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Butler Society members also receive a special commemorative gift and lapel pin when they establish membership or elevate to a new society giving level.

Our goal of becoming the next great learner-centric university is possible thanks to the support of the over 125 members of the Butler Society whose generosity and example is an inspiration to the entire Lindenwood community.

Learn more about the Butler Society and the many other giving societies at Lindenwood University by contacting Assistant Vice President for Advancement Brian Brunner at bbrunner@lindenwood.edu or by calling (636) 949-4903.



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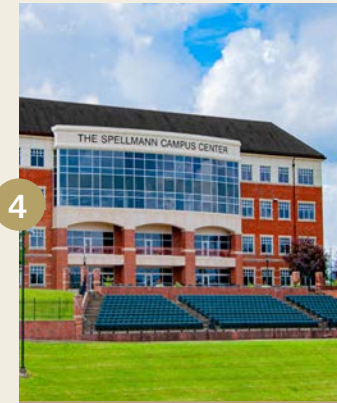


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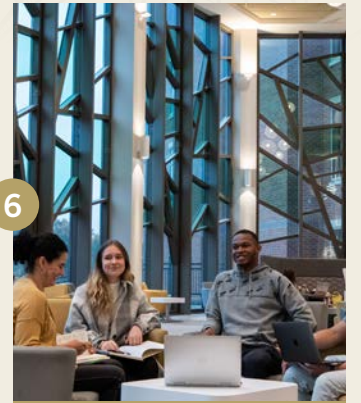
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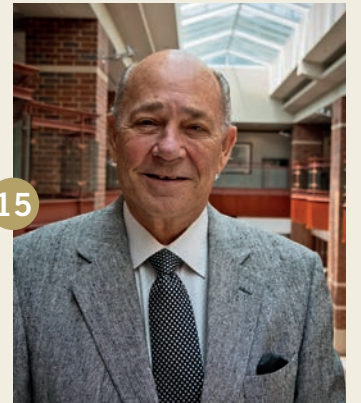
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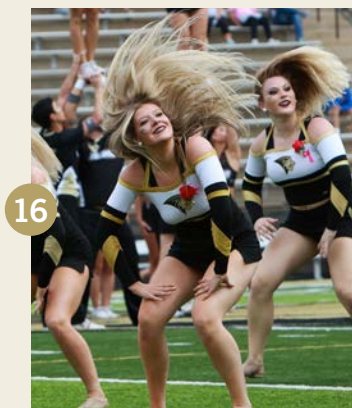
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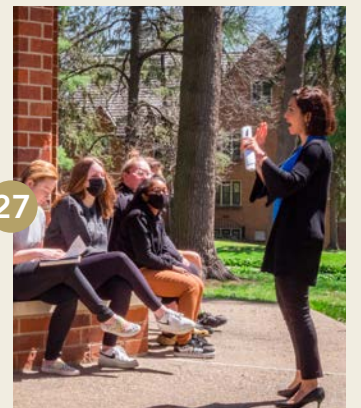
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Letter from the PRESIDENT

Lindenwood Friends,

When my wife Beverly and I started our journey with Lindenwood, we were keenly aware of the University's deep-seeded history and the many legacies established. From its earliest foundation of educating women in the 1800s, Lindenwood has served as a place for inclusive learning and an environment in which all are welcome. As the University grew from a college, the legacies of our alumni enhanced the future of the institution.

Scholarships, buildings, programs, and resources grew from the kindness and generosity of passionate graduates and their families and continue to enrich the campus community we know today.

Lindenwood University would be incomplete without the legacies of our graduates and past employees, who have laid the foundation for our future. As the University continues to grow, we are humbled by the magnitude of our established legacies and the bright path that lies ahead.

We look forward to sharing a small collection of these stories with you and hope you will visit us on campus in the near future.

Sincerely,

JOHN R. PORTER, ED.D.
President, Lindenwood University



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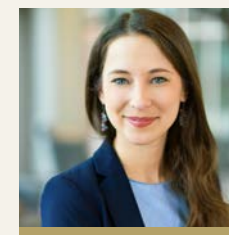


LEGACY GRANT

Are you ready to share your Lindenwood legacy with the next generation of learners? The Lindenwood University Legacy Grant encourages a family tradition of enrollment and recognizes those traditions through this grant.

Established in Fall 2021, new students are eligible for the Legacy Grant dependent on at least one direct lineage to a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who graduated from Lindenwood.

This \$1,000 per year award is stackable for undergraduate students and offered as a per credit hour discount for graduate and non-traditional students. For more information about the Legacy Grant, please contact admissions@lindenwood.edu.



LINDENWOOD LEGACIES

*By Julee Mitsler, MA | Assistant Vice President,
Communications and University Spokesperson*

As we started thinking about this edition of The Lindenwood, the department kept coming back to the idea of legacy and how we'd choose to define the theme. I've always thought of legacies as something we leave behind and how we are remembered. But what if legacies are, in fact, products for the future? Not what's behind us but instead how we prepare our communities for a more prosperous and successful outlook.

In my role, I have the unique position of hearing countless stories from students, colleagues, alumni, and friends. And I am inspired by the passion with which Lions of all generations speak about their fierce devotion to the University.

Throughout the pages of this edition, Lindenwood is proud to share a collection of legacies—stories highlighting the ways in which Lions are laying the foundation to promote future growth and help others thrive.

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JULEE MITSLER

Pouring RAINS

FEATURE STORY



SCIENCE STUDENTS LEAVE INTERNATIONAL IMPACTS

By Phoebe Pinkner | University Photographer/Videographer

Associate Professor of Earth Sciences Dr. Ana Londono had an idea in 2021—one that felt almost too far-fetched to be possible. She wanted to initiate a service-learning project where students would connect with a rural community in Latin America, meet virtually with the locals, learn about the environmental challenges they faced, propose an action plan to remedy those issues, and empower students to affect positive change in the world. This is precisely what happened in the 2022 spring semester.

For many students in Londono's Fundamentals of Environmental Science class, this was their first time engaging with the subject. Londono contacted the NGO Global Bergade, whose facilitators connected her students with the rural community La Palma in southern Honduras.

When the student participation costs were shown to be higher than expected, Associate Provost for Engaged Learning Dr. Mark Valenzuela found the money necessary to ensure each of Londono's students were able to engage in the project.

Once the service-learning began, students quickly learned La Palma had a strong sense of community and belonging, low crime rates, strong leadership, and awareness of their most pressing issues. These included lack of jobs, clean water, sanitation, transportation, and education. "...All these things I take for granted on a daily basis. I was so grateful to learn about [La Palma's] challenges, and I can now use this experience to ground myself," student Saskia Fuchs said. "We all get stuck in our own problems and thoughts from time to time, forgetting how lucky we are and how privileged our issues are."

Over the course of the semester, Londono's students were forced out of their comfort zones by communicating in Spanish, confronting real-world environmental issues, and drafting sustainable solutions for a community thousands of miles away.

"This was an amazing learning experience in so many ways... it has shaped the way I see the world," said student Ella Dishong.

Global Brigades facilitators recommended the students meet a need of the community and present them with the relevant tools, empowering La Palma to solve the issue themselves. This approach was designed to ensure the community's long-term self-sufficiency.

"Even with the language barrier and extra hours we encountered, there was a community that relied on us, so we had to make it work," Londono stated.

At the end of the project, the students created a community action plan and presented it to La Palma's community leaders, not knowing if they would accept it or not. The students presented it not as a solution that would solve all their issues, but as a course of action that could improve the locals' quality of life in a multitude of ways.

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SASKIA FUCHS

FEATURE STORY





The plan focused on La Palma establishing committees and utilizing reforestation to improve their living situation. By planting trees in and around their community, La Palma was better positioned to gain water accessibility, shadier areas for humans and livestock, increased firewood stores, less erosion, and future job prospects. The community leaders showed interest in the idea, asking the students numerous questions.

“Seeing how appreciative the community was after the presentation made the work worth it,” said student Justin Sherman.

Within a week of presenting, the students learned the La Palma community had already approached the local Global Brigades chapter to start the reforestation process.

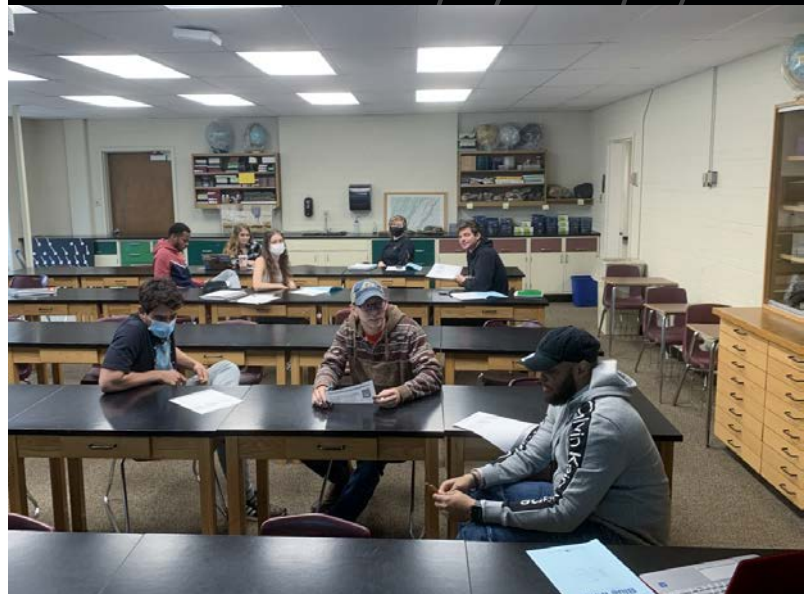
“I’ve always known that I play a very small part in this world. I’ve done my fair share of traveling, and after I left the Marine Corps, I thought I was done [affecting change]. Seeing that I can make a change without leaving was eye-opening,” said Sherman. “Now that the project is over, I want to see what other impacts I can make going forward.”

“This experience reminded me that I need to see my passion and knowledge as a gift that I can use to make a difference,” stated Fuchs. “You are never too small to make a difference or inspire other people.”

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JUSTIN SHERMAN



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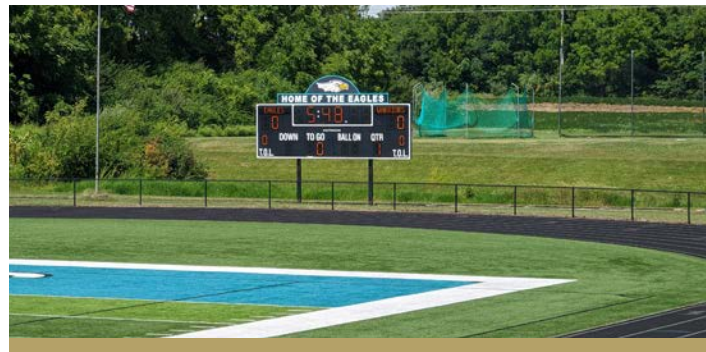


INCLUSIVE ECOSYSTEM GRANT

TechSTL, St. Louis Community College and Lindenwood University have received a nearly \$300,000 research grant to study barriers to resources

for entrepreneurs of color and workers in technology startups across the region.

Researchers will use the inclusive ecosystem grant funds from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation over the next three years to compile data on the gaps in resources and startup growth for entrepreneurs of color. They also will explore upward mobility, job training and diversity in the tech industry. The technology group is working with faculty and staff from Lindenwood University's Center for Applied Economics, which will serve as the primary project lead.



LINDENWOOD SCOREBOARD LIVES ON

Thanks to the generous support of Simmons Hanly Conroy Law Firm, Lindenwood University installed a new video board in Harlen C. Hunter Stadium to enhance the gameday experience. The existing system was refurbished and repurposed, and in partnership with installers from Conference Technology, was donated to a local school district. Lindenwood's former score board now serves the Christian School District in O'Fallon, Mo.



COMMUNITY GARDEN ON CAMPUS

Lindenwood University has partnered with St. Charles County Farm Bureau to create the Lindenwood Open Classroom, a community garden for students and the community to learn together. This space has so much potential for students to learn about sustainability, the community to come onto campus and see what Lindenwood all is about, along with outside organizations being able to teach right on our campus. The garden opened in March with a Planting Party. Materials and funding were donated by St. Charles County Farm Bureau along with the manual labor and teachings from Boerding Farm.

*Meredith Boerding, Professional Advisor,
Plaster College of Business and Entrepreneurship*

Linden BRANCHES

LINDENWOOD IN THE COMMUNITY



150 BACKPACKS FOR LOCAL STUDENT

On July 30, LindenGiving representatives attended the Back-to-School Bash hosted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County

to distribute 150 backpacks to elementary, middle-school, and high-school students. Volunteers from across campus

stuffed these backpacks with needed and grade-appropriate school supplies in preparation for the event. The backpack project is especially exciting as it helps level the playing field for these students, arming them with the same, necessary tools as fellow classmates to start the school year off well. LindenGiving is honored to assist students in their educational pursuits.

Beverly Porter, Chair, LindenGiving



MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Students in EDU 30910 are providing literacy support to children in grades K-4 at Null Elementary School. University

students benefit from authentic experience assessing children, analyzing data, and creating personalized lessons for each

child. Elementary students receive one-on-one instruction while building their reading skills. Null Principal Dr. Kate Kimsey shares, 'Lindenwood Reading Club has had such an amazing impact on our Null student body. The one-on-one attention and reading support provided weekly by Lindenwood students are priceless!'

*Cam Newman, Adjunct Professor,
College of Education and Human Services*



CYBER SENIORS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The College of Science, Technology, and Health under the LindenWELL—WISE subdivision is currently in the midst of offering a Cyber Seniors

Program. Cyber-Seniors is an intergenerational program where LU students teach seniors how to use technology. 20 seniors come to campus each Wednesday to share, learn, and connect. Students in Introduction to Community Structure and Organization are supporting the course. "The Cyber Seniors program is a wonderful experience for public health students to learn how organizations work together to implement impactful, community programs. Students are



also getting the opportunity to lead an evaluation for a community partner. Each week of Cyber Seniors, the room is buzzing with energy. Students and program

participants are building real relationships and it is fabulous to see these connections," Associate Professor of Public Health Dr. Katie Shoff shared. At the conclusion of the program, Lindenwood celebrated its Cyber Seniors with a graduation ceremony and a new-found excitement for technology.

*Whitley Huxhold, Coordinator, LindenW.E.L.L. and Office
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LETTER FROM LINDENWOOD STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT

Dear Lindenwood Community,

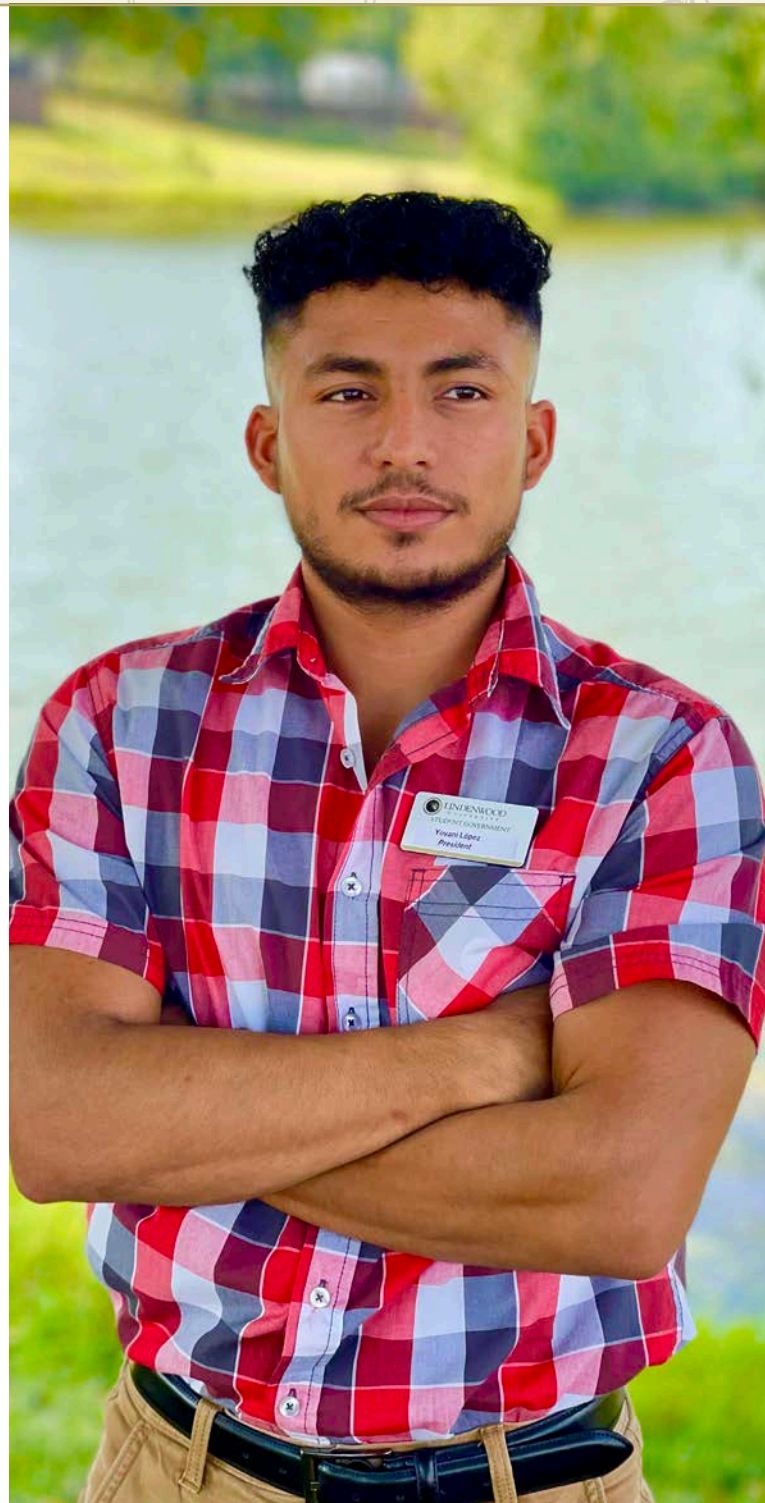
A legend says that many years ago in a small village in Honduras, a new leader was born. Coming from a big family and being the second oldest of the brothers, he grew up in the fields without running water or electricity. As a little kid, he would oversee his younger brothers when his dad was not around. At that point he discovered that he liked being a leader and an example for others.

He decided that he wanted to study hard and become someone significant in life, and to be able to help his family overcome poverty. The dream finally came true, and he was selected to attend a bilingual school called InterAmerican School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He worked hard in the classroom and was the best student. He was the first president of his high school and the first family member to go to college. He went on to pursue his dreams and beat obstacles along the way.

Now, he is the Lindenwood Student Government President. He wants to leave a legacy for his family and to be remembered as an inspiration to others. This leader is me. I think about the legacy I want to leave behind. Always fight for your dreams, and value every single opportunity because success is not achieved from giving up.

Sincerely,
YOVANI LÓPEZ

Yovani López is a senior from Comayagua, Honduras. He is majoring in business administration with an emphasis in international business and pursuing minors in political science and management. He was elected Lindenwood Student Government President and works as a resident assistant.



FACULTY PROFILE

In 1984, **Mira Ezvan** joined the faculty at Lindenwood College. Throughout the last 38 years, Ezvan's impact on students and colleagues has enriched lives and imparted a legacy of excellence. As one of the most senior members on campus, Ezvan has served as University Marshal at commencement carrying in the mace as an official part of the ceremony. Ezvan is currently a Professor of Information Systems in the Robert W. Plaster College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

How did your path lead to Lindenwood? After completing a master's in information systems at Technical University of Wroclaw (Politechnika Wroclawska) in Poland in 1978, I was offered a graduate assistantship through an academic exchange program with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Upon completion of my PhD, I joined the faculty of Lindenwood College in 1984, where I designed and taught courses in management information systems for the Department of Business.

What keeps you at Lindenwood? The most rewarding part of being at Lindenwood for the past 38 years has been to witness the University's growth in terms of enrollment as well as academic reputation. The opportunity to interact with generations of students and to work with supportive colleagues and deans has been so professionally fulfilling and personally enjoyable. I never expected to be at Lindenwood for so many years, to serve as Faculty Marshal at graduation ceremonies, and to become one of the more senior faculty members on campus.

In 2019, at the gala celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lindenwood's Plaster College of Business and Entrepreneurship, I had a chance to talk to some of my



former students who have gone on to become very successful in their careers, and who remembered me fondly as their Management Science professor. Knowing that I have made a positive difference in their lives, and knowing that I helped prepare them for their careers and

What advice do you hope your graduates remember when they leave Lindenwood? I hope they appreciate the value of education, and be tenacious, resilient, and adaptive to change. Courses that were challenging, that took them out of their comfort zone, hopefully prepared them for an ever-changing world and an uncertain future. Life-long learning is not just a slogan; it is a reality we all need to embrace.

What is something unique you'd like to share? Even though I teach quantitative courses and come from an engineering background, I am a strong proponent of liberal arts education. Knowing history, literature, fine arts and foreign languages is to me an integral part of college experience. I speak French, German, and of course, my Polish is impeccable. It is gratifying to travel, to learn about other cultures and know how to converse with others, whether I am in Krakow, Dresden or Paris. I enjoy reading (currently my personal favorites are Olga Tokarczuk and Alice Munro) and I am very fond of long walks and foreign movies.



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MIRA EZVAN

CAMPUS EVENTS



LION PRIDE TAILGATES
Fall semester kicked into full gear with the inaugural DI football tailgate season. The energy at the home opener was palpable as the Marching Lions headed through the crowd and into the stadium. Lion Pride Tailgates provided local establishments a chance to interact with the community, while live music from local bands amped up the crowd.



DARK CARNIVAL
Lindenwood’s Halloween festival, Dark Carnival, was a spooktacular community event with free carnival rides, bounce houses, crafts, live music, magic shows, and the star attraction—the Haunted Hayride. The Haunted Hayride is run by Lindenwood’s Residential Life team and involves nearly 100 individuals to cultivate this heart-pounding tour through the historic side of campus.



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT
Students, faculty, and staff have had an exciting return to campus for the Fall 2022 semester. Student Involvement played host to many welcome events such as Move in Day, New Student Orientation, and the Student Organization Fair. These events gave the Lions an opportunity to explore all that Lindenwood has to offer.



HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Homecoming in October was filled with exciting activities. The Student Organization Fair, Lip Sync Pep Rally, Lindenwood University Gala, Homecoming Parade down Main Street, and energetic tailgate before the game made for a truly memorable weekend.



WINTERFEST
The semester draws to a close with countless Student Involvement events and caps off with Winterfest. Once again, Lindenwood will be hosting a Toy Drive for the Salvation Army during the Winterfest celebration. Attendees are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy to benefit a local family. The luminaries set the mood at Winterfest and foster a sense of hope, joy, and love as the campus community bids farewell to fall and looks forward to the spring semester.

Emily J. Sebourn, Manager, Special Events

CAMPUS LIFE



J. SCHEIDEGGER CENTER FOR THE ARTS



LEAVING A LEGACY IN THE ARTS

If you’ve been to the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, you might have wondered “Who is J. Scheidegger?” Jerry E. Scheidegger, born and raised in St. Charles, is known for his dedication to the community. A businessman, he says that he’s been blessed and believes in giving back. Scheidegger gives to Lindenwood University because it has always been very special to him, seeing it as part of St. Charles’ many years of success.

Scheidegger decided to give to the arts building project because of his love for the arts and his commitment to supporting education. He hopes his legacy will be of helping prepare young people for the future.

“We must help Lindenwood continue to grow and keep a first-class university in our region,” says Scheidegger, hopeful his philanthropy inspires generosity in others.

If you are interested in contributing to the arts, please contact the Advancement Office by calling (636) 949-4939.



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JERRY E. SCHEIDEGGER

ATHLETICS

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY



2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

CONNOR HARRIS | STUDENT-ATHLETE FOOTBALL | 2012–16

Connor Harris was a three-time All-American and four-time all-MIAA selection during his career as a Lion from 2012–16. The Lee's Summit, Mo. native started all 48 games in which he appeared in at Lindenwood and finished his career as the NCAA All-Division record holder for career tackles with 633. Following the 2016 campaign, Harris was recognized as the winner of the Cliff Harris Award as the National Small College Defensive Player of the Year. Harris went on to sign a free agent contract with the New York Jets in 2017 before spending time with the Arizona Cardinals and the Cincinnati Bengals organizations during 2017 and 2018.

PATRICK ROSS | HEAD COACH | FOOTBALL | 2004–16

Patrick Ross directed the Lindenwood football program from 2004–16 and remains the winningest head football coach in program history with a record of 93-57 (.620 winning percentage). Ross led the Lions to four Heart of America Conference Championships and five NAIA postseason appearances. Following his first season at Lindenwood in 2004 which resulted in an 11-1 record, Ross was recognized as the Schutt Sports National Coach of the Year. Ross would earn a similar honor after a 13-1 season in 2009 when he was honored as the NAIAfootball.net National Coach of the Year. Ross helped to cement Lindenwood's place as a national power with back-to-back NAIA National Semifinal appearances in 2008–09, which included a trip to the NAIA National Championship game in 2009.



➤ Inductee Randy Karraker and Emcee Bob Ramsey share their expertise with Lindenwood students.



LINDENWOOD ATHLETICS



JANEL TEIKEN | STUDENT-ATHLETE | CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD | 1990–94

Janel Teiken was a standout within the Lindenwood cross country and track and field program from 1990–94. By the end of her time as a Lion, Teiken had claimed 15 all-district awards between outdoor track, indoor track, and cross country. Teiken, a native of Kearney, Mo., qualified nine times for the NAIA National Championships combined in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. Teiken became the first female runner in program history to receive recognition as an NAIA All-American, earning the distinction for the 3,000-meter run at the 1993 NAIA Indoor National Championships. As of 2022, Teiken remains in the top 10 times for two running events for Lindenwood Track and Field records.

RANDY KARRAKER | MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Randy Karraker graduated from Lindenwood University in 1984 with a degree in communications. Since that time, Karraker has built a career as a premiere sports voice within the St. Louis region. Karraker has become synonymous with St. Louis sports in roles that include everything from talk radio host to play-by-play broadcaster on the most recognizable networks in the area. Karraker continues his involvement at Lindenwood University in a variety of ways that include time spent as a charter member of the President's Council, a member of the Alumni Advisory Board, and as the emcee of numerous athletics events, including several Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies.

TEAMS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME

- 2012 Men's Rugby
- 2017 Women's Rugby
- 2016–17 Lionettes



The Mighty CANOPY

A FAMILY LEGACY By Hazel Denother '23

Lindenwood legacy is a big part of sisters Jane Rogers and Nancy Calvert's lives.

Their mother, Eloise Worthington, was the first member of the family to fall in love with the school. Eloise attended Lindenwood for a year and a half; she dropped out because of the expense of college post-Depression and because she and her soon-to-be husband, Preston Calvert, were making wedding plans. Eloise was proud of her alma mater, and it remained an important part of her life.

Nancy and Jane first visited Lindenwood in the summer of 1956, when Nancy was a rising high school senior. Nancy fell in love with Lindenwood and decided to commit to the school that very day. Jane, at just eight years old, was pre-registered the same day.

Both Jane and Nancy studied communications and were involved with Lindenwood's KCLC radio station. They each had a special relationship with Martha Boyer, former communications professor and founder of the Lindenwood radio station, and they admired her unique and progressive teaching style. They said of their university experience, "[We love Lindenwood] for the education and experiences it provided for each of our careers and our lives."

Since her graduation in 1961, Nancy has led an impressive career in marketing, advertising, and public relations. In 1976, she became the first woman to hold an executive position

at the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors when she became director of public relations and advertising. In 1989, she became director of marketing communications at Shure Incorporated in Evanston, Illinois. Ever-loyal to her alma mater, Nancy donated equipment to Lindenwood through her job at Shure.

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JANE ROGERS AND NANCY CALVERT

Jane graduated from Lindenwood in 1967 and went on to receive a Master of Arts in communications at Indiana University, her father's alma mater. Jane has worked as a market research executive at Cahners Publishing Company and eventually founded her own successful media consulting business, Preston/Rogers Associates, Inc., which has clients throughout the United States and the United Kingdom.

Staying involved with Lindenwood has been very important to the sisters and to their late mother. In a 2002 speech at a Lindenwood alumni awards presentation, Nancy said, "... [Our] mother was always happy to give what she could to Lindenwood. More importantly she urged both of us to give back to Lindenwood in time, talent, and financial support because of the fine education it afforded us and how well it had prepared us for the work world."

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NANCY CALVERT

Eloise, Jane, and Nancy are members of the Sibley Heritage Society, and the sisters are members of the Butler Society. They were also active with the Board of Directors, the Alumni Association, and the Board of Trustees. Jane and Nancy established an endowed scholarship in honor of their late parents and a scholarship for Jane's late husband. In 2005,

Jane named Calvert Rogers Hall to recognize her late parents, her late husband, and her sister, Nancy Calvert.

The sisters are a shining example of the great talent and success of Lindenwood alumni. They have been extremely generous to the University throughout the years since their graduation, and they have created a thriving legacy that will impact Lindenwood for years to come.



Hazel Denother is a senior from Alton, Ill., double majoring in English and Spanish. She is a member of the honors college and has been a contributing writer for several Lindenwood publications.



> Sisters, Jane Rogers and Nancy Calvert

A GREATER MISSION

Jennifer Fear '88, Eric Reinsfelder '87, and Dave Tilden '86 have joined forces for an incredible journey spanning the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness and support for Multiple Sclerosis and to impart a legacy that lives on for years to come.

“My first steps on the Appalachian Trail were in October 2016. Earlier that year I’d been hospitalized after losing the use of my legs,” Fear said. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a degenerative autoimmune disease attacking the central nervous system, Fear was determined to fight. “As a way of pushing back against MS, I did my first long-distance hike—a 76-mile section of the Appalachian Trail through the Smoky Mountains, followed by a thru-hike of Missouri’s 230-mile Ozark Trail in 2020.”



Fear wasn’t going to stop there and began to consider what it would take to hike the entirety of the Appalachian Trail. “I knew what I’d be asking of my body and that to do it, I needed a much bigger ‘why’ than just me. I wanted to raise awareness and funds to fight a disease affecting some 1 million people in the U.S. A ground crew came together to support the project, college friends Dave Tilden and Eric Reinsfelder among them, and FEARSOME is the result.”



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JENNIFER FEAR

After nearly two years of conversation and planning, they’re ready. 2,194 miles of trail stand before Fear, who will be joined by Tilden as her hiking partner and on-trail chef. Reinsfelder will also be supporting the hike, helping to coordinate and plant the journey—reuniting college friends from more than 30 years ago for a greater cause.

“Lindenwood afforded us the opportunity to bond with friends that we have now known for much longer than we were old at the time. Family. Our friendships are so deep and meaningful that we still stay connected and support each other,” Reinsfelder shared.

The three have many fond memories from their years at Lindenwood—Fear remembers her nights competing as a

soccer player under the lights and working in the KCLC studio, while Reinsfelder recalls basketball games, a late-night concert on the turf that rolled over into the old Butler Dome, and Tilden “making us the best breakfasts on Saturday mornings.”

In addition to making a memorable breakfast for others, Tilden’s favorite memory was the sense of family with the students who lived together.



“Lindenwood provided us the ability to explore who we were, who we wanted to be and forge unbelievable relationships. When we are young, we don’t really think about what challenges our lives may bring. The world is our oyster and we feel we can conquer

anything, but sometimes, life gives us twists and turns, but it is not always the things that come your way, but it is how you react to the things that maybe don’t go according to plan. I believe that Lindenwood prepared us well for life,” Reinsfelder said.



The trio will kick off the project in 2023 and invite the Lindenwood community to follow the journey online, reach out to Lindenwood friends to connect, or even join Fear and Tilden as a Guest Hiker for a leg of the adventure.

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NEWS AND NOTES

1960s

Nahid Rachlin ‘61 is an assistant professor at New School University teaching creative writing.

1970s

Terry Brockgreitens Rau ‘71 welcomed their second grandchild, Emily, in November 2021.

Stephen (Steve) Gannon ‘73 works as a professor at Cambridge College.

Steve Andrews ‘76 was recently married and became the film reviewer for Eggs! The Monthly Journal of the Minnesota Egg Board.

1980s

Janet Baron ‘74 is still working at the young age of 87 and has been promoted to Program Assistant for the Adult Day Center at The Jewish Community Center.



Lisa Schmitz Loyet ‘88, ‘90 is working at The Walking Cradle Company as a Director of Marketing and Creative Development.

1990s

Harry Connoyer ‘90, ‘96 was inducted to Auburn University Montgomery Athletic Hall of Fame on June 25.

Dr. Rodney Whatley ‘92 works at Pensacola State College as a Director of Theatre.



Rebecca Brown Platt ‘94 Is traveling the world with her husband of 46 years. She has 6 grandkids.

Lonnie Weishaar ‘93 recently retired as a Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Pam DeLotell ‘93 earned her PhD and is the Associate Dean for the School of Business and IT at Purdue University Global. Pam also recently got married.

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Jan Groenemann ‘97 has become a mixed media artist and author of two successful books. She has signed with Balboa Press, a division of Hay House for her books. She was also a resident artist at the Foundry Arts Centre from 2004–2010.

Dr. Heidi Lung ‘97 accepted the role of Associate Professor and Director of the Museum Studies Graduate Program at Western Illinois University at the Quad Cities campus.



Stephanie Pope ‘98 is president and CEO of Boeing’s Dallas-based Global Services unit. In her two decades with Boeing, she also has held leadership posts in financial planning and analysis and in investor relations.

2000s

Nick Gast ‘01 works internationally at FC Zurich, which is the premier football/soccer club in Switzerland. He recently witnessed the championship and was able to celebrate with the team, staff and fans.

Jon Lay ‘04 accepted a position with Lexicon in Maryland Heights, Mo. as a Human Resources Business Partner.



Joseph Murphy ‘05, ‘17 won the 2021–2022 S.O.A.R. (Service and Outstanding Achievement Recognition) Award from the Affton School District. He has been a teacher for four years and leads the Rogers Middle School Drama Club.

Don Rothermich ‘04, ‘05 accepted a new position at Lindenwood University as director of Destination Lindenwood.

Elizabeth (Beth) Keserauskis ‘06 works at Access Marketing Company as their President and GM.

Eugena Lomax ‘07 created a successful mental wellness podcast with a fellow therapist and Lindenwood Counseling alum Isaac Huddleston.



Cheri Tillis ‘07 is the CEO and Chief Executive of Fathers & Families Support Center.



Cheryl Goetz ‘07 is the principal at Weaver Elementary.

Emily Timmerman ‘07 works as a successful screenwriter.



Jason Deleon ‘09 is a newly elected Commissioner in Edinburg, Texas.



Keela Gore ‘09 is teaching special education in Europe.

2010s



Melanie Miller ‘10 will serve as the new principal for Shady Dell Early Childhood Center.

David Anderson ‘10 helped design and build The Magic House Saint Louis Children’s Museum’s first satellite location and Children’s’ Makerspace, “MADE for Kids”. David helps design, fabricate, and manage children’s exhibits.



Mary Caldwell ‘12 is working as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator at St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



Aaron Barnett-Foster ‘12 is sharing his love with Daniel Barnett-Foster. They got married on June 8.

Alyssa Showers ‘11, ‘14 works as a mental health expert in multi systemic therapy at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She runs multiple evidence-based teams

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across the Rocky Mountain region where they provide intensive family therapy for youth 12–17 years old who are facing incarceration.

Katie Doherty Perano ‘13 accepted an Associate Attorney position in the Litigation Department at Armstrong Teasdale LLP.

Michael Steven Thomas ‘14, ‘21 was promoted to Dean of Students in Ritenour School District.

Jacqueline Courtney ‘14 is a small business owner in St. Charles County. She owns/operates Feel Good Flower Truck, a mobile florist business that allows customers to build their own bouquets from the back of an iconic 1951 Dodge truck.

Francesco Giuseffi ‘14 received his EdD and is a successful author. He published ‘How the Socratic Method Engenders Authentic Educational Experiences’.



Greg Clark ‘15 was promoted to creative services manager at Tarlton Corp.



Benjamin DeClue ‘15 was selected for the 2022–2023 FOCUS St Louis Leadership St. Louis.



Edwin Hogans ‘15 was recently named chief compliance officer for Rabo AgriFinance, a financial services provider for leading farms and ranches in the U.S.

Keith Jasin ‘16, ‘19 works for Boeing.



Lauren Semple ‘16, ‘18 welcomed a baby girl, Victoria Brianne Martin, on February 7.

Kendall Ryndak ‘15, ‘17 is a professor at Lindenwood teaching in the behavior analysis program. She also married her best friend, Jeffrey Samuel Jr. in 2021.

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DeAngelo Franklin '18 earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Lindenwood and continued to receive two more bachelor's degrees, one in Historical Studies and the second in Sociology. This fall, he is teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice and criminal law at a major university.

Melissa Martineck '19 is a successful head bowling coach and assistant softball coach. Martineck recently became an MRI technologist.

2020s



M.J. Ivy '20 is running for the University Board of Regents for the State of Nevada in District 7. He is the first African American to run in this district in its 20+-year history and its first Faith Leader. Pastor Ivy sits on the Advisory Board for the School of Education at Nevada State College, the Governor's Faith Council and past member of the Clark County School District's Superintendents' Task Force for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Matthew Kinsey '20, '21 accepted a position for Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) as the Planner/Scheduler for the fleet.

RaShonda Willis '21 accepted a position as an Elementary School Teacher and High School Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Gabrielle Ramirez '21 is a successful United States Air Force 2nd Lieutenant and dental student (HPSP).

Clayton Sides '21 began working at Fidelity Investments and obtained his Series 7 and 63 brokerage licenses.

Nichole Welch '21 is an assistant principal at Launch Virtual Learning Center with Springfield Public Schools in Springfield, Mo. Welch is currently pursuing an EdD in Educational Leadership at Lindenwood University.



Kimberly Scott '21 recently got married became an English instructor at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C.

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Sarah Smith '21 is attending Wake Forest University and is pursuing a master's degree. Smith is an administrative assistant at EBM Medical.

Jared Bohn '22 accepted a cost analyst position with a local aerospace supplier, Patriot Machine.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Emeritus President Dr. Jim Evans recently published *The Making of a Collegian*, a true story about his five decades in higher education. It is a stark and fast-moving inside account of academia, both the unspoken graces and the surreptitious peccadillos of the collegiate world and their effects on members of the university community. The book is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

MEMORIAL

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Class of 2019

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Moreno Valley, California
Class of 1980

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Class of 1999

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St. Charles, Missouri
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In Memoriam

TEASER STORY

In February 2022, Lindenwood University announced its bid to reclassify from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I athletics. The decision came after extensive research and approval from the Board of Trustees and the process to reach this recommendation was thoroughly vetted from many aspects. Lindenwood engaged the services of the Collegiate Sports Associates who conducted an external study and an internal financial analysis demonstrated that this may be a viable option.

The Ohio Valley Conference was identified as the desired home for the future of Lindenwood Athletics. In addition to applying to the NCAA to transition from Division II to Division I and to the OVC, Lindenwood worked to identify conferences for affiliate membership to welcome teams who are not slated in the OVC.

In June, Jason Coomer joined Lindenwood University as vice president for intercollegiate athletics, bringing a wealth of experience to enhance every level of Lindenwood's department. Coomer, a former student-athlete, coach, and seasoned administrator, has set high expectations for all aspects of Lindenwood Athletics.

In its inaugural season at the NCAA Division I level, Lindenwood University is experiencing success and continues its long-standing commitment to excellence. The Spring 2023 edition of The Lindenwood will highlight student-athletes, outstanding athletics staff, and the University's continued commitment to its values like excellence and teamwork.



> Jason Coomer, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics



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