleville's women's field hockey and lacrosse teams. She will take charge with the 2016 lacrosse season. "My goal is to rebuild the programs into something special and ultimately begin a winning tradition both on and off the field," said Erickson. She played four seasons as goalkeeper for the Lindenwood-St. Charles women's field hockey team.

**David Anderson ('11)** and Melanie Auinbauh were married Nov. 7, 2015, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Hermann, Mo. Auinbauh is a physical therapist, and Anderson is a self-employed artist with Iron Tree Studios.

**Brandon Hudson ('13)** made his Broadway debut on Dec. 20, 2015, in the hit musical *Hamilton*. He has also toured internationally with a production of *West Side Story*.



**Dr. Robert Salter ('14)** has been appointed to the faculty of Washington University as an instructor of strategic planning and management. Salter is also CEO of Higher Education Market Strategies, an education consulting firm, and president of St. Louis College of Pharmacy's Alumni Association.

**Theresa Turnbull RN, BS HCM ('15)**, has recently accepted a position at the St. Charles County Department of Public Health as a public health nursing supervisor. She said this would not have been possible without her experiences at Lindenwood in the Accelerated Degree Programs.



**Melissa Menchella ('15)** will be honored Sunday, March 20, 2016, with the retirement of her #22 Lindenwood lacrosse jersey in a pregame ceremony. Menchella will be the first Lindenwood student-athlete in the NCAA era to have her number retired. She won several awards on the field and in the classroom, including NCAA DII Lacrosse Student-Athlete of the Year and Lindenwood's Scholar Athlete of the Year, and was a first-team All-American and first-team Academic All-American.

## NEW ALUMNI PLATES AVAILABLE IN MISSOURI



**Missouri residents may obtain a set of special Lindenwood University license plates for their vehicle.**

Submit a completed Application for Missouri Personalized and Special License Plates (Form 1716) and the \$15 application fee to the Department of

Revenue. These forms are available online or at any Missouri license office, or you may request a copy to be sent by mail or you may visit <http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/plates/specialty.php#applying> to reserve your license plates online. You must also submit an Emblem Use Authorization Statement from Lindenwood as proof of the required minimum donation. This application process is separate from any regular fees

or documents that may be required when you register your vehicle. When your plates are ordered, the turnaround time may be several weeks. A notification letter will be mailed to you when your plates are available for pickup at your designated license office. Additional fees to transfer the plate to your vehicle will be required at that time.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

**Barbara Goldenberg Rottenberg ('42)**

**Margaret (Humphreys) West ('47)**, Metairie, La.

**Audrey E. (Mount) Pitte ('48)**  
Albuquerque, N.M.

**Alice A. (Charlson) Oberst ('49)**, Morrill, Kan.

**Nan Watson Johnsen ('50)**  
Pittsboro, N.C.

**Jane (Lacy) Ard ('56)**  
Lawton, Okla.

**Barbara N. (Nall) Anderson ('59)**, Greensboro, Ga.

**Marjorie J. (Anderson) Welch ('59)**, Gainesville, Va.

**Nancy E. Green Michaels ('60)**  
Olathe, Kan.

**Nancy Caldwell Kornblum ('65)**  
Gallatin, Mo.

**James Knesel ('84)**  
Fredericksburg, Va.

## DR. M. GENE HENDERSON



**Dr. M. Gene Henderson**, professor emeritus and former dean of education at Lindenwood, passed away on Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, in St. Louis, Mo.

He served as superintendent of schools in Martinsville and Chamois, Mo., from 1961 to 1965. In 1965, he accepted the position of superintendent of the Francis Howell School District, where he served until 1981, when he

became dean of education at Lindenwood. He retired from Lindenwood in 1991.

A memorial service was held March 5 at M. Gene Henderson Elementary School in St. Charles, Mo.

*Dustin Bevard ('07) talks with basketball player Cory Arentsen, about a career in finance.*

*Vice President Dan Grigg with Justin Lange ('11) of Overland Park, Kansas.*



## KANSAS CITY ALUMNI EVENT

Members of Lindenwood's development staff, marketing, and athletics joined with Kansas City area alumni March 3 at the KC Marriott Downtown.



*Judith Brougham, ('60), of Fairway, Kansas, with Lions Head Basketball Coach Lance Randall, right, and five Lions who were in town for the MIAA Conference Tournament.*



# GRADUATION, ALUMNI REFERRALS FOCUS US ALL ON FUTURE

by JUDY FORSTMANN BROWN ('67)

**The short, cold days of winter are slowly but surely evolving into spring. The St. Charles and Belleville campuses are alive with activity in the second semester of the 2015-16 school year.**

On Dec. 6, members of the Alumni Board participated in graduation exercises at the St. Charles Family Arena. We were pleased to welcome over 800 new alumni into our ranks. Celebrating their success and seeing the joy on the graduates' faces as they crossed the stage to receive their diplomas always provides us with a quiet moment of pride as we share in their accomplishments.

Another point of pride for our alumni was our December Commencement speaker, alumna Bonnie Barczykowski ('87, '97), CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri (see article on page 8). In her well-received address, she shared three experiences from her own life in which someone took the time to mentor, encourage, or befriend her. She said that these simple acts of caring made a difference in her life, and she challenged the new graduates to adopt similar behaviors as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Spreading the good news regarding the educational opportunities Lindenwood has to offer is encouraged for alumni from all decades and disciplines; new student referrals from alumni have always been the strength of our alma mater. Joe Parisi, vice president for enrollment management, says a form for the Alumni Referral Program, which is administered through the Admissions Office, may be found on the alumni page of the Lindenwood website.

Remember that your referrals are not limited to traditional 18- to 22-year-old students. Referrals for the accelerated degree program and the online program are also welcome. In appreciation for your referral, you will receive a Lindenwood Lion-branded grill cover!

The newest building addition to the St. Charles campus is beginning to shape the skyline. Construction continues on the new Academic Resources Center on First Capitol Drive near the Welcome Center. The University Archives, state-of-the-art technology, collaborative spaces, study areas, and offices for an array of student services have been incorporated into the design.

Plans for Homecoming/Reunion 2016 are progressing. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of Oct. 21-22 and keep checking the alumni website for information about activities. We would love to have you return to campus to see the advances your university has made and to reconnect with the heritage that has served us well since 1827. We will have events for alumni from all decades and will honor the 50-year graduating class of 1966.

***I hope to see you in October!***

