

LINDENWOOD

From The President



## Hear Us Roar

Friday, December 4, 2015

- Lindenwood University received national attention when **President Michael Shonrock** was interviewed in an article in **Forbes** titled, *The Priorities of University Presidents: Where Do College Athletics Fit In?* Please click the link to read the article.  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/jasonbelzer/2015/11/23/the-priorities-of-university-presidents-where-do-college-athletics-fit-in/>
- The **Gallup Survey** is completed, with 1,927 undergraduate students (24%) and 889 undergraduate alumni (8%) having participated. Top line findings will be presented to the Gallup Survey Taskforce on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 and a presentation will be made at the Board of Directors meeting in February.
- The **December 2015 Commencement Ceremony** is Sunday, December 6. 1,500 students are eligible to graduate with 983 students scheduled to participate in graduation.
- Belleville Assistant Professor **Dr. Andrea S. Boyles** attended a book signing at the Missouri History Museum December 3 for her book, *Race, Place, and Suburban Policing: Too Close for Comfort*.
- President Michael Shonrock and wife Karen hosted the **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** in the Evans Commons.

- The **Workplace Purchasing System** implementation process continues. The Athletics Department and IT Departments on the main campus as well as the Belleville Campus are up and running. Training for the remainder of the departments at the main campus has begun. Full implementation will be completed by January, 2016.
- Lindenwood Junior **Holly Dietzler** and a few students were instrumental in bringing **Love Your Melon** a nonprofit organization to campus. The organization provides hats to children currently battling cancer. Please click the link for more information [Loveyourmelon.com](http://Loveyourmelon.com)
- The Lindenwood St. Charles **Basketball teams** start Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) play this Saturday, December 7 when the Lady Lions at 1:00 p.m. and Lions at 3:00 p.m. host Lincoln in the Hyland Arena.
- **Lions Football** player **Connor Harris**, was the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) co-Defensive Player of the Year. Harris had an historic season, including breaking the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II record for single-season tackles and the MIAA record for career tackles.
- **Tweeting for LARC:** The Development Office is now utilizing the power of Twitter to raise awareness and money for the new Library and Academic Resource Center (LARC).



- The Belleville **Men's Soccer** team beat ninth ranked Northwestern Ohio 2-1, picking up their first National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) win in tournament history.
- **Men's Ice Hockey** claimed the number two spot once again in the latest American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division I Ranking. The Lions held that position for four weeks after sweeping a two game series against Illinois to complete the fall campaign with a record of 13-6-0.
- The first of eight customized "**Rolling Billboard**" vehicles was delivered to the Belleville campus on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- A special **Faculty and Staff** family holiday reception was hosted by President Michael Shonrock and wife Karen, Sunday, November 29 in the Spellmann Center.
- Lindenwood University St. Charles Associate Professor of Spanish, **Gabriela E. Romero-Ghiretti**, recently had an article printed in the peer-reviewed journal *Chasqui*.
- Members of the **Women's Rugby** team helped support Rockin' 4 Relief, by rocking in rocking chairs and collecting donations November 7 at Dierberg's grocery stores in St. Charles, Missouri, and other spots in the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area. The players helped raise close to \$2,500 for the organization, which provides money to families of Police Officers, Firefighters, EMT's, and Paramedics who were killed in the line of duty.
- The Lindenwood **Cheerleading Squad** read to children during the "Books and Butterflies" story time November 18 at the Butterfly House at Faust Park in Chesterfield, Missouri. They read a story about lions and assisted with crafts, showed the kids a back flip and taught the attendees the Lion cheer.
- Lindenwood University **Student Athletic Advisory Committee** (SAAC) was active in the community during the month of November selling newspapers on Old News Boys Day, and participating in the Boatload of Toys Drive at the Bass Pro Shop.

- A total of 55 student athletes from Lindenwood's fall sports were named to the **Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association** (MIAA) Academic Honor Roll following the conclusion of their seasons. To achieve this honor, the students must have completed at least two full semesters at Lindenwood and have a 3.00 cumulative GPA or higher.
- This year for the first time, complimentary meals were offered during Thanksgiving break; **4,205** meals were served.
- The Lindenwood **Men's Basketball Team**, under first-year head coach Lance Randall jumped out to a hot start for the season by winning four of its first five games.
- Veterans who enroll at Lindenwood University will again study at a "military friendly" school, a designation the university has earned for the seventh consecutive year, according to the **2016 Military Friendly School List** published recently by Victory Media. Only 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide receive this designation each year.
- **Belleville Lynx Men's Soccer** team has advanced to round 8 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) National Championships! The team played Wednesday night, December 2 defeating conference rival Columbia College 2-1 to advance to the Final Four. Read more about their victory at: [http://lindenwoodlynx.com/news/2015/12/1/MSOC\\_1201153714.aspx](http://lindenwoodlynx.com/news/2015/12/1/MSOC_1201153714.aspx).
- **Men's Water Polo** defended its national title at the 2015 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Men's Division I Championship in Santa Cruz, California with a 10-9 victory over San Diego State.



- **Public Safety & Security** met with 482 students from all residence halls for the November dorm watch meeting. Items covered included call statistics, mental health awareness and stress management. Instructor, Dr. Cusumano provided fliers highlighting the Student Counseling and Resource Center, along with ways to handle stress and signs of suicide were also discussed.
- Women's volleyball player **Kayla Guyot** and women's soccer **Danielle Torry** received the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) **Scholar-Athlete Award**. They earned this honor for having a 3.50 GPA or higher and for being named to one of the all-conference teams.
- The **Lady Lions** volleyball program finished its 2015 season with a .500 record and an improvement of 10 wins over the previous season.
- **Fashion Design** student **Richard Cotto** won the Missouri Style Week's 2015 Architectural Design Challenge. The winning \$10,000 package included a \$2000 cash prize, a two-page editorial spread feature on the winning designer's work in "Gazelle STL" and "Gazelle West" and a photoshoot.
- **Lindenwood University Belleville** President Brett Barger is pleased to announce the appointment of Belleville native **Jill Brownfield** as the new Executive Assistant to the president effective November 23.
- Lindenwood's annual **Wrestling Tournament** continues to grow. The Fifth Annual Joe Parisi Open Presented by MSW Marketing was the largest in the event's history. A total of 39 teams and 545 wrestlers competed this year, including the preseason No. 1 programs from the

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, NCAA Division II, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA), and Junior College (JUCO) levels.

- The **Black Student Union** (BSU) collected donated “Grab and Go” items (chips, cookies, etc.) from Lindenwood students for snack packs to give to those in need.
- A legal seminar for all **Academic and Staff Supervisors** will be held January 22 to discuss how to deliver difficult messages without creating liability for themselves or the University.
- Lindenwood University Adjunct Instructor **Connie Petree** was named as one of the honorees for the Class of 2015 “Beyond the Best” in *Street Scape Magazine*. The designation sites exceptional leaders that go above and beyond in their profession.
- **Roller Hockey** won four straight games at the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Roller Hockey Association Inter-Regional in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 21-22 taking them to 8-0.
- **Julie Turner**, Associate Professor in the Plaster School of Business and department chair of Nonprofit Administration, was recognized by the **Emerson Excellence in Teaching Awards** program on November 22 at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. The Excellence in Teaching Awards, annually recognize more than 100 educators in the St. Louis area who are examples of excellence in their field.
- Lindenwood St. Charles Dean of First-Year Programs and Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Shane Williamson** has been appointed to the O’Fallon, Missouri YMCA Board of Directors.
- **Simply Homemade**, a Lindenwood cookbook is on sale now! The cookbook is comprised of 200 recipes submitted by students, faculty, staff and alumni. The cookbooks are \$10 and the money will go to **Kids Against Hunger**. To order a cookbook contact Danielle Swoboda at [dcs716@lionmail.lindenwoo.edu](mailto:dcs716@lionmail.lindenwoo.edu).

- **Show Me St. Louis** taped a “Get to Know M.E.” segment on the Lindenwood University Belleville campus which aired on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. President Brett Barger, Campus Provost Renee Porter and Division Chair Andrea S. Boyles discussed how the campus offers the entirety of the college experience and is proud to be part of the Metro East.  
<http://www.ksdk.com/story/entertainment/television/show-me-st-louis/2015/12/03/lindenwood-belleville/76727048/>
- The **Student Counseling and Resource Center (SCRC)** offers great mental health information, with ongoing therapy available throughout the week from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- The **Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)** will partner with the Madison Square Garden Holiday Festival December 6, and will be recognizing student athletes who have earned ECAC weekly honors.
- Lindenwood St. Charles **Faculty and Staff Councils** will have a luncheon meeting on January 22 to discuss ways of supporting better communication strategies for all employees.
- November 23, Lindenwood University St. Charles held a free self-defense class with instruction provided by **Ultimate Defense**.
- The **Missouri Promise** initiative proposal will not go forward for the 2016 statewide election ballot. This is a win for Independent Colleges and Universities; students will be free to continue to choose a College or University that best fits them.

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