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The Lindenwood Way ... A True Story

Many years ago a young man had just completed his PhD degree and was no less than buoyant about beginning his faculty service at a remarkable liberal arts college in St. Charles, Missouri. He could not quite put his finger on it, but there was something very special about the social and moral atmosphere at the little college with a visage that bore an uncanny resemblance to published pictures of some of the Eastern Ivy League schools. He just could not get over how beautiful and distinguished the campus looked and how warm and real his future students and faculty colleagues had been during his job interviews in May.

In late July, he and his wife and tiny daughter loaded their U-Haul truck for the move. He would drive the large vehicle, and his family members would follow in their red Maverick. The packing and loading had been arduous, and the drive spanned several hundred miles. It was not an easy relocation. Nonetheless they were happy travelers, brimming with excitement about starting their new life at LC. What is more, they had been fortunate enough to find a St. Charles home they could rent from a Lindenwood faculty member who had recently retired.

The College had kindly offered the new professor \$500 to underwrite moving expenses – a fairly standard amount at the time but remarkably generous considering the financial challenges Lindenwood was facing then. It was a good thing that Dean Howard Barnett had granted the relocation subsidy, because the young family had just left graduate school and had only enough money in reserve to get through the rest of July, August, and maybe a week or so beyond the end of August. Perhaps that would be sufficient since the first paycheck would surely be coming through after two weeks on the job, which would have been about mid-September (back when the semester did not start until September 1) – except that Imagine the neophyte's chagrin when he learned that Lindenwood issued paychecks only once a month! Providently, however, the destitute newcomers received a reprieve when parents and grandparents awarded the new PhD a total of \$150 in graduation gifts. Now it would be possible to eat and keep the utility services on until the end of September, when the first payday would take place.

The fledgling LC family felt fortunate to be renting a home that was within walking distance of the college, and its owner did not require a lease. The latter "advantage" turned out to be a problem. In the third week of August a real estate agent knocked at the door and said he was there to give a commercial buyer a tour of the premises! The newcomers had not even known the property was up for sale. The next day the buyer paid cash for the house, with a closing date in 30 days. Another move would be necessary, but alas there was no money available to relocate again so soon. Suddenly the world had become bleak.

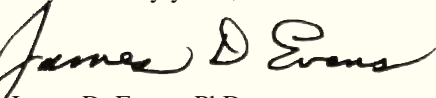
When the Lindenwood community learned of the surprising turn of events and the new faculty member's predicament, there was a stir on campus. Less than a week later, LC Vice President Richard Berg summoned the young professor to his office to let him know that the administration had decided to grant additional money to cover the new round of moving expenses. The world was good again, especially when a small army of Lindenwood professors and administrators showed up to help on moving day.

That unexpected compassion and unusual degree of decency exemplified the essence of what had attracted the faculty member to Lindenwood. He realized then that the College was more than an institution. It was a cohesive community with values that represent the best that humanity can become. Now he clearly understood what people meant when they spoke of "The Lindenwood Way."

Although 40 years have passed, Lois, Laura, and I have never forgotten that special kindness and what it stands for. It was also the best character lesson a future Lindenwood President could have received.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, PhD
President



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On The Cover

President James D. Evans, PhD, recently announced he is retiring after 41 years of service to Lindenwood.

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After 41 Years at Lindenwood, Evans Stepping Down

Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, PhD, has announced his retirement effective May 31, 2015. When he bids farewell for the last time to the campus that has grown and thrived under his successful leadership, he will have served the university for nearly nine years as its top executive.

Evans leaves Lindenwood, however, with 41 years of service as a Lindenwood employee. Prior to his 2006 appointment to the presidency, he held positions as provost, dean of faculty, dean of sciences, dean of social sciences, professor, and assistant professor.

"Many years ago, I would dream of the kind of university I would want Lindenwood to be if I were ever given the chance to serve at its helm for a few years," Evans said. "Now I have lived that dream." Evans said he is proud of all that Lindenwood has become under his direction.

"Developments that have made me the proudest include our first doctoral programs, our award-winning student newspaper (*The Legacy*), significant improvement in faculty and student credentials and achievement, enhanced community outreach, construction of a

student center (and) NCAA Division II membership," he said.

Another significant Evans accomplishment included the launch of a day college in Belleville, Ill. While other universities struggled to stay afloat, Evans provided the leadership necessary to expand Lindenwood's scope and reach. Adding to LU's well-established accelerated evening programs offered at the site of the former Belleville West High School, he established a full-service campus that would meet the needs of college-bound youth from the Metro East region. Today, Lindenwood University-Belleville enjoys a full-fledged NAIA athletics program as well as expanding academic day programs that attract nearly 1,000 residential students locally, nationally, and internationally. Evans also acted on his goal to establish the university's first full-fledged nursing school. Brokering an innovative partnership with St. Charles Community College, he oversaw the acquisition of a beautiful former high school building in Dardenne Prairie, Mo., where nursing courses are now offered at the associate, bachelor's, and soon-to-be master's degree levels. The School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences plans to expand healthcare degree



James D. Evans, PhD

offerings beyond nursing in the near future. Evans said his greatest challenge has been prioritizing the many opportunities Lindenwood is blessed with at any given time.

"Plans after retirement are to remain as productive each day as I have been throughout my life," Evans said, "and to attend to all of the matters I have postponed over the years. There is much more to be learned and many more good things to be done."

Lindenwood University Board Chairman Jim J. Shoemaker said he has appointed a board search committee to begin looking for Evans' replacement. In a recent address to the Lindenwood faculty, Evans said the search would be collaborative in nature. Collaboration has been a hallmark of Lindenwood under his management.

Alumni Merit Winner Remembers Presidents, Faculty

Janet Rucker Lewien ('85, '04, '07) has earned one degree each at Lindenwood University during the tenure of three different presidents. It only begs the question, "Will you be back in school for a fourth degree when Lindenwood has a new president next year?"

Gently, Lewien says no. But it is not for a lack of love of the institution. In fact, her love of Lindenwood knows no bounds.

"The instruction I received from my professors really changed the focus of my life," she said. "I can honestly say that people like Michael Castro, Peter Carlos, Geri Blasi, and Sheryl Guffey caused me to think differently. They caused me to think that anything is possible with my life."

Lewien was honored at commencement May 17 as the recipient of the 2014 Alumni Merit Award for Service to Lindenwood.

She has been a member of the Lindenwood Alumni Board since 2007, and she served as president of the association from 2009 through 2013. As president, she represented the alumni voice to President James D. Evans, as well as at Alumni

Association meetings and functions, and she represented alumni interests on the University's Board of Directors and served on the Board's Fundraising and Development Committee. A member of the Sibley Heritage Society, she has been an enthusiastic and articulate supporter of her alma mater in the community for many years, as well as a familiar face and willing volunteer at alumni events.

Lewien received a bachelor's degree in communications in 1985 from Lindenwood as well as two master's degrees—one in written communications (2004) and the other in nonprofit administration (2007).

"The growth of this wonderful college and change and improvement at Lindenwood over the years has only increased the value of my degrees," she said.

Lewien is employed as grants administrator for the Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County. The board awards funds to agencies serving the unmet mental health needs of children and youth in St. Charles County. Additionally, she provides contract grant writing services for a national firm in Rochester, N.Y.

She is very involved in her community, and in her spare time she serves as a board member for the Five Acres Animal Shelter



Alumni Merit Award winner Janet Rucker Lewien and Alumni Board President Judy Forstmann Brown

and the St. Charles County Domestic Violence Board. She has served on the Campus "Y" Board and the St. Charles County Arts Council.

A native of Texas, she and her husband, Jerry, live in St. Charles. They have two children, Lisa and David, and one grandson. Lisa's husband, Mark, is also a Lindenwood alumnus.



Building Forever Friendships

Author's Project was a Labor of Love

By RACHEL JOHNSON

Rachel Morgan, a Lindenwood University alumna ('13) and current graduate student in the Lindenwood University School of Education, has written a children's book, *Building Forever Friendship: Strategies to Help Your Friend with Autism or Other Special Needs at School*. The book addresses scenarios that children may encounter at school when interacting with peers who have special needs.

The project originated two years ago when Morgan's daughter, Paige, a second-grader at the time, encountered children mimicking behaviors characteristic of those with autism. She was upset by their actions because her brother, Adam, then in fourth-grade at the school, has autism.

"Paige came home and she was really upset and angry, and she wanted me to go to the school and talk to the kids," Morgan said. "I told her I didn't think they were being mean, they were just trying to figure it out. I suggested that educating the kids

might mean more coming from her, so that's what she did."

Morgan selected an existing book that explored the relationship between two siblings, one with autism, and their home life. She sent the book to school with her daughter, who, with the permission of administrators, read the book to all second grade classes and answered students' questions.

Six months later, Morgan's daughter approached her again and pointed out that her classmates now understood special



Rachel Morgan ('13) with children
(from left) Paige, Adam, Collin, and Hailey.

needs interactions at home but still had questions about school interactions. Morgan searched for an age-appropriate book on the topic and was unable to find one, so she decided to write one at her daughter's urging. In fact, Paige wrote the introduction.

"My hope for this book is that teachers and counselors can use it as a platform for discussion within their own classrooms," she said. "I hope it promotes brainstorming and an open dialogue among students and helps them find ways they can better manage situations at school."

In addition to her own family's experiences with autism, Morgan has a strong background in special education. She holds an undergraduate degree in behavioral psychology from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in early interventions in autism and sensory

impairments from Lindenwood. She's currently in her third year as a graduate assistant for Lindenwood's Autism Spectrum Disorders Program while pursuing a doctoral degree in education with an emphasis in andragogy at the school.

Morgan also served for more than eight years providing family service coordinator and marketing services for First Steps, Missouri's early intervention system that provides services to families with children up to 3 years old with disabilities or developmental delays.

In her spare time, she oversees the Adam Morgan Foundation, which she founded in 2008 to provide resources, equipment, and interventions to families raising children with autism spectrum disorders, and Consultants for Children, LLC, which she founded in June 2009 to assist in creating collaborative partnerships between families,

educators, administrators, and communities in an effort to promote positive outcomes for individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life.

To learn more about the Adam Morgan Foundation, visit www.adammorganfoundation.org. To learn more about Consultants for Children or to order a copy of Morgan's book directly, visit www.cfc-stl.com. Published by Rose Dog Books, the book is also expected to be available through various traditional and online retailers by the end of 2014.

Boerding Defines Commitment

Alumna Spent 60 Years Teaching at St. Peter Catholic School



Marcella Boerding

By RACHEL JOHNSON

It's not uncommon for people to spend a good portion of their careers working for the same company, but Marcella Boerding topped that increasingly rare professional feat this past May when she retired after spending her 60-year career as an educator at St. Peter Catholic School in St. Charles.

The lifelong St. Charles resident also attended the school for 12 years as a student. That means the 78-year-old has spent the better part of 72 years at the same school--many of those years inside the same classroom.

Boerding reported as a second grader to what is now Room 9 of St. Peter Elementary School in 1942. She completed her elementary education in 1950 and then attended St. Peter High School. It was just before her 1954 graduation that she was set on the path to her lifelong calling.

"The high school principal at that time, Sister Cyprian, asked me in March if I had any plans for what I was going to do after graduation," Boerding recalled. "She asked me if I'd consider teaching in the elementary school. I knew there was no money for me to go to college, so I gladly

accepted the position. I started that fall."

Boerding initially taught third grade, then a combined class of second and third grade, before settling into the role of second-grade teacher for the past 50 years. Beginning in 1964, she also led students in preparation for the Catholic sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation. She cited that role as one of her favorite parts of the job.

"I always treasured attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist, so leading sacramental preparation was a joy to me."

Boerding also continued to further her own education while serving as a teacher. She took summer, evening, and weekend courses at Webster University at the beginning of her career and then enrolled at Lindenwood. She graduated from Lindenwood with an undergraduate degree in elementary education in 1974, but also enjoyed ongoing professional development opportunities through the college.

"I took different workshops with Dr. Jane Wilhour, head of the Education Department, that always gave me helpful ideas," Boerding said. "They were great sources of information for things I could take back to my classroom."

Boerding also credited her religious mentors, the parents of her students, and her own family for supporting her through her six decades of service, though she noted it didn't seem like that many years had passed.

"For the first 40 years, there were religious Notre Dame Sisters in the school who had so many good ideas, who were so willing to share, and who brought such a wonderful atmosphere to the school," said Boerding. "After that, it was great to have the encouragement of my sister and of the parents at the school, who were always very helpful. Everyone's love and support made me a little sad to retire."

Boerding may have given up her full-time position, but St. Peter Catholic School will not be without her entirely. At the request of Principal Tammi Rohman, Boerding will volunteer during this school year with elementary school children in need of extra resources.

"I know I'm going to miss the school a lot, and I'm appreciative Ms. Rohman asked me back to volunteer," said Boerding. "I'm really looking forward to it."

New Deans Take Helm for LCIE, Distance Learning

Two new deans, Willie Broussard and Dr. Gina Ganahl, have joined the ranks of the Lindenwood leadership structure to head the Center for Distance Learning and the College for Individualized Education, respectively. Both began their new jobs at the beginning of May.

Broussard's will be in charge of online degree programs, which were recently recognized at the bachelor's level by *U.S. News and World Report* among the best in the nation. Previously, Broussard served since 2009 as associate director of the Division of Distance Learning at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He is working toward an EdD in curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston, Texas, and he has an MBA in human resource management from the University of Phoenix.

Ganahl replaced Dan Kemper, longtime dean of the University's popular accelerated evening programs, who retired this spring. Since 2005, Ganahl has served as associate dean for the School of Professional and Continuing Studies at the University of Missouri—St. Louis. She has worked in higher education since 1988, holding positions at the University of Missouri



Dr. Gina Ganahl

in Columbia, John A. Logan Community College in Marion, Ill., and the University of Southern Illinois in Carbondale. She has a PhD in education from the University of Missouri, as well as a master's in marketing education and a bachelor's in marketing and business administration from the University of Missouri and the University of Illinois in Urbana, respectively.

"With Dean Broussard's commitment to expanding our offerings and his expertise



Willie Broussard

in the area of customer service, the future of the Center for Online Learning holds great promise," said Dr. James D. Evans, President of Lindenwood University. "Dr. Ganahl is an accomplished and successful educator who understands our region as well as the goals of our accelerated, evening degree programs. She will be a tremendous asset to the University."

University Celebrates New Schnucks Market

Fifteen years ago, there was a residential area across First Capitol Drive from campus. And at the intersection of First Capitol and Kingshighway stood the old Bargain Barn, where students could buy and sell used furniture and other items. It's a stark contrast to summer 2014 as the new University Commons development made its debut in St. Charles. The anchor of the development is a 71,000 square foot Schnucks Market that caters to students as well as the community.

Lindenwood was well-represented Aug. 6 as Schnucks opened its doors to the general public. Lindenwood cheerleaders and the mascot entertained, and President James

D. Evans was among the dignitaries who spoke at the ribbon-cutting event.

"This is actually the kind of store and synergistic University-to-store relationship I had envisioned and hoped for," said Evans. "I am very excited about this grand opening and what the coming years hold for Schnucks and Lindenwood."

Many members of the Lindenwood Board of Directors attended the ribbon cutting, including John Hammond and Gary Shaw, who were on the board 15 years ago and remember Bargain Barn and other businesses that stood in that area. They also remember the many years it took to assemble the property for the development.

Lindenwood retains ownership of the land and will use the lease payments to endow the University. Evans praised the Board of Directors for its dedication on the project.

The store is unique among the 100 or so other Schnucks markets, offering students the chance to relax in an open air, climate-controlled café along with television and free Wi-Fi. Café customers can enjoy pizza, Smoke & Grill items, hot panini sandwiches, or ready meals. And on Friday and Saturday evenings, the café will be the backdrop for fun and entertainment.

At the grand opening, Schnucks employees even wore Lindenwood hats to celebrate their partnership with the University. They and the employees at U.S. Bank on site plan to wear Lindenwood clothing on game days in the future.

Schnucks President and CEO Todd Schnuck said his company has other stores near college campuses.

"...but this is the first time we've actually partnered with a university at this level and on a store that literally sits on the edge of campus," he said. "Our vision is that Schnucks Lindenwood will be more than a food and pharmacy source for the community. In many ways, we are nourishing people's lives by providing a 'home away from home' – access to food and pharmacy education as well as restaurant, meeting, entertainment, and study space in a comfortable environment."

LU cheerleaders and the lion mascot took part in the Schnucks opening on Aug. 6.



Vintage Rocker Returns to His Roots

John Stephens Starts Internet Radio Station

By SCOTT QUEEN

Forty years ago, John Stephens ('75) was absolutely in love with radio. So studying at Lindenwood and working at KCLC was a perfect fit. He did every job imaginable at KCLC, and even served as the general manager for two years.

And now the entrepreneur's life is coming full circle. He's built and sold a few businesses in his career, and likely his final project before heading into retirement has everything to do with radio. Stephens has started an internet radio station called Our Musical Roots.

Unlike other stations, it doesn't focus on a certain genre of music. Our Musical Roots targets a certain demographic – those who are now in their 50s.

"Our slogan is progressive rock for vintage rockers," said Stephens.

The station has employees – some might still call them disc jockeys. The morning drive host comes from KSHE radio. The afternoon drive host is LU alumnus Charles McDonald, and Stephens' daughter, Emily, works at the station, too. She is a communications major at Lindenwood, and it is her job to play the old vinyl records and digitize the music.

"My goal is the build a substantial media property and generate a profit," Stephens said. "I want to build something my daughter may want to be involved in down the road."

Stephens has had all sorts of media jobs, and he's been quite successful. After stints at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and CBS Television, he founded a company in St. Louis called Media Pulse, a media monitoring company. A decade later, he sold it to a publicly-held company in Sweden. After his non-compete clause expired, he started a similar company under



Alumnus John Stephens in the studio for his Internet radio station, Our Musical Roots

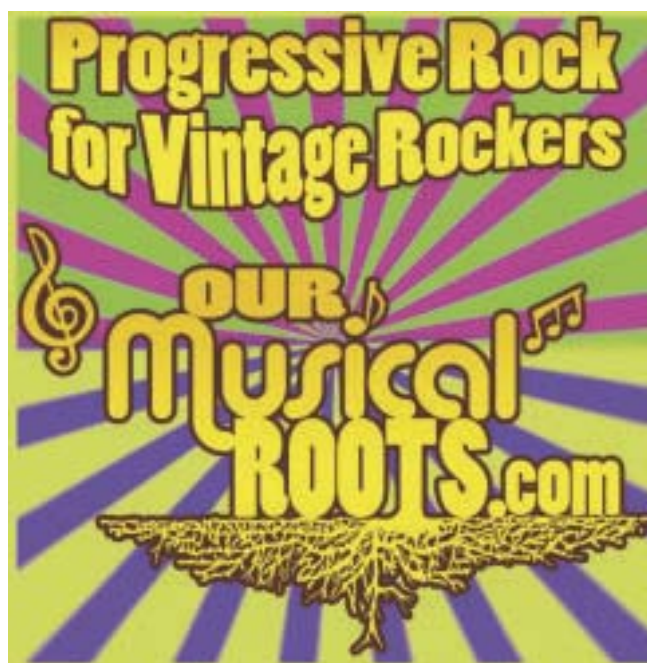
a new name, and came back with a flurry.

Currently, he owns Pulse Productions in St. Louis. Pulse includes an Emmy Award-winning video production company, as well as a nationally recognized media monitoring firm, Media Watch. While he's not producing video for the Cardinals or the Rams or Express Scripts or others, his

company is serving up media monitoring reports for corporations and businesses across the country.

But don't suggest to Stephens that Our Musical Roots is just a hobby.

"It may have started in my basement, but we've moved to office space now and we're focused on the business side,"



John Stephens' daughter Emily, a current LU student, spins records and digitizes music for the station.

said Stephens. "We won't start selling advertising for six months. Right now, it's about building the best professional property with talented personnel."

Our Musical Roots is already making some noise. Stephens and the station were featured in *Radio World*, a national trade publication for radio. And with Stephens' connections nationally, his station is sure to garner even more attention.

Stephens said the idea for Our Musical Roots was born one day when he was at the Lake of the Ozarks having lunch with

one of his old Lindenwood buddies, Dennis Clotser, who owns several radio stations at the lake.

"We were complaining about taxes and how to hire the next great salesman," Stephens said. "Then my friend said what he really feared in life was the advent of Internet radio."

So Stephens thought about it. And began building.

"Internet radio is where FM radio was in the 1960s," Stephens said. "It was relatively new with weak revenue streams. And it was

forecast to be the next big thing."

Stephens is clearly entrepreneurial, and he credits Lindenwood for that spirit.

"My life turned out the way it is because of Lindenwood," he said. "My time at Lindenwood wasn't about learning to be a DJ at KCLC. My time at Lindenwood was about learning to run KCLC without a budget. It was about promotion and fundraising. It was about being a problem solver and running a business."

So Stephens is quite happy to be returning to his radio roots.



Glasnost

St. Louis Cardinals' Watermon Remembers Early Exchange Program

By RUSSELL KORANDO

Ron Watermon ('89) was one of a group of Lindenwood College students who traveled in 1989 to the Soviet Union for two weeks as part of a foreign-exchange program.

Cold War tensions between the U.S. and Soviet Union were beginning to thaw when Watermon and the other Lindenwood students attended the University of Azerbaijan in the country's capital of Baku. But it would be two more years before the Soviet Union collapsed into a commonwealth of independent states.

A series of summits in the 1980s between Mikhail Gorbachev, general secretary of the Soviet Union, and President Ronald Reagan helped pave the way for the exchange program. During one of the summits, an educational exchange program was established pairing 10 schools in the U.S. with 10 schools in the Soviet Union. Watermon, who in 1989 received his bachelor's degree in mass communication and political science, was one of the first Americans to experience glasnost first hand.

"It was an eye-opening experience being there," Watermon said. "We were literally embraced by older Russians. So many would hug and kiss you and through the translators would tell us how the U.S. liberated them in World War II. It was such a paradigm shift for me because I had bought into the concept that they hate us and we hate them. But I realized that wasn't the case."

Watermon said as part of the effort to join the foreign education program,

Lindenwood students created a video and logo with the brand of Project Peace. He said the St. Charles City Council passed a resolution supporting the trip.

During their stay in the Soviet Union, the Lindenwood students also visited Leningrad (Saint Petersburg) and Moscow. Watermon, who was president of the Lindenwood Student Government Association at the time of the trip, said there was a lot of strife between Muslims and Christians in Azerbaijan while he was there. Azerbaijan has been conquered and ruled over the centuries by many great powers. The country gained its independence in 1991,

when the Soviet Union collapsed.

"One of the things you learn about Russia is they've been in so many wars and they've all been fought on their soil," Watermon said. "Gorbachev uncorked freedom, and it ran its course."

Watermon, vice president of communications for the St. Louis Cardinals, left his Busch Stadium office one afternoon in July and drove to Lindenwood. He tuned in Lindenwood's radio station, KCLC, 89.1-FM. He said an ad on the station promoting the university's School of Communications brought back some good memories.

Ron Watermon chats with Rich Reighard, communications professor.



“It’s a full circle,” Watermon said. “When I reflect back on my time at Lindenwood, I feel like it helped me find out who I was and allowed me the opportunity to try some things. I’m still trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up.”

On his campus visit, Watermon stopped at Cobbs Hall. He looked inside his old room and was told air conditioning had just

been installed the week before his visit. He reminisced about the old days.

He thought back to a paper he wrote about the convergence of media. Some 25 years later, he said a lot of what he wrote about has come true. He said 13.7 million people visit the Cardinals’ website every day, and the team has more than two million Facebook followers.

“It’s informing my thinking in my role with the Cardinals,” he said. “I tell students, ‘Get as many practical skills as you can. Learn how to write, interview people, shoot video.’”

And don’t pass up a chance to travel abroad.

Study Abroad Formalized in Recent Years

From its humble beginnings in 2001, when Dr. John Bell took a group of students to Germany, and in 2002, when Dr. Nancy Durbin took students to France for J-Term, Lindenwood University’s current study abroad programs now also send students to Costa Rica, Spain, United Kingdom and Ireland, among others. In the near future, Lindenwood students will be able to study abroad in China.

During the 2013-14 school year, 117 Lindenwood students traveled to other countries to study a vast array of curricula.

Promoting Lindenwood’s mission to develop culturally aware global citizens, students can study abroad for a semester, live with host families and immerse themselves into the country they’re staying in, said Dr. Jann Weitzel, Lindenwood Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Spanish majors study in Costa Rica and Spain. Those who study abroad in Costa Rica can earn 15 credit hours while taking courses in Spanish composition, the country’s history, and Latin American theater. Students who study in France can take courses in language and literature. And students can study art history in Florence, Italy during summer term.

Study abroad programs at Lindenwood run during J-Term, fall, spring, and summer semesters. Lindenwood professors travel with their students during the J-Term programs.

Countries and universities chosen for Lindenwood students are based on the topic of study, Weitzel said.

“You can study Spanish in Spain or Costa Rica,” Weitzel said. “Our Criminal Justice and Social Work programs pick a different country every year. The program students choose depends on the degree area, material to be covered, and the professor’s area of expertise.”

Ron Watermon (right) in Azerbaijan in 1989 with a group of LU students and locals and LU chaperone Ed Balog.





Elizabeth "Libby" Ray ('10) with her dog, Honor, which she adopted after seeing news reports on the dog's abuse by a pair of youths.

Giving Honor an Even Chance

Ray Steps in to Adopt Abused Pit Bull

By RUSSELL KORANDO

Elizabeth "Libby" Ray ('10) said she usually doesn't pay attention to the news because it's mostly bad. But while she was visiting her grandmother in Collinsville, Ill., she saw a TV report in February of two juveniles abusing a pit bull puppy.

After seeing the same report a couple of more times, she decided to help. Ray conferred with several friends before making the decision to apply to adopt the dog from Even Chance Pit Bull Advocacy + Resources + Rescue, a St. Louis-area rescue organization. Ray lives in St. Charles and has two degrees from Lindenwood University.

"Lindenwood is about legacy and doing better," Ray said. "Paying forward those opportunities you have. You take the

resources that are given to you and give them to others."

After St. Louis County Animal Control took the female puppy from its owners in North St. Louis County, Even Chance rescued her and placed her with a foster family.

Ray, who works at BJC Behavioral Health in Bridgeton, said she knows what it's like to be loyal and misunderstood... like so many pit bulls that have been abused. A self-proclaimed extrovert, Ray felt her personality was the perfect match to care for the pit bull, which was named "Honor."

The abuse of Honor made national news, and Even Chance received hundreds of applicants seeking to adopt the pit bull. Even Chance said Ray's intention on training Honor to be a therapy dog helped

set her above the other applicants.

Honor greets new guests with a friendly nudge and licks to the face. Ray said by the time she got Honor home at the beginning of April, she was housebroken and obeyed basic commands.

Ray was 7 years old in 1996 when her mother, Victoria Kern Ray ('74), passed away. That year, her father established the Victoria Kern Ray Memorial Scholarship. Candidates for the scholarship are new female full-time residential students. Ray's path for higher education was clear.

"I didn't go through the same process my friends in high school did having to pick a college," Ray said. "I always knew if my grades were good enough, I was going to Lindenwood."



leaving a **LEGACY**

"I am grateful to Lindenwood for providing me with a spectacular education! Lindenwood's outstanding professors gave me a personalized education and started me on a path to a wonderful career."

Dr. Dorothy ("Jodie") Ricketts (BS '72), MA, PhD
Retired Director of Special Elementary Programs
Hazelwood School District

Dr. Jodie Ricketts is an enthusiastic Lindenwood supporter! Jodie received her BS degree in elementary education from Lindenwood in 1972. She later received an MA and a PhD in special education and is retired from a long and distinguished career as an innovator in gifted and special education. Over the years, she has been a very active alumna, serving as president of the Saint Charles Alumni Club as well as a member of the Alumni Board.

Several years ago, Jodie decided to help Lindenwood continue to provide an excellent education for future students by including Lindenwood in her estate plan.

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To find out more about how you can include Lindenwood in your estate plan, call Donna Baber, JD, at (636) 949-4532 or visit us at www.lugift.org.

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Sheriff Gets Master's, Promotes his Alma Mater

By STEPHANIE DULANEY

For St. Clair County Sheriff Rick Watson ('14), earning a master's degree in criminal justice was something he had been pursuing for years.

"It was on my bucket list," said Watson. "I had started and stopped several times, but I thought, 'This time I'm going to finish it.'"

On May 18, Watson's dream became a reality when he accepted his diploma from Belleville Campus President Jerry Bladdick in front of 3,000 graduates, professors, and family members at the Lindenwood University-Belleville commencement ceremony.

"It was a lot of work, but it's so rewarding when you finish," said Watson.

With long-established roots in the Metro East, Watson was intrigued when Lindenwood brought its LCIE criminal justice program to Belleville a few years ago. He was attracted to the University's excellent academic reputation and nearby location; yet it was the sense of campus community that set Lindenwood Belleville apart for him.

"It was convenient, and everyone there, from the instructors to the staff, is unbelievably nice," he said. "It's a great place where you can earn a great education and get to know people. Everyone is personable and welcoming."

Watson described his criminal justice professors as "fantastic, but not easy. Sometimes I thought, 'Am I really going to use what I learn in this class,' but I do.

I use what I learn at Lindenwood every day in my job as St. Clair County Sheriff, from constitutional law to ethics to civil liability."

Named sheriff in 2012, Watson is responsible for managing the county jail and patrol division and ensuring the safety of the jail and community. Previously, he served with the Cahokia Police Department for 33 years, retiring as chief in 2011.

Watson's involvement with Lindenwood Belleville has continued beyond his role as a student. In 2013, he and his staff brought the newly created program Scared Straight Goes to College to the Lindenwood campus. Led by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Scared Straight is a decades-old program that seeks to deter troubled teens from a life of crime. Watson decided to put a more positive spin on it by giving 8th and 9th graders the chance to experience college life firsthand and demonstrate the importance of a college education to success in life.

"Of course, I wanted to promote my alma mater, so we held it at Lindenwood Belleville!" said Watson. "We showed the kids what it was like to go to college, as well as what opportunities were available to them and how to obtain grants. I would love to have it at Lindenwood again."

With a heart for serving the community and encouraging lifelong learning, Watson continues the Lindenwood mission beyond the classroom in his role as citizen, sheriff, and alumnus.

SAVE THE DATE for Belleville Homecoming 2014! Saturday, October 25, 2014

Mark your calendar for Homecoming and Reunion 2014. This year's Homecoming is dedicated to THINK PINK and breast cancer awareness. Make your plans now to attend! Reconnect with your classmates and beloved faculty and staff to see what's new on campus and feel the Lynx Pride!

Get your Free Alumni Photo ID

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• Your photo and information will be taken, processed, and mailed to you upon completion. Receive Lindenwood discounts across the metro east using your new alumni ID.

Barbecue Luncheon and Tailgate

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• \$15 Barbecue Bundle Lunch includes an all-you-can-eat barbecue lunch buffet, Homecoming THINK PINK t-shirt, cowbell, and entrance to the game. Order yours today!

Football Game

1 p.m.

• LU-Belleville vs. Olivet Nazarene University. PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness Game

Free entrance with your free Lindenwood alumni ID, or order a barbecue bundle and receive lunch plus a shirt!

Alumni After-Hours at The Edge

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

• Bring your family and spend the evening at The Edge in Belleville. Free appetizers, soda, and alumni laser tag game starting at 6 p.m. Reserve your spot!

Visit belleville.lindenwood.edu/alumni for the latest events. For more information or to RSVP, contact Belleville Alumni Relations at (618) 239-6033 or jsydow@lindenwood.edu.



Belleville Library Honors Brother Mel's Legacy

This past summer, the Lindenwood Belleville campus filled its newly renovated library with pieces of local history and artwork, thanks to donations from individuals in the surrounding community.

The University added 11 new acrylic paintings by renowned artist Brother Mel Meyer to its collection of his sculptures located around campus. The late artist first visited Lindenwood Belleville in 2011 when his work was featured on loan in the campus' traveling art gallery. A resident artist at the Marianist Galleries in Kirkwood, Mo., Brother Mel produced thousands of contemporary art pieces in his lifetime, many of which are displayed throughout the St. Louis area.

In October 2013, Brother Mel passed away, leaving many pieces of his artwork still in his studio. Lindenwood Belleville was one of a select number of universities

one Belleville family. In 1933, Belleville native Raymond L. Sommerlot began work on what would not only become his hobby for the next several years, but also an incredibly detailed glimpse into American history.

Sommerlot used a series of articles in the magazine Popular Science Monthly to build a 2ft. by 3.5 ft. miniature replica of the Civil War ship The Hartford. Admiral David Farragut led The Hartford in several hard-fought actions against Confederate ships and forts, participating in the battles of New Orleans, Vicksburg, and Mobile Bay. The model ship was donated to Lindenwood Belleville by Sommerlot's daughter and son-in-law, Vivian and Richard Raisler, and granddaughter, Clarice Kuch.

"He didn't use a kit; he built the entire ship from scratch using the plans and



A replica of the Civil War ship the Hartford donated by the family of Raymond Sommerlot.

Lindenwood took over our old high school campus," said Kuch. "My grandfather would be totally amazed at the school and proud that young people can see what he built, enjoy it, and learn some United States history."

Sommerlot worked as a supervisor for the Alcoa Research and Development Laboratories in East St. Louis, Ill., and retired after 44 years of service. Although he did not build any other miniatures in his life, apart from a toy sailboat for his granddaughter, Sommerlot kept himself busy growing and canning vegetables from his garden.

"He was able to do whatever he needed," said Kuch. "In those days, you had to do everything yourself. You couldn't hire someone to do it for you."

After many years of working on the ship on and off again, Sommerlot finally put the finishing touch on it in 1975, more than 40 years after he saw the first blueprint and set a goal for himself of building it.

For Sommerlot's family, The Hartford replica represents something much greater than a ship; it contains a life lesson in practicing patience, maintaining perseverance, and taking the time to truly invest oneself in something.

"Very simply, my grandfather was totally committed to every aspect of his life," said Kuch.



Women with Coffee - Brother Mel

that the Marianist Galleries contacted to donate a portion of Brother Mel's paintings.

"Brother Mel's works inspire the creativity and imaginative spirit of all who experience them," said Lindenwood Belleville President Jerry Bladdick. "It gives us great pleasure to be able to honor his legacy in this way and serve as the new home for more of his impressive art."

In addition to local artwork, the campus library now houses a piece of history from

measurements published each month in the magazine," said Kuch. "That included pouring the molds for all of the cannons and tying the knots in all the riggings. He loved it and worked hard to make it, so we wanted to donate it to Lindenwood, where others can see it and appreciate it."

Sommerlot lived from 1904 to 1995 and was a graduate of Belleville Township High School, as are his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. "We are thrilled that



India Temples - Brother Mel

2014 Homecoming and Reunion Lindenwood Through the Decades

Homecoming and Reunion 2014 is right around the corner! If you haven't registered for the many exciting events yet – now is your chance! Online registration is open until October 8 at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming. Join your former classmates, faculty, staff, and coaches for a weekend full of fun, networking, and reminiscing.

No matter which dorm you called home; no matter where you spent your time studying, socializing, or learning; come back home this fall to Lindenwood. Our doors are always here to welcome you.

We want to welcome you back home this fall for Lindenwood University's Homecoming and Reunion!

We would like to give a special welcome back to our alumnae celebrating their 50-year class reunion! Welcome back Lindenwood College ladies of 1964. We are so glad you are coming back to campus!

Returning events include the welcome back reception, Breakfast with the President, educational lectures, the Hall of Fame dinner, the Race to be King 5K, a themed parade, a barbecue, and the football game.

A detailed description of events can be found at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming.

Schedule of Events

Events and locations are subject to change. Check Lindenwood website frequently for most up-to-date Homecoming and Reunion information.

Thursday, October 9, 2014

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise presents Megan McArdle to

speak on her book, *The Up Side of Down: Why Failing Well is the Key to Success*, Harmon Hall

7:00 p.m.

Hypnotist, location TBD

Friday, October 10, 2014

1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Table Francaise, French Chat with current French students and faculty, Spellmann Center Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Registration and Alumni ID Station, Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m.

President's House Tour for the Class of 1964; meet in Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.; or 3:45 p.m.

Historic Campus Bus Tours; bus picks up at Hyland Arena

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dorm Tours, walking tour; visit your old dormitory; all on-campus dormitories

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Lions' Red Cross Blood Drive, Spellmann Center

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Rediscover Lindenwood Historical Lecture, Harmon Hall

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

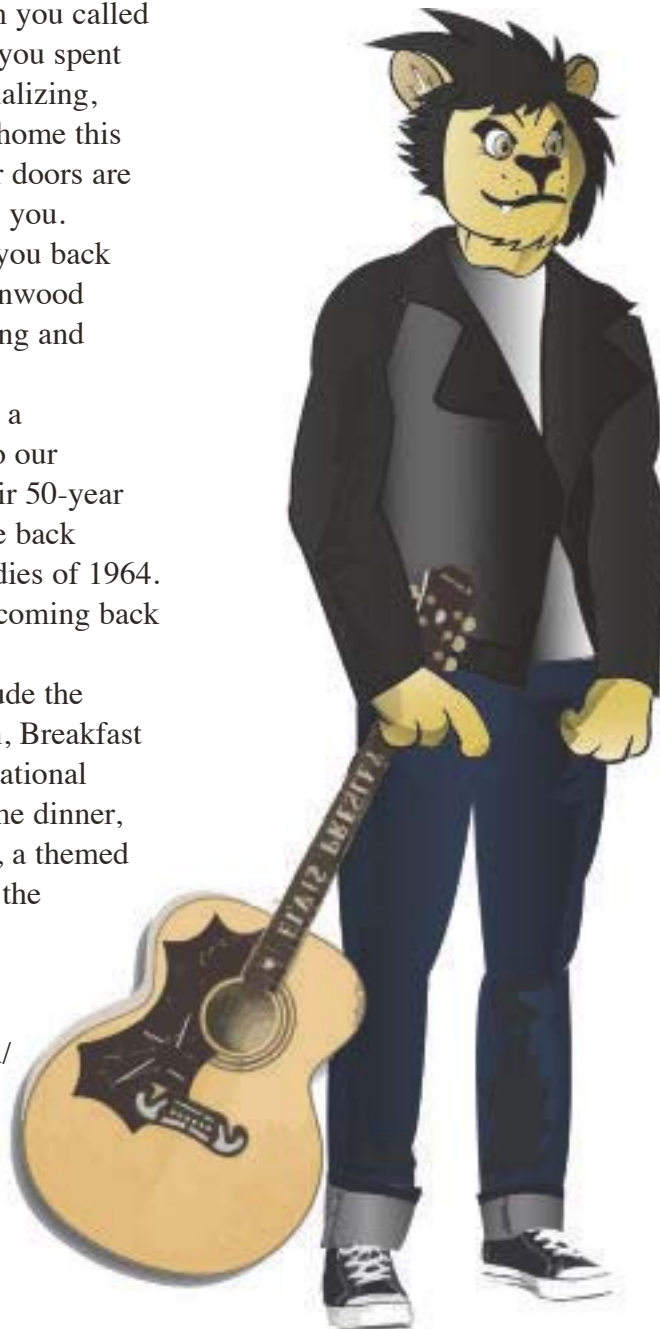
Alumni Fashion Showcase, J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Reunion Welcome Reception, Hyland Arena

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts Tour, J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts



4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

School of Nursing and Allied Health
Sciences Presentation, Harmon Hall

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pep Rally, Hunter Stadium

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sibley Chapel Service, Sibley Chapel

7:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer, Hunter Stadium

7:00 p.m.

Film Series: *Tim's Vermeer*, Young Hall

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, \$25 per
person, call (636) 949-4600, Columns
Banquet Center

8:00 p.m.

Willie Nelson, **SOLD OUT**,
J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Saturday, October 11, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse Play Day; Track Field

8:30 a.m.

Race to be King – 5K Run and Walk, \$20
in advance, \$25 after October 8; call (636)
949-4600, Roemer Hall.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast with the President, Spellmann
Center

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Alumni Association Annual Meeting,
Spellmann Center

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Homecoming and Reunion Parade,
Lindenwood Campus

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Professor Harry Hendren Memorial,
McCluer Hall Parlor

11:00 a.m.

Linden Scroll Reunion, Spellmann Center
Parking Lot, Lower Level

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Billiards Demonstration, Billiards Room,
Field House

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Barbecue Luncheon, \$8 per person
day of event; discounted tickets can be
purchased online at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming
before October 8, Spellmann
Center

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Kids Den, Spellmann Center Parking Lot,
Lower Level

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Football Tailgate, parking lot across from
Spellmann Center

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Johnny Chase at the Alumni Gazebo,
Heritage Campus Gazebo

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mary Sibley: A Legacy of Leadership,
Roemer Hall, Room 201

1:30 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game vs.
Northwest Missouri State, \$5-\$10 per
person day of event; discounted tickets can
be purchased online at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming
before October 8, Hunter
Stadium

7:00 p.m.

Film Series: *The Painting*, Young Hall

7:00 p.m.

Women's Rugby, Hunter Stadium

Sunday, October 12, 2014

12:30 p.m.

Softball Alumni Reunion Game, Lou
Brock Sports Complex

12:30 p.m.

Baseball Alumni Reunion Game, Lou
Brock Sports Complex

1:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer, Hunter Stadium



Want to Bundle and Save? Register now through October 8 for one of these deals. Register online at www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming or call (636) 949-4420.

Bundle: \$15

1 Football Ticket
1 Homecoming T-Shirt
1 Barbecue Lunch
Entry to all homecoming and reunion
events, including all additional sporting
matches, and 20 percent off Spirit
Shoppe purchases

Individual Pricing:

\$5 – Homecoming T-Shirt only
\$8 – Barbecue Lunch only
\$10 – Adult football ticket; \$5 Child
football ticket
\$25 – Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner



The Home Front — Lindenwood During World War II

By CHRIS DUGGAN

This summer, countries throughout the world observed the 70th anniversary of the Allies' June 6 D-Day invasion at the French beaches of Normandy, the beginning of the critical final chapters of World War II in Europe.

The ladies of Lindenwood did their part for the war effort and coped with the challenges of a world in conflict. A look through the newspapers and campus publications of the day tells the tale.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, concerns over air raids persisted, even on the mainland. A Jan. 8, 1942, article in the *St. Louis Star-Times* depicts an air raid drill on campus, in which students filed out of their residence halls at night and doused building lights. They took refuge in the steam tunnels beneath campus, which had been cleaned and outfitted with chairs to convert them to air raid shelters.

A May 10, 1942, spread in the *Post-Dispatch* chronicles the April 25 spring prom, the invited guests of which were 380 members of the U.S. armed forces, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Scott Field, Lambert Field, and the naval training school at the foot of Ferry Street.

Later in the war, Lindenwood's students would demonstrate their skills at raising money for the war effort. The Oct. 17, 1944, *Linden Bark* sports a photo of a P-51 Mustang fighter plane among articles about an art exhibit in Roemer Hall and four new faculty members and Babs Wexner's "Chit Chat on Campus Crazes" column. The plane, bearing the name "Lindenwood-St. Charles, MO" on its nose, was purchased with bonds and stamps purchased by the students during a war loan drive.

The students' fundraising was so success-

ful, a transport ship, the SS Lindenwood, was named for the school, and the students later paid for the installation of a library on the ship.

An October 1943 *Linden Bark* tells of 33 Lindenwood alumnae serving in the armed forces, a number that would swell to



The steam tunnels under the campus doubled as an air raid shelter.

89 by August 1944 and 139 by December 1945, including Jean A. Thomas ('36), a Red Cross secretary who was reported missing with six other Red Cross workers when their plane disappeared on a flight from Italy to Sardinia. In the February 1946 *Lindenwood Bulletin*, Major Lucille Spalding ('22) writes of her time as chief nurse of an army hospital unit in Europe during the war.

In April 1945, in the final days of the Third Reich, alumna Virginia Irwin, a war correspondent with the *Post-Dispatch*, was the first female reporter to enter Berlin, though she and a Boston reporter did so without permission.

When the war ended in 1945, Lindenwood, of course, joined in the celebration with a dismissal of classes, as faithfully reported by the *Linden Bark*: "Dr. Clevenger spoke to the students to inform them of St. Charles' plans for the day...In the morning, the Lindenwood band staged an impromptu parade on the campus and there were spontaneous sing-fests in many of the residence halls."



Students in Irwin Hall file out for an air raid drill.



The Spring 1942 prom featured as guests 380 locally stationed servicemen.

James D. Evans and Jason "Dude" Lively present Dean Dan Kemper with professor emeritus status.



Tiffany Coleman



Glendon Grappenhous and Alfonso Graferol



Undergraduate Commencement speaker was Joe Reagan, CEO of the St. Louis Regional Chamber.



Graduate Commencement keynote speaker was Kathy Osborn, executive director of St. Louis' Regional Business Council.



Former astronaut Sandra Magnus was keynote speaker at the LU-Belleville ceremony.





The Erin Bode Group performed at the Scheidegger Center with members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in a very well-received concert in January that benefitted Lindenwood's Endowment for the Arts. She will return for a Christmas concert on Dec. 19.

Robust Ticket Sales Greet Fall Lineup at Scheidegger Center

It is fair to say the 2014-15 Main Stage Season at the J. Scheidegger Center of the Arts has generated a bit of excitement at the box office. Season opener Jay Leno, slated to perform Sept. 12, and Willie Nelson and Family, scheduled for Oct. 10, sold out almost immediately. Dick Fox's Golden Boys, featuring Frankie Avalon, Fabian and Bobby Rydell, sold out a couple weeks after.

The Lindenwood University Theatre Department will stage the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Oklahoma!* on the main stage at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. Tickets range from \$10 to \$18.

The Music Department will present a special holiday show, *The Nights Before Christmas*, at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and at 3 p.m. on December 6. It will feature Christmas music, performed by the University's choirs, orchestras, and ensembles. The tickets are \$10, and all proceeds will go to the LU Arts Endowment.

Country superstar Amy Grant will perform a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7; tickets are available now and range from \$49.50 to \$79.50. A beloved vocalist and songwriter, Grant was won numerous Grammy Awards and has sold more than 30 million albums in a career that spans 30 years.

On Dec. 13, the National Acrobats of China return to the Lindenwood Theater stage with two shows at 2 and 8 p.m., where they will astound audiences with amazing acrobatic feats. Tickets range from



Amy Grant

\$29.50 to \$59.50.

The fall season wraps up at 8 p.m. on Dec. 19 with a return performance by the Erin Bode Group, which delighted audiences in January with a benefit concert for the LU Arts Endowment, Home for the Holidays with the Erin Bode Group. Bode and her band will lend their incredible virtuosity to performances of holiday favorites and perhaps some you haven't heard before, and the group will be joined by the Children's Choir of the St. Charles School District. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$42.50.

More excitement is scheduled for 2015, including Bernadette Peters, the Beach Boys, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. To purchase tickets or for more information on the shows or on the new expanded Premier Patron Society, visit www.luboxoffice.com or call 636-949-4433.

Upcoming Student Performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Student Theatre

Heaven Can Wait

Oct. 10-12, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 16-18, 7:30 p.m.

Oklahoma!

Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

Dec. 2-5, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 6-7, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Student Music

Fall Chamber Series

Nov. 5 & 7, 7:30 p.m.

December Jazz Concert

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

The Nights Before Christmas

(featuring performances from the Lindenwood University Music Department)

Dec. 5, 8 p.m.

Dec. 6, 3 p.m.

(Benefitting the Lindenwood University Arts Endowment)

Student Dance

Fall Dance Concert

Nov. 20-22, 7:30 p.m.

Total Artistry Endowment Growing

Alumni and Friends Step up to Leave Arts Legacy

The arts have a special power to communicate and bring people together. That's what Lindenwood University's fine and performing arts students discover today in degree programs from fashion to dance, classical music and Broadway musicals, and the studio arts to cutting edge work in graphic design. Lindenwood is also a vibrant artistic hub for our community that enjoys performances and speakers at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, fashion shows, and the beauty and culture in gallery exhibitions.

Building on Lindenwood's strong history in the liberal arts as well as today's rich art degree programs, the Lindenwood Board of Directors established a special endowment for the arts to support the continued quality of the programs. The endowment will fund in perpetuity things like arts student

scholarships, artist-in-residence programs, and special exhibits. Now in the final phase, the Total Artistry campaign still needs \$450,000 to reach completion. An engaging video about Lindenwood arts is at: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/giving/totalartistry.html>.

A part of the Total Artistry campaign and an initiative of Lindenwood alumnae is an endowed scholarship in the name of Professor Harry Hendren, a beloved and singular arts faculty member in the decades spanning 1950 through 1975. Scores of alumni have contributed to create this fund. Noted Mary Lou Durbin Stehr ('70), "Harry was larger than life—a wonderful man...totally dedicated to Lindenwood and cared deeply about students."

The Hendren Scholarship will be formally established at a ceremony on

campus during Homecoming on October 11, 2014.

For more information about the Total Artistry campaign or Lindenwood's arts programs, contact Dr. Susan Mangels (smangels@lindenwood.edu) in Institutional Advancement or Dean Joe Alsobrook (arts@lindenwood.edu) at the School of Fine and Performing Arts.

Check out our new arts video at www.lindenwood.edu/giving/totalartistry.html.

Lindenwood fine and performing arts students can study all aspects of the arts, including arts management.



Student Scholarship and Travel Funds-Can You Help?

Participation in hands-on scholarship is an important aspect as a student's education. Many students desire an opportunity to take part in research projects either as part of a class or in cooperation with a faculty member. They find that such opportunities assist them in being accepted to graduate school or getting that first position right out of school. Students across campus complete such studies, but financially, some run into roadblocks when invited to share the results of their research with the peers from other institutions.

One area in which research opportunities are common is in the School of Sciences. Historically, the faculty of the School of Sciences has supported student scholarship. Any research that required funding was either completed through independent grants or through the professors' own generosity. As with any good research, the results of these efforts were shared whenever possible through local conferences like the Missouri Academy of Sciences (MAS) or the Missouri

Undergraduate Psychology Conference. However, the travel and accommodation costs for some of events can be expensive. Kimberly Ruth Maxwell (BA BIO with Sec Ed Cert-'13) [pictured] participated in the 2012 MAS event, and she says that often shares her research experiences with her students. Patricia Bachler (BS CHM '12), who is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the University of Florida, says that the research experience gave her real exposure to what would be expected of her once she entered grad school.

Lindenwood has set up a fund to help talented students with the costs of attending off-campus events. Any student who is chosen to present at a conference is able to request up to \$300 as an undergraduate and \$500 as a graduate to cover conference and travel expenses. Professor Hollis Heyn, Department of English an alumna of Lindenwood University, recently donated to the student travel fund. She states that "I'm so glad that our students

have the opportunity for the kind of empowering experience this kind of participation affords. How exciting to know that scholars, teachers, and students from all over the U.S. and often the world have a community for exploration and conversation."

Dr. Michael Stein, Professor Sociology, also made a donation to the student travel fund. He stated, "Attending a conference is a valuable experience for students, especially those with aspirations for graduate school. Expenses, however, can be daunting. It is thus important for funds for travel be available. Any donations to such funds should be considered an investment in the participating students."

Are you, too, interested in helping Lindenwood students participate in conferences around the state and the nation, sharing the results of their research? If so, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement for more information. Thank you!

E y e o n L i n d e n w o o d



This nighttime photograph of the Spellmann Center Plaza with Calvert Rogers Hall visible to the left offers a look from the same location viewed by thousands from the campus webcam. Installed on the back of Cobbs Hall in cooperation with Fox 2 in St. Louis, the webcam is maintained by LUTV. Fox 2 uses a live shot from the webcam almost daily during weather reports, but the camera gets just as much use by alums all over the world checking in on their alma mater. You can check it out by going to www.lindenwood.edu and clicking on About Lindenwood, then multimedia, and then campus webcam.

Exciting Line-up is Set for 2014-15 Speaker Series

Lindenwood University's 2014-15 Speaker Series will feature six exciting and thought-provoking individuals, including the author of *Orange is the New Black* and actors Giancarlo Esposito and Kal Penn.

"For 2014-2015, the Lindenwood Speaker Series will be continuing its tradition of providing a mix of speakers on a range of scholarly issues and pop-culture topics," said Paul Huffman, coordinator of the series.

All events are free and open to the public, though some will require complimentary tickets for seating.

Piper Kerman



Piper Kerman

My Year in a Women's Prison

Sept. 9, 2014, 7 p.m., J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Kerman is author of the best-selling memoir *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, which has been adapted into an award-winning series on Netflix.

Lauren Drain

Banished: Surviving my Years in the Westboro Baptist Church

Oct. 21, 2014, 7 p.m., Spellmann Center,

Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

From 2001 to 2008, Drain was a member of the controversial Westboro Baptist Church but was excommunicated for questioning its beliefs and methods.

Bill Rosemann

Superheroes on and off the Page

Nov. 11, 2014, 7 p.m., Spellmann Center,

Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

An editor at Marvel Comics, Rosemann has worked on titles like Spider-Man, Captain America, and Iron Man.

Giancarlo Esposito

Television and Movie Actor

Feb. 18, 2015, 7 p.m., J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Esposito has worked on the stage and screen since childhood on shows like *Homicide: Life on the Streets*, *Breaking Bad*, and *Once Upon a Time*.

Jamie Tworkowski

Pain, Hope, Questions, and Community

March 3, 2015, 7 p.m., Spellmann Center, Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room



Giancarlo Esposito

In 2006, Tworkowski founded To Write Love on Her Arms, a nonprofit group dedicated to helping those who suffer from depression, addiction, and suicidal tendencies.

Kal Penn

Actor, Former White House Official

April 22, 2015, 7 p.m., venue TBD

Penn has starred in *House*, *24*, and a variety of films. He also served from 2009 to 2011 as the associate director at the White House Office of Public Engagement.

For more information, visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakerseries.

Saint Louis Alumni Club to Start in Metro Area

Lindenwood University alumni are over 40,000-strong nationwide, and with a 13.8 percent alumni participation rate, we know our alumni like to give back and be involved with their alma mater. Starting a Lindenwood alumni club is a way to get alumni in your area together for networking, fundraising, volunteering, and continued learning.

Darrion Phelps ('00 and '12) saw a need in the St. Louis area to start a Lindenwood Alumni Club.

"I'm hoping to bring alumni together in the St. Louis area for networking, learning opportunities, and social events," said Phelps. "There is a strong contingent of alumni in St. Louis, and an organized club will make the Lindenwood ties in St. Louis even stronger."

The club is currently looking for

members and alumni to fill board positions. Interested alumni and Lindenwood friends are encouraged to contact the Alumni

Relations Office at (636) 949-4975 or SaintLouis@alumni.lindenwood.edu.

Alumni Club Fashion Show September 20

The Saint Charles Alumni Club will host its 20th Annual Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser on September 20, 2014. Each year, the club raises money with its fashion show to fund two endowed scholarships for deserving Lindenwood students.

Held in the Spellmann Campus Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room, the fundraiser consists of a silent auction, luncheon, and fashion show. The fashions for the show are provided by Michelle's

and Thro's, a boutique shop on Main Street in St. Charles. Michelle's and Thro's owner, Bobbie Netsch, is a 1966 alumna and has volunteered her fashions for a number of years for the success of the show.

Last year, students from the Lindenwood Fashion Design Department showed off their original pieces during the silent auction and luncheon portion of the event as well.

For more information or reservations to the event, contact Alumni Relations at (636) 949-4420 or alumni@lindenwood.edu.



Family Weekend 2014

Thursday,
September 25,
through
Saturday,
September 27

Family Weekend gives families a chance to visit with their students on campus and take part in a number of fun activities.

Lindenwood to Welcome Families of Students to Campus

Lindenwood University will host its second annual Family Weekend on Thursday, September 25, to Saturday, September 27, 2014. Family Weekend is an opportunity for family members to visit their students and enjoy a variety of activities on campus. Parents, grandparents, and siblings are encouraged to attend to see what college life is like for Lindenwood students.

Families will be able to meet President James Evans as well as Lindenwood faculty and staff, attend sporting contests, attend fine arts performances, spend time with students on and off campus, take campus tours, and enjoy dining services on campus.

Alumni who currently have students on campus are encouraged to attend the Legacy Lineup on Thursday, September 25, during the football game; alumni and their students will be recognized on the field during halftime. To participate as an alumni parent, contact Elizabeth Wikoff, Director of Alumni Relations, at alumni@lindenwood.edu or (636) 949-4975.

For Family Weekend, the visitation policy will be 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. for guests under 18 in the on-campus housing facilities (this includes houses and residence halls) on Friday and Saturday only.

Here are just a few of the exciting things taking place on campus during Family Weekend:

Thursday, September 25, 2014

5 p.m.–8 p.m.

Check-in, Hunter Stadium



7 p.m.

LU Lions vs. Missouri Western Griffons; this game will be nationally televised on the CBS Sports Network at Hunter Stadium; alumni parents join us at halftime on the field to be recognized in the Legacy Lineup.

Friday, September 26, 2014

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Check-in, Spellmann Center

12 p.m.–3 p.m.

Students Take Your Parents to Class (lab courses not included)

12 p.m.–5 p.m.

Campus tours, leaving from the Welcome Center

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Ice cream social, Spellmann Center Patio

5:30 p.m.

Men's rugby, Hunter Stadium

7 p.m.

Women's ice hockey, Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville

7 p.m.

Film Series—*The Lego Movie*, Young Hall

7:30 p.m.

Men's rugby, Hunter Stadium

Saturday, September 27, 2014

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Check-in, Spellmann Center

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Business Expo and LU Expo, Spellmann Center

11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Brunch, Spellmann Center

2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Kids Corner, Spellmann Center Patio

2 p.m.

Men's soccer, Hunter Stadium

3 p.m.

Women's ice hockey, Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville

4 p.m.–9 p.m.

International Festival, Evans Commons lawn and Hyland Arena

7 p.m.

Film Series—*Peter Pan*, Young Hall

8 p.m.

Dick Fox's Golden Boys, Lindenwood Theater at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts SOLD OUT

Alumni Picnic Enjoyed by Alumni, Family, and Friends

The 7th Annual Alumni Picnic took place Saturday, June 14, 2014, in the historic part of campus. At the pavilion, alumni, friends, faculty, and families came together and enjoyed a family picnic out in the quad.

Attendees enjoyed games such as sack races and tug of war, and a “Moon Walk for Moon Pies” game presented by Hendrick’s BBQ, and Lollipop the balloon artist made kids their favorite balloon creations. The Broken Hipsters, a local band, played in the gazebo, and the ice cream man made an appearance, delivering delicious ice cream treats on the beautiful afternoon.

The alumni picnic takes place every June on the Heritage Campus. If you didn’t make it to the 2014 picnic, be sure to make plans to attend Saturday, June 13, 2015.



Betsy LeDoux ('63 and '91) with grandchildren Maggie, age 14, Ella, age 7, and Grace, age 13.

Alums Assume Vice President Roles at Lindenwood

Lindenwood University has two new vice presidents on campus, but they are by no means new to the institution. And they’re both alumni.

President James D. Evans created the new position of Vice President for Enrollment Management and appointed 15-year Lindenwood veteran Dr. Joe Parisi to the position. Parisi most recently had served as Director of Day Admissions.

In addition, Evans selected Dr. Ryan Guffey as Vice President for Student Development and Global Affairs to replace

the retiring John Oldani. Guffey has served as Assistant Vice President for Student Development and Special Projects for the last seven years.

“Considering Ryan’s vast administrative and international experience, we have every reason to expect both Student Development and our international programs to continue to advance with him at the helm,” said Evans.

Guffey holds a bachelor’s degree and an MBA from Lindenwood, as well as a master’s in international relations from Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and a PhD in higher education administration and leadership from Saint Louis University.

In his new role, Guffey will oversee Career Development, Chaplain, Dean of Students, Freshman Experience, Health Center, Housing, Greek Life, International Students & Scholars, Intramurals, Security and Public Safety, Student Life and Leadership, Student Life Sports, Veteran Affairs, and Work and Learn.

Parisi, who earned his EdD at Lindenwood, will oversee both day and evening admissions and is well on the way to “working on a comprehensive approach to integrating Lindenwood’s marketing, recruitment, retention, pricing, and financial aid strategies.”

“In an era when Lindenwood has become one of the larger independent universities in the Midwest region, it became clear that we would need to install a strong, experienced



Dr. Ryan Guffey ('02 and '03)

leader to oversee, integrate, and coordinate our diverse admissions program and officers,” said Evans. “Dr. Joe Parisi has the necessary background and drive to take our recruitment of quality students to the next level and beyond, and I personally have the utmost confidence in him in this larger role.”

Besides working in university administration, Parisi has taught in Lindenwood’s School of Business and he also served as Director of the American Humanics Program. He is the most successful wrestling coach in Lindenwood history. Parisi stepped down as wrestling coach in 2010 to focus on his admissions duties.

Dr. Joe Parisi ('96 and '11)



'70s

Harriet Ross Jardine ('70) studied abroad in Athens, Greece, during her junior year, where she continued her education to obtain her master's degree in counseling psychology. She returned from Greece in 1974 and completed her PhD, after which she became a counseling psychologist at California State University for nine years. She worked for two years as an associate vice president for student affairs at Central Washington University and will be retiring this month.

'80s

Louis Launer ('86) published his first novel, *Rurals and Townies*, in April 2014. He held his first public book signing at the Frenchtown Heritage Museum on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

'90s

Bryan Binkholder ('93) is a nationally recognized speaker and author and "America's motivational mindset and leadership coach." Binkholder is a founding member of the John Maxwell Certified Leadership Program and was named Award-Winning Speaker in 2011 and 2012 by the American Academy of Speakers. He has been married for over 17 years and has four children.

Carie Lewis, PHR ('97) is the human resources manager for BioMerieux, a French biotech company in St. Louis.

Dave Hertog ('98) received his master's degree in business at Lindenwood University after joining the military and the FBI Academy's Special Tactical Firearms School. He was recruited for investigations by McDonnell Aircraft. He then chose to continue his education with a course in international terrorism at the U.S. Air Force Special Operations in Florida.

Mark Smith ('99) was promoted to lieutenant of the Clayton Police Department. Smith is a 15-year veteran of the Clayton Police Department and is the recipient of 24 awards, commendations, and letters of appreciation. He has been assigned as a platoon commander in the Fields Operations Bureau.

'00s

Melvin Bishop ('00) was selected to be principal of Duello Elementary School for the 2014-15 school year. He has been the principal at Stephen Blackhurst Elementary in St. Charles for the past three years. Prior to that, he served as the principal of Harris Elementary School in St. Charles from 2004 to 2011.

Robert McInturf ('00) is the executive director of the University of North Texas Alumni Association.

Laura (Albert) Bennett-Smith ('01) is the executive director of the Friends of the Missouri Governor's Mansion. Bennett-Smith has three children and is married to Tony Smith. She and her family reside in Jefferson City, Mo.

Charles Eatherton ('03) was married on May 31, 2014, to Allison (Prost) Eatherton.

Jennifer (Gasper) Henry ('03) was named communications manager at the Francis Howell School District.

Jason Spurgeon ('03 and '12) and his wife, Rachel, had their third child, Sebastian Edward, on July 7, 2014. The couple and their other daughters, Charlotte and Adelaide, reside in St. Charles, Mo.

Dr. Wade Steinhoff ('04) was named assistant superintendent of curriculum and development at the Orchard Farm School District. He was previously principal at Orchard Farm Middle School since July 2011. Prior to his service at Orchard Farm Middle School, he was assistant principal at Hazelwood Central Middle School and an assistant principal and a teacher at Kirby Middle School and Hazelwood East Middle School.

Jessica (Bolten) Cozart ('05) works as an attorney at Sutterfield. Cozart and her husband, Jeremy, reside in New Orleans with their son, Cooper.

Michelle (Ciesla)

Connelly ('03 & '05) is a Director of Strategic Sales, of WebMD Health Services, a subsidiary of WebMD Health Corp., the leading provider of health information services for consumers, healthcare professionals, employers, and health plans. Since January 2013, Connelly has worked with large employers to help them develop health and wellness programs to guide and motivate their employees to make better health and benefits decisions, positively change health behavior, and live healthier lives. She is responsible for new sales development and the execution of new business growth in the employer segment.

She started her career in human resources and benefits administration, switching to sales. When everyone was getting into pharmaceutical and medical device sales, she took the new and unknown direction of "wellness."



"Today, I am able to work for a company that is passionate about healthy habits, informed decisions, and inspiring life improvements—and delivering it all in a single experience customized to the employer and their specific culture," said Connelly.

Connelly is a St. Charles local and the first in her family to attend and graduate college.

"I knew Lindenwood would allow me to pursue the education I wanted, which I knew was necessary to accomplish my long term-goals," said Connelly.

She said she appreciated and still values the education, teacher interaction, and class requirements to obtain her degree; she feels Lindenwood successfully guided her through the process. Connelly has been married to Nick Connelly since December 2007; they met on campus in 2001. Both obtained their undergraduate and graduate degrees from Lindenwood and now reside in O'Fallon, Mo., with their dogs and cat.

Denise Currier ('05) has retired after her 38-year career in education.

Kendra (Kallestad) Nowak ('05) is married to alumnus Brad Nowak ('06). The couple had its second child, Kari Paige, on May 5, 2014. The couple and their two daughters reside in St. Charles, Mo.

Marie (Major) Rantz ('05) was married on September 21, 2013, to Harold E. Rantz III. The couple resides in South St. Louis City, Mo.

Laura Helling ('06) was named director of development for Wings of Hope, a St. Louis-based humanitarian organization that works on an international scope to lift people out of poverty.

Brian Valenta ('06), a member of the Professional Bowlers Association, has had a successful career thus far. He had three top-10 finishes heading into this season, with his best effort, fifth, coming at the 2011 Chameleon Open. A USA Junior Team member in 2003 and 2005, he also led Lindenwood University to the 2005 Intercollegiate title and won the singles championship the next year.

David Cayce ('08) will be married on September 19, 2014, to Phylcia Graham. Cayce is currently a business analyst for Express Scripts, St. Louis.

Stewart Glenn ('08) was promoted to Captain of the Clayton Police Department. Glenn is a graduate of the 229th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

National Academy, is a 25-year veteran of the Clayton Police Department, and has received 50 awards, commendations, and letters of appreciation. He has been named commander of field operations.

Aaron Robinson ('08) was named the new vice president of outpatient and wellness services for Health First.

Valencia Cox ('09) received her Doctor of Education in pastoral community counseling from Argosy University this past February. Her dissertation was titled "The Relationship Between Religion and Attitude Towards Suicide in African American Adult Males."

Rachel Lamp ('09 & '10) completed her undergraduate degree and MBA at Lindenwood University. She began her career at Lindenwood in 2012 as the special project coordinator in the Institutional Advancement Office and accepted a position earlier this year at Washington University in St. Louis as program coordinator—K12 clinical oncology, KM1 comparative effectiveness research, and KL2 career development programs.

'10s

Michael Bates ('12) now works as the human resources manager at United Services in St. Louis, Mo.

Lauren Bosecker ('12) is now the Interim Executive Director at Five Acres Animal Shelter in St. Charles, Mo.

Courtney Denton ('12) ran in the Aug. 5, 2014, primary for Missouri's 3rd Congressional District, and will represent the Democratic party in the November general election.

Stephen Graveman ('12) will be married on September 13, 2014, to Melissa Kathman. Graveman is currently a brand publicity specialist for Enterprise Holdings Inc.

Morgan Harrington ('12) has been named assistant women's basketball coach at Lindenwood University. Harrington will be the recruiting coordinator and will work with the Lady Lion guards.

Krysta March ('12) has accepted a position with Boeing University Relations.

Widler Casy ('13) is in graduate school at Mizzou.

Blake Fahmie ('13), the award-winning trap and skeet shooter, is aiming at the 2020 Olympics. A member of three national championship teams at LU, he served as the team's assistant coach while completing his graduate degree.

Ryan Griffin ('13) was promoted to senior account manager at Switched on Media in Australia.

Brandon Hudson ('13) played Benjamin

in a traveling production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*. Hudson has also performed on the Muny Stage and in a traveling production of *West Side Story* in Europe.

Courtney Kassabuam ('13) is currently in a nursing program at Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College.

Nathan Laupp ('13) accepted the position of cardiovascular diagnostic specialist at LipoScience.

Lesley Wetter ('13) will be married to Daniel Clark in June 2015.

Tonya (Stephenson) Wolf ('13) is the assistant general manager for Travel Centers of America. Wolf resides in Belleville, Ill., with her husband and daughter.

Martino Britt ('14) works for Enterprise Holdings Inc. in the risk management accounting field.

Court Buchanan ('14) was offered the position of manager of spiritual care at Visiting Nurse Service of New York, a large hospice in Manhattan. Buchanan says that his nonprofit administration degree "sealed the deal" in getting him this position. He supervises between 12 to 15 hospice chaplains.

Pierre Desir ('14) was drafted to the NFL by the Cleveland Browns this May. Desir is the first player in the history of Lindenwood's program to be taken in the NFL Draft. In two seasons at Lindenwood, Desir registered 172 tackles, 27 passes defended, 25 interceptions, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and three sacks. He was the defensive player of the year in the MIAA and a two-time NCAA Division II All-American. In 2013, Desir was named the inaugural winner of the Cliff Harris Award, honoring the nation's top small-college defensive player.

Michael Failoni ('14) joined the Lake Erie Crushers of the Frontier Baseball League in Avon, Ohio.

Renee Hase ('14) is a car sales accounting assistant at Enterprise Holdings. Hase resides in O'Fallon Mo.

Brian Kirton ('14) was named an assistant principal at Jefferson Intermediate and Hardin Middle School.

Faculty/Staff

Brett Barger ('93) has been named Associate Vice President for Operations and Finance for Lindenwood University. Previously Dean of Evening and Graduate Admissions, Barger started the new post on May 1, 2014.

Cynthia Bice, EdD ('91), Dean of the Lindenwood University School of Education, received the Educator of the Year Award from the St. Louis Association

of Secondary Principals.

President James D. Evans, PhD, was chosen as the inaugural 2014 Boy Scouts of America Community for Scouting Award recipient. Evans was selected for demonstrating leadership in the community through his efforts to promote the values of scouting.

John A. Henschke, EdD, Lindenwood University Chair and Associate Professor of Andragogy, presented a living lecture, "Applying Andragogical Principles to Corporate Functioning," on June 26, 2014.

Angela da Silva ('10), adjunct instructor in American studies, participated in the reenactment of Mary Meachum's attempted crossing of the Mississippi River. It marked the 159th anniversary of Meachum's attempt at freedom from the slave state of Missouri. The point of Meachum's crossing has been designated a national Underground Railroad site—the first in Missouri.

Jeffrey Smith, PhD, professor of geography and history at Lindenwood University and history re-enactor, portrayed Andrew Carnegie in the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Carnegie Library, discussing how to become a millionaire.

In Memoriam

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

Jean (Pattee) MacDonald ('33)
Ingrid (Aspegren) Poore ('35)
Lou Dickey (Baucus) Farr ('40)
Ruth (Schrader) Arft ('42)
Elaine (Anderson) Fellowes ('43)
Louise (Austin) Johnson ('44)
Jeanne Elizabeth (Dresden) Rainey ('45)
Edna Mary (Jacobson) Richardson ('45)
Dorothy (Lowe) Stoesz ('45)
Glendora (Raasch) Nordle ('46)
Jayne (Collins) Ladd ('51)
Diana (Sherwood) Rinehart ('51)
Dorothy (Profrock) Cole ('55)
Sharmion Simpson ('55)
Gloria (Bursey) Slykhouse ('55)
Evyln (Italiano) Clapp ('57)
Marilyn (Aldridge) Harkins ('58)
Virginia (Wilson) Terry ('59)
Mary Kay (Halm) Salyers ('60)
JoAnn (Bland) Finley ('63)
Kathryn (Baldus) Mourot ('64)
Patricia Ann Jenkins ('67)
Anita Faye (Scheneman) Wicht ('67)
Dorothy (Cantrell) Teas ('78)
Mary Evelyn (Martin) O'Neill ('78)
Mary Bredenberg ('87)



Gettemeier Models 'Contributing to Something Greater'

By RUSSELL KORANDO

Hardin Middle School began changing the minute Ed Gettemeier ('12) was hired to be principal in 2009.

Gettemeier's reputation as a disciplinarian was put to the test, but by the end of Gettemeier's first year, discipline referrals were cut in half.

"There was a sense there were safety issues here, or fighting was acceptable," said Gettemeier who received his EdD ('12) and Education Specialist ('08) and was honored in 2013 by the university with the Alvin M. Francis Award in Educational Leadership.

In 2012, Hardin became a partner with the St. Charles County Juvenile Detention Alternative Division and formed its own Teen Court. Students who commit serious infractions at Hardin avoid juvenile court by going before a panel of their peers, who determine sentencing.

Initiatives like Teen Court and Gettemeier's vision of a community that is self-supporting were among the reasons he was selected in February as the Missouri Middle School Principal of the Year. Gettemeier was selected by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals out of more than 400 middle school

educators for the award.

With Hardin students learning in a safer more structured environment, the school and campus grounds are undergoing an overhaul this summer. Thanks to the passage of Proposition S by city voters in April, more than \$1 million is being spent on renovations at Hardin and Blackhurst Elementary School. A new HVAC system is being installed at Hardin, along with more than 40 security cameras and a key-card system at the school's main points of entry.

There are approximately 760 seventh- and eighth-grade students at Hardin. Gettemeier said the culture has changed at the school because the students have taken a proactive approach to maintaining good relations between themselves.

"Dr. Gettemeier has modeled for students and staff a work ethic that is second to none," said Dr. Jeff Marion, St. Charles School District superintendent.

Most of the student teachers at Hardin are from Lindenwood, Gettemeier said. Many athletes from the University participate in Get Fit With the Lions, where they have lunch with students at Hardin, or invite them to the games on campus. During Gettemeier's tenure, Hardin started the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Coalition.

Volunteers from the coalition built a shed on school grounds that holds donated items for people in need.

"We're trying to give people in the community tools so they're not living crisis to crisis," Gettemeier said. "We're here for lots of reasons, and education is at the top of that priority list. But we're also here to mold young people to get ready to be contributors to something greater."

Before joining Hardin, Gettemeier was activities director and associate principal at Francis Howell North High School for eight years. Gettemeier won an NCAA soccer championship as a player for Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and played professional soccer for 10 years in Montreal, St. Louis and Kansas City. Gettemeier played goalkeeper for the St. Louis Steamers during their peak in the 1980s. In 2011, he was inducted into the St. Louis Professional Soccer Hall of Fame.

Gettemeier will be an adjunct instructor at Lindenwood this fall. He will teach a class in public and community relations on Wednesday evenings.

"I've been very blessed with my career," he said. "I loved what I did as a soccer player. I love what I do now. I love working with teachers. It makes for a pretty fun life."

Hall of Fame Class to be Inducted October 10

The eighth Lindenwood University Sports Hall of Fame class will officially be inducted on Oct. 10 at the school's annual Hall of Fame banquet. Five individuals and two teams will take their place that evening with the other greats in Lindenwood athletics history.

Four student-athletes are being inducted this year: track and field's Illiyan Chamov and Fabian Florant, shooting's Sean McLelland, and baseball's Ryan Shockley. Chamov and Florant were both NAIA individual champions,

McLelland represented Lindenwood at the 2008 Olympics, and Shockley led the Lindenwood baseball team to four straight 40-win seasons.

Dan Kratzer is being inducted for meritorious service after being Lindenwood's football coach and athletics director from 1995-2001. He led the Lindenwood football team to its first national tournament appearance. As athletics director, Lindenwood won 39 conference titles and the first national championship in school history.

The two teams being inducted are the 2009 men's hockey and 2009 men's volleyball programs. Both of those teams won national championships.

For more information on the Sports Hall of Fame banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Lisa Hundelt at lhundelt@lindenwood.edu.



Sean McLelland

Hockey Programs to Launch in Belleville

The Lindenwood-Belleville hockey programs are set to get their inaugural season underway. Under the direction of men's coach Lindsey Middlebrook and women's coach Craig Buntenbach, both teams will play their home games at the St. Louis Ice Zone located in Hazelwood, Missouri. The men will open their season at home against Saint Louis University September 26. The women's schedule has yet to be released.

With this being the inaugural season, recruiting has been the focal point for both coaches in the off-season. Middlebrook has locked in 16 players, while Buntenbach has brought in 12 thus far.

Middlebrook and the men's team have had an impressive initial recruiting class, acquiring players from Minnesota, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois, as well as Canada and Sweden. Buntenbach has gone abroad as well, signing four players from Canada, and Firth Bidois, a goalie from New Zealand. Courtney Hoke, of Festus, Missouri, signed her letter of intent on January 27 and was the first recruit signed by Buntenbach for the women's team. On the men's side, Brendan Evanoff of Triad was the first recruit signed by Middlebrook and he signed on March 4.

While other sports at Lindenwood-Belleville are transitioning to play in the American Midwest Conference for the 2014-15 athletic season, both hockey teams will be competing in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

The inaugural season is shaping up to be a special one for the Lynx, as both rosters are full of potential with players that have come together to build something new.



Lindenwood members of the Lions over-60 baseball team include (from left) Joe Cernik, Don Heidenrich, Andy Thomason, David Arns, Don Loberg, Pat Sullivan, and (not pictured) Bill Vahle and Terry Russell.

Over-60 Baseball Team Looks to Expand

By CHRIS DUGGAN

The early summer evening at the Lou Brock Sports Complex is filled with the "crack, crack" of batting practice and the ripe pop of ball hitting glove as the Lindenwood Lions prepare for another game. These Lions, though, have some silver in their manes.

Organized by Professor Joe Cernik, Lindenwood began fielding a team this year in the 60-and-older division of the St. Louis Baseball Forever League—a local affiliate of the national Roy Hobbs League. On Monday nights, the team played 14 games this summer in a four-team division, all of them at the Lou Brock Sports Complex.

The roster includes several Lindenwood figures, including professors Cernik, Don Heidenreich, Andy Thomason, David Arns, and Bill Vahle, as well as softball coach Don Loberg, Dean of Students Terry Russell, and Board of Directors member Pat Sullivan.

Cernik said he expects the division to expand to six teams next season. He wants to shoot for a 20-game schedule and

grow the team from the inside with more Lindenwood people, including alumni.

"You don't necessarily have to have played on Lindenwood's baseball team in the 1970s, but that would be nice," Cernik said. "We are interested in those that want to play good competitive baseball—with wooden bats."

Interested players should contact Cernik at (636) 949-4810 or jcernik@lindenwood.edu. The team practices weekly during the summer months and indoors in cold weather; anyone who wants to try it may practice with the team, he said.

Watching for a few minutes, it is easy to see how these Lions enjoy what they do. With twilight coming on and cicadas buzzing, Arns pauses in warming up his throwing arm and takes in the scene—his teammates taking practice swings and deftly scooping grounders and shooting them across the diamond. In the dugout, Heidenreich fiddles with the stitching on a glove he has had since he was in high school.

"There's nothing like this game," Arns says with a smile. "Nothing."

Football to Play National Champs at Homecoming

The Lindenwood football team has the opportunity in 2014 to make a name at the national level. The Lions will have a nationally-televised game, as well as two others against two of the last three NCAA Division II National Champions. All three of those games will be played at Hunter Stadium as Lindenwood will play the toughest home schedule in program history.

CBS Sports Network will be in town on Thursday, Sept. 25, for Lindenwood's 7 p.m. game against Missouri Western. It will be the second nationally-televised game in program history for the Lions, and it will be shown on a channel which is available to 99 million homes across the United States.

Lindenwood's home opener is also on a Thursday night with a Sept. 11 game against Pittsburg State, the 2011 National Champions. The Lions are 1-1 against the Gorillas over the last two years. Homecoming will take place on Oct. 11 with a contest against Northwest Missouri, the defending NCAA DII national champs. Other home games include an Oct. 25 game with Missouri Southern, and Senior Day on Nov. 8 against Central Oklahoma.

Lindenwood hopes it is up for the challenging schedule as it returns 17 starters from last year's squad, including nine on offense. Every skill player is back led by last year's team offensive MVP, wide receiver Jaron Alexander. Alexander and second-team all-MIAA Alex Robinson were one of the best wideout duos in the MIAA last year as they combined for



Linebacker Connor Harris, who lead the team in tackles as a freshman, will be back this fall after missing much of 2013 with a shoulder injury.

88 receptions for 1,238 yards and nine touchdowns.

Defensively, the Lions return eight starters, including the top two tackles from 2013 in Clint Koons and A.J. Chappelle. The biggest boost to the defense though will be the return of Connor Harris, who was injured most of last season. Harris is averaging nearly 11 tackles a game in his career and will provide leadership for the defensive unit.

2014 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 4	at Washburn	6 p.m.
Sept. 11	Pittsburg State (Kan.)	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Fort Hays State (Kan.)	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Missouri Western	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Emporia State (Kan.)	2 p.m.
Oct. 11	Northwest Missouri	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Nebraska-Kearney	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Missouri Southern	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Central Missouri	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Central Oklahoma	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Northeastern State (Okla.)	1 p.m.

Hutter Gets Soccer Hall of Fame Nod

Lindenwood men's soccer head coach Carl Hutter, one of the top coaches in Lindenwood history, will receive a major honor this fall when he is inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame.

The St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame was established in 1971 and honors the top personalities that have made the city one of the top soccer towns in the United States. The Hall of Fame is one of the most prestigious city soccer Hall of Fames, with 29 honorees also being enshrined in the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

Hutter has been a collegiate soccer for 33 seasons, including 32 as a head coach. He has made Lindenwood his coaching home

for the last 20 years and has established one of the top sports programs at the school.

Since moving to the NCAA level, Hutter has led the men's soccer program to a 43-11-6 record, and it has won two MIAA regular season championships and two MIAA tournament championships. Last year, the Lions were ranked No. 1 in the country at the end of the regular season, and won the school's first NCAA Regional Championship.

Prior to moving to the NCAA, Hutter had one of the top program's in the NAIA, including winning the 2004 NAIA National Championship.

Hutter hopes to reach two coaching milestones this upcoming season as he is just six wins away from his 300th career triumph at Lindenwood, and 11 wins away from his 400th overall career victory.



Lindenwood soccer coach Carl Hutter, center, talks with his assistants during a 2013 game.



Lindenwood-Belleville football coach Jeff Fisher addresses the Lynx, who will finally have a conference home this fall.

Belleville Football Has Six Games at Home

The Lindenwood-Belleville football team is gearing up for its third season of competition this fall under the direction of Head Coach Jeff Fisher. Fisher has compiled an 8-13 record over the first two seasons and looks to build momentum in the Lynx final year as an NAIA independent.

In 2015, the Lynx will take part in the Mid States Football Conference for the first time.

The Lynx open the season on Thursday September 4 when they host NCAA Division II Quincy University. This will be

the first Thursday night game in program history. The Lynx are slated to have six home games this season, including a September 27 matchup with first year program Missouri Baptist.

The men's soccer team finished the 2013 campaign with a 12-6-2 record and look to build on that success playing in the American Midwest Conference (AMC) for the first time. September 16th the Lynx will travel to Batesville, Ark., to take on Lyon College in the first conference game of the season. The Lynx will play 12 of their 17 games this season at home. This fall

the Lady Lynx women's soccer team will also be taking part in the AMC for the first time. The Lady Lynx open their conference schedule on September 3rd when they travel to Lyon College.

In 2013, the women's volleyball team picked up the most wins in program history under the direction of first year Head Coach Justin Wells. Wells looks to lead the Lady Lynx to a spot in the AMC Conference Tournament for the first time this season. The Lady Lynx kickoff their season August 22nd with a trip to Shawnee, Okla., to take part in the Oklahoma Baptist Tournament.



Melissa Menchella, right, returns in 2014 as an offensive team leader. She was one of the NCAA's Elite 89 Award winners in the spring. The Elite 89 Award is given to the student-athlete with the highest GPA at a Final Four site.

Women's Lacrosse Continues To Make History Menchella Receives NCAA Elite 89 Award

The Lindenwood women's lacrosse team is no stranger to making history, and the 2014 season was no exception. Jack Cribbin's program became the first NCAA Division II women's lacrosse program west of the Mississippi River to make the NCAA Division II Tournament field. The Lady Lions then earned a spot in the NCAA semifinals, becoming the first Lindenwood program to advance to the finals site of an NCAA Tournament.

The program went 14-3 in the regular season and won its third straight conference championship. Lindenwood was rewarded for its great year by receiving an NCAA tournament bid as the No. 4 seed in the South Region. Most teams would have been happy making the tournament field in their

first season of eligibility, but not the Lady Lions. Lindenwood upset No. 1 Limestone in the first round by a 14-8 score, and nearly advanced to the championship game. In the semifinals against Lock Haven, the two teams played a classic contest that went into overtime before Lindenwood fell 10-9.

Individuals on the team received numerous accolades at the end of the season, including the first three NCAA All-Americans in program history. One of the biggest honors was Melissa Menchella winning the Elite 89 award. That NCAA award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championship events.

Busy Fall will be Highlighted by Family Weekend, Homecoming

Summer of 2014 brought us glorious weather. Alums enjoyed a beautiful day of food and fun at the annual Alumni Picnic held June 14 on the heritage campus and celebrated at Busch Stadium in August.

As the summer fades, fall will arrive quickly. Students are returning to campus to start the school term and alumni welcomed the incoming freshmen at an old-fashioned ice cream social held on the front lawn of the President's home.

From September 25-27, Lindenwood will host Family Weekend. Families with generations of Lindenwood alumni and students will be recognized in the Legacy Lineup during the Lindenwood Lions football game on Thursday night,



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September 25. If you are unable to be here in person, you can watch the nationally televised game and cheer on your Lions and fellow alums on the CBS Sports Network.

We look forward to seeing many of our alums return to St. Charles for our annual Homecoming and Reunion October 10-11. See the calendar of activities and other info on centerspread of this edition of *Connection*. Alumni events will kick off with a reception on Friday evening, October 10, in the VIP Room at the Hyland Arena. This is your chance to catch up with former classmates, dorm-mates, friends, and professors.

Alumni are invited to join us at the Spellmann Center for Breakfast with the President on Saturday morning, October 11. We will formally honor the 50-year class of 1964 at this event. The breakfast also will mark one of the last opportunities many alumni may have to gather with President and Mrs. Evans as President Evans announced his retirement effective at the end of May. We are grateful for his stewardship and guidance of our alma mater over the last eight years. We will

miss Jim and Lois (who is a Lindenwood alum) and wish them all the best in this next phase of their lives.

Also on Saturday, Professor Harry Hendren, a beloved art professor for over 25 years, will be remembered at a memorial in McCluer Hall. Harry was a special presence and influence on campus from 1950 to 1975. His passion for great artwork continues to resonate with his former students who are working to launch an endowed scholarship to honor his memory.

Football and tailgating will highlight Homecoming and Reunion on the Belleville campus on October 25. A networking event is planned at The Edge in Belleville that evening.

I look forward to seeing you at an LU event soon!

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President, Alumni Association



Join Us at Homecoming

Harry Hendren was a beloved art professor at Lindenwood from 1950 until his death in 1975. He had a profound influence over the lives of many Lindenwood students. A campaign is currently underway to endow a scholarship in Harry's name. This year at Homecoming, on Saturday, October 11, 2014, a special dedication will be held to honor Harry's memory, and we invite you to attend. To donate to this scholarship, contact Donna Baber at (636) 949-4532 or dbaber@lindenwood.edu.

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