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Accentuate the Positive. It's the LU Way

Psychologist Albert Ellis schooled us in how our thinking can command our state of health. In his system, dubbed "Rational-Emotive Psychotherapy," Ellis noted that, by nature, we generate much of our own anxiety and neurotic behavior by engaging in "crooked thinking." He said that many of us "awfulize" by looking for the most noxious consequences and possibilities stemming from daily events and then magnify the negative emotion experienced by dwelling on our victimization and helplessness. His prescription for all people, in everyday life as well as inside psychotherapy, is to assess disappointments and setbacks analytically and objectively, from the perspective that some things are unavoidable but not tragic. Indeed, people are healthiest when they think of problems as just incidental parts of life.

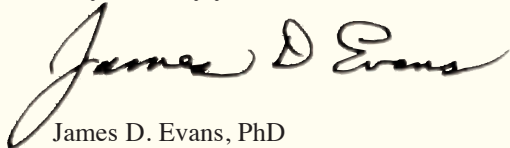
The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale took that platform a step further. Not only should we avoid downbeat thinking, he asserted, but also regularly practice making confident, affirming statements about ourselves, others, and life's challenges and opportunities.

Having served at Lindenwood for 39+ years and steeped myself in the chapters of Lindenwood history that I have not personally helped create, I am convinced that this school is a positive-thinking enterprise; our can-do, forward looking attitude is the core dynamic behind our success, past and present. Few who have read of the lives of Mary and George Sibley would contest the idea that they were confident, forward-thinking, and very optimistic. In the 1970s I marveled at how resourcefully the College adapted to economic adversity that would have been deadly to less hardy institutions. We continued to provide quality higher education through the most formidable of times. In the 1990s, under the leadership of President Dennis Spellmann, we expanded that ageless spirit bequeathed by the Sibleys, and the result was the foundation of what you see today on Lindenwood's beautiful and functional campuses.

When Lindenwood does a SWOT analysis, we focus on our Strengths and Opportunities and we think not of Weaknesses and Threats but of *challenges*! Our faculty and administrative leaders have developed the habit of bringing us solutions to problems, as well as recommendations for still more improvement, rather than simply reporting situations that need to be fixed. That approach works well.

I invite you to continue to visit campus and write to us with your great questions and suggestions regarding how we might make this institution better yet. As you have read or seen, there is a wealth of additional opportunities before us. I encourage you to become involved in those wonderful prospects.

Very sincerely yours,



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The newly rebuilt Alumni Gazebo in the snow on the Heritage Campus in St. Charles. Alumni conceived of this architectural look back in the 1980s, and their support helped to build it according to the plans. For more information on donating an engraved brick or on naming opportunities, contact the Director of Alumni Relations, Elizabeth Wikoff, at ewikoff@lindenwood.edu.



SHARE MY KICKZ

Alumna Keeps Pace with Foundation's Growth

Rhonika Jones ('05, '10)

By RACHEL JOHNSON

A popular adage says that you don't truly know someone until you've walked a mile in his shoes. As a professional community educator and counselor, Lindenwood University alumna Rhonika Jones ('05, '10) has placed herself in the shoes of domestic violence and sexual assault victims for several years.

Jones' career was set in motion after her graduation from Lindenwood, when she was offered a job as a mental health clinician inside a male correctional facility in Corpus Christi, Texas. Never one to shy away from a challenge, she accepted the job and grew to truly enjoy the role.

After having a daughter with her husband, Tremell, Jones decided not to return to her job at the prison and became a counselor at a women's shelter. She had an encounter while there that set her on a new path of community service.

"A woman at the shelter approached me and asked if we had any shoes for her daughter, who was sharing a single pair with her sibling," Jones said. "My own little girl wore her daughter's size and had so many shoes that her grandma had given her, so it just occurred to me to give them to the woman.

"My daughter calls her shoes her 'kickz,' and she kept saying how excited she was to

share them with the other little girl. That's how our foundation and its name were born."

Word spread and soon other women began reaching out to Jones, requesting shoes for their children and themselves. Jones immediately began organizing large collection drives and distributing the donations to other regional shelters.

Since then, Jones has made it her personal mission to provide assistance to those in need through the Share My Kickz Foundation, which collects new and gently used shoes for shelters that assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The nonprofit organization also hosts workshops and youth groups aimed at raising awareness of domestic violence issues and educating young people on healthy relationships.

"I didn't want to be an organization that stopped at collecting shoes," said Jones. "As an educator and counselor by trade, I wanted to have the educational component that reaches our babies at young ages. If we can work with them and teach them about self-esteem, respect, and key concepts that help them make better decisions in picking mates, we can break the cycle of violence they learn from witnessing abusive behaviors."

With the foundation in Texas running smoothly, Jones and her family moved

back to the St. Louis area in early 2013 to be closer to extended family members. Jones wanted to focus on giving back to her hometown community and promptly opened a second Share My Kickz location in Florissant, Mo., just months after her arrival.

In addition to completing a doctoral degree and traveling the country delivering presentations on domestic violence, she is currently launching new educational programs and overseeing a full renovation of the foundation's new location. Updates to the Florissant site will allow for the creation of several rooms of donated shoes from which individuals can 'shop,' day camp areas for young and older children, and two rooms in which women in transition from abusive situations can be temporarily housed.

Jones says that once the renovations are complete, she'll continue working to expand the organization's reach. Her goal is to have a Share My Kickz Foundation in every state.

"Every day, I wake up grateful for the opportunity to be the best me I can be, and I give that day my all. I'm going to make sure we keep standing tall in our kickz against domestic violence, chipping away at it in the hopes of eradicating it for future generations."



Members of the honored class of 1963 took part in a tour of the Lindenwood House as part of the Homecoming festivities. Pictured are (from left) Barbara Mogg Guignard, Kay Klinker Detwiler, Marilyn Lewis Smith, Patty Perkins Melander, Carolyn Cannon Bloebaum, Betsy Light LeDoux, and host Lois Evans, wife of President James Evans.

'When We Came to Lindenwood'

Class of 1963 Memories

BY CAROLYN CANNON
BLOEBAUM

Following are excerpts from a speech by Carolyn Cannon Bloebaum ('63) delivered at the Breakfast with the President on Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

Most of the Class of '63 came to Lindenwood College after we graduated from high school in 1959. The times were much different in the '50s and '60s. Lindenwood was the oldest four-year women's college west of the Mississippi River.

Only about 500 young women lived on campus. Several students came from the St. Charles and St. Louis area; they were called "Day Students." There were only six dorms when we came as freshmen, and in our junior year, McCluer Hall opened. No one had cars, so the campus was not congested. It was a much simpler time. We had rules here that most you would not like, but it didn't bother us. It made us the women we became.

When we got to Lindenwood, one of the first things we had to do was strip down to our underwear and have our "posture pictures" taken by the Physical Education Department. If you didn't have good

posture, you had to take a Body Mechanics class for your PE credit your freshman year. We are all still wondering where the negatives of those pictures are.

We could not wear slacks, shorts, or jeans on campus until after 5 p.m. If you had a PE class during the day, you had to wear a trench coat to go to class. We were required to go to student assembly on Tuesdays at noon, chapel at noon on Wednesdays, and Vespers at 5 p.m. every Sunday night.

We ate our meals in the dining room in Ayres. We sat at round tables with a hostess, and all the food was served by the hostess and passed around the table clockwise. We learned about manners at the table.

We loved meeting girls from all over the country. We had students from many states, including Hawaii, and several international students.

When we came to Lindenwood, there were 203 freshmen in our class. We graduated 105, with 54 receiving Bachelor of Arts degrees, 44 with Bachelor of Science degrees, and 7 with bachelor's degrees in music education. Today, there are 121 degree programs, 10 schools and colleges, and about 17,000 students. You can now get a master's and doctorate from Lindenwood.

We could not imagine Lindenwood ever having a football team, a rifle team, a marching band, cheerleaders, sororities and fraternities, and, most of



(from left) Betsy Light LeDoux, Sally Tibbals Patton, and Joan Maupin chat in the dining room during the house tour.

all, men on our campus. But I think all are pleasantly surprised how we have kept the "Lindenwood" look with the beautiful dorms and buildings. And, the swings are still here!

There were many high achievers in the class of 1963.

One of them was a nurse in the health center. This young woman went on to do missionary nursing with Campus Crusade for Christ in Korea, the Philippines, and



Guests signed in for the popular Lindenwood House tour.

(from left) Kristi Slayman Jones and Sally Tibbals Patton, from the class of '63, talk with Lois Evans during the house tour.

Japan. She spent 40 years on the Campus Crusade for Christ staff, and for the last 20 years she has been with Executive Ministries in Palm Beach, Fla.

Several classmates went on to get their master's degrees and some their doctorates. Some have chaired their departments at the university level.

Many from the class of 1963 have mentioned the teachers they had here: James Feely, Harry Hendren, Gertrude Isidor, Dr. Agnes Sibley, Walter Grundhauser, Jeanne Huesemann, and Allegra Swingen (I always liked that name).

Of course, as a PE major, I remember Fern Bittner, Grazia Amonas, and Dorothy Ross. I can't forget Mary Lichliter, who was Dean of Students, and sweet Miss (Lula Clayton) Beale, with whom I had many dealings.

Most of all, we loved our president, Franc "Bullet" McCluer, and his wife. We were welcome in his home. Someone (in a note to me) remembered their beautiful iris garden.

Several classmates have mentioned how they found Lindenwood. Some got Presbyterian scholarships, and others were encouraged to attend a women's college so they could focus on their education and not boys.

One of the best letters I got back was from Helen Newman Curl: "First of all, I did not choose to come to Lindenwood, I was sent. My father thought it would help me with social graces..." Helen is still married to the man she met at a mixer at Lindenwood, and they just celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

A lot of our class has wonderful

I made some of my dearest and closest friends here and we have remained close.

memories, about the linden trees, the cozy look of the campus, Sibley Hall, and the history surrounding Lindenwood. They also remembered our wonderful dorm mothers, the swings, the Tea Hole, the mixers with the boys from Rolla School of Mines, Kemper, etc...

As far as my memories are concerned, I made some of my dearest and closest friends here, and we have remained close. I lived on a floor of sophomores my freshman year, so there is a group of us that has gotten together about every five years, even though we live all over the country.

My two best friends in the world were made at Lindenwood—Betsy Light LeDoux and Barb Brockgreitens Clark. Betsy and I married St. Charles boys, and we just attended their 55-year St. Charles High School reunion a couple of weeks ago.

Barb and I were PE majors, and we were in each other's weddings. We have remained close since we met when we were 17. She and Betsy and I decided to try to find as many classmates as we could to return for our 50th reunion.

So, welcome back, members of the class of 1963! I hope that you enjoy the weekend and that you remain devoted to our dear alma mater in the years to come.

(from left) Betsy Light LeDoux, Patty Perkins Melander and Marilyn Lewis Smith pose on the Lindenwood House staircase.



The Write Stuff — Unexpected Path Leads Mead to Her Dream Job

BY CHRIS DUGGAN

It is fair to say life has not turned out as Beth Mead had planned, or did it? Mead, director of LCIE's MFA in Writing program, and one of its most popular faculty members, majored in English at the University of Missouri—St. Louis in the late '90s, intending to start a career as a high school English teacher. Her course began to change when she enrolled in Mary Troy's short story writing class.

"Everything started with Mary," Mead said.

Mead transferred to the advanced version of the class at Troy's suggestion. The director of UMSL's MFA in writing program, Troy encouraged Mead to apply to the program after her 2000 graduation, and she received her first taste of teaching as a teacher's assistant. After she finished in 2004, she stayed on at UMSL as an adjunct

and was hired that June at Lindenwood as an adjunct after a recommendation, once again, from Troy. She joined the LU MFA faculty full-time shortly after.

In 2009, she became the third director of the program, following Michael Castro, who started it, and Eve Jones, who still teaches in the program as an adjunct. Since then, she has been a tireless promoter of the program, has seen the enrollment expand, has started the program's literary journal (*the Lindenwood Review*), holds readings by recent graduates twice a year, and has launched the online version of the MFA.

The success of the latter, she admits, has exceeded even her expectations. In the fall quarter, there are 41 students in the online program from all over the United States, and the in-classroom aspect of the program has between 15 and 25 students at any given time, she said.

"When Dr. (Jann) Weitzel (Vice President

for Academic Affairs) suggested the MFA as an online program, Eve and I created and formatted the shells," Mead said. "It is amazing that we now have students from so many states."

Mead attributes that success to a few factors: She has a stable of "great instructors" who have published widely and have won multiple prestigious awards; the program is selective, so the presence of quality students attracts more quality students; and the program has a good online presence because of the blog and a Facebook page. Earlier this year, an organization called WordFocus.com recognized Lindenwood's MFA as one of the top 10 online writing programs in the country.

"Most of our online students say they hear of us through Google Search," Mead said. "The benefit for the out-of-state students is that they can do everything online, including the thesis. They don't have to relocate."

In fact, the December Commencement student speaker for the evening programs, Michael DeVault, is an online MFA student from Louisiana. (See story on page 8)

The online students are currently working on the fourth edition of *the Lindenwood Review*, which publishes annually and takes submissions from throughout the U.S. Literary journals are a hallmark of MFA programs, Mead said, and are valuable because they allow students a critical perspective on the other side of the submission process as they try to get their own work published.

Numerous students have managed to do just that, including several books and individual pieces and a number of awards. Many have also landed jobs teaching writing as adjuncts—and full-time in a few cases.

"I encourage them to let me know," Mead said. "One of the best ways to show that students are learning what they need is to show their success, and I want the alumni to feel that they are still a part of the program."

Though she did not wind up teaching high school English, Mead admits things have worked out pretty well. She and her husband, Chris, have two sons, Connor, 15, and Casey, 10, and she got the job of a lifetime.

"I found my way to the best possible job I could have wanted," Mead said. "I feel very lucky."

Beth Mead, Director of Lindenwood University's MFA in Writing program, displays the first three issues of the program's literary journal, *The Lindenwood Review*. Issue number four is currently in the works.





Mark McColl ('85) talks with students Jacob Owen and Lindsay Sorenson.

Connections Create Unique Experiences for Students

BY SCOTT QUEEN

Ask Mark McColl ('85) about his family, and like any good father and husband, he'll talk your leg off. Ask him about his love of writing or his experiences as an attorney, he'll do the same.

If you ask McColl about Lindenwood University, he will talk about opportunity. He'll tell you about the opportunity created by his degree in communications. And he'll tell you about his commitment to working with today's Lindenwood students to provide opportunities for them.

Although McColl is an attorney who specializes in corporate work, contracts, and real estate, he can't let go of his love of sports and sports writing. He started his career with the *Suburban Journals* as a sports writer.

"I met my future wife, Alicia, at the *Journals*," McColl said. "But that wasn't going to be the way to make a living."

So, McColl set aside his reporting interests and went to law school.

"I quit work and just went through it," he said. "But I kept freelancing and worked for the *Associated Press*."

To this day, McColl works for AP covering the Cardinals, Blues, and the

Rams—just to keep his hand in the craft that helped shape his future. Despite a law practice that has begun to take off, McColl insists on keeping his connection to sports writing.

"And one day, I took a friend along to a game just to give him the experience," McColl said. "And I started thinking about how I could leverage my access into giving Lindenwood students a chance to see how this all works."

McColl has served on the Lindenwood University Alumni Board for a decade, but this was a new level of involvement. He rolled up his sleeves, made a few calls, and soon was giving Lindenwood students a real-life view of the press box during a game, locker rooms for postgame interviews, and writing under deadline pressure.

"I hope it helps them make a few contacts," said McColl. "And maybe they can take away an idea of the work level that is involved. I hope it helps them get a job."

It certainly helped Jennifer Lawson, a graduate student who worked last year in the Lindenwood Sports Information Office. The talented and hardworking Lawson went to a St. Louis Cardinals' doubleheader with McColl.

"I jumped on the opportunity," said Lawson, now working as a sports information director at Texas State University. "He introduced me to media relations staff, the official scorekeeper, and the MLB statistician. I made connections that helped the advancement of my career."

McColl has coordinated other student trips with Professor Molly Hudgins, Department Chair of Sport Management in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

"Mark has given Lindenwood students an unprecedented opportunity to experience the behind the scenes world of professional sports," Hudgins said. "One of our goals in the Sport Management Program is to help our students learn through practical application and network with individuals to help them start their careers."

McColl said Lindenwood always had a unique way of helping its students get hands-on experience when he was in college.

"Now it's even better," McColl said. "We have *the Legacy*, the TV station, and KCLC. Lindenwood is known for providing real opportunities and being a training ground. I'm happy to be a part of that."

Michael DeVault Found Lindenwood Searching Google

BY SCOTT QUEEN

Michael DeVault's life is like his writing. It's in chapters. And oftentimes, his zeal to finish a chapter is driven by the unquenchable desire to begin the next one.

DeVault's next chapter begins this month as he receives his MFA in writing. It will also be the first time he steps on campus in St. Charles—he is an online student from Monroe, La. He will also be a student speaker during Lindenwood's first-ever December graduation ceremony.

"I'm already a proud Lion," DeVault said. "And even though I am coming to St. Charles for the first time, I have a feeling I'll be back. I've been an online student, but I feel very connected."

DeVault is a novelist—he's in the middle of writing *The Devil That Brung You* right now. His *The Patriot Joe Morton* was the first runner up for the 2010 Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society gold medal in novella. Previous novels include *Anything But Ordinary* and *A Glimpse of Tuscany*.

When he's not writing books, he's writing magazine articles. DeVault is a contributing writer at *BayouLife Magazine*, a community magazine in Louisiana featuring Louisiana culture and local and national celebrities and newsmakers. He's met and interviewed the stars of television and screen and political and social luminaries—including the Dalai Lama.

But that's not all. DeVault also teaches four classes at Louisiana Delta Community College.

"I do have to prioritize and manage my time," he said. "I still go to concerts occasionally, spend time at Starbucks, and listen to my daughter sing. But I have to budget my time. Work hard, play hard."

DeVault found the MFA program at Lindenwood in a simple way—Google.

"I had never heard of Lindenwood before I started searching for an MFA program," he said. "I was looking for an online MFA because I have commitments here and I didn't want to leave the area. I knew I wouldn't be going the traditional route of a three-year on-ground MFA program.

"Lindenwood came up in a Google search, so I checked it out."

He said he found an accomplished

faculty with impressive credentials. He applied, spent some time on the phone with Program Director Beth Mead, (see article on page 6) and waited for his acceptance letter. He was jubilant when it arrived, but he was anxious to write the next chapter.

"I dove in," DeVault said. "I approached it like a job. But the payment wasn't money, it was the grade. You get back what you put in."

DeVault said Lindenwood's faculty and staff treated him "like a regular student who was right in St. Charles. I feel like any other proud alum right now. But it is because of the way the online program nurtured me like any other student living in a dorm."

DeVault said the faculty was accessible and engaged, as well as the Financial Aid Office, Business Office, and anyone else at Lindenwood.

"They knew me and they treated me well," he said. "It didn't make any difference being online. We built relationships...just the same as I did when I got my bachelor's degree."

So, now that the MFA is behind him, what's next? "Maybe teaching at a four-year liberal arts college," he said. "That's the end game. This lifestyle is a huge time commitment."

He's just anxious to get started on the next chapter.

Michael DeVault





Family Day Chock Full of Fun!

The inaugural Family Day on September 28 was extremely successful and well attended. Family Day provided an opportunity for parents, siblings, and extended family members to visit their students for the day on campus and partake in numerous activities. The day started with the first-ever Business Expo that featured 40-plus businesses from the St. Charles area. There were more than 20 events offered throughout the day, such as the Improv Show, Historic Daniel Boone Home tours, Interactive Media-Web Design Open House, a live band, and tailgating. The day culminated with more than 3,200 fans cheering our football team on as the Lions defeated Missouri S&T.

More than 250 people pre-registered for Family Day, while an additional 200 checked in the day of event, resulting in a sellout of Family Day 2013 T-shirts. Family Day 2014 will be September 27, 2014.

1. Students and family members signed a large Lion Pride poster throughout the day.
2. Student Tyler Hoeflerlin jousts with his sister, Megan.
3. Taylor Walker, a freshman education major, and her mom, Linda, of Aurora, Ill., visit department booths during the Family Day Registration Fair.
4. (from left) Scott Kupcho and Karson Kupcho, 11, with Byron and Shannon Ramos.





Homecoming



1. Homecoming 2013 had a superhero theme, resulting in a parade filled with images from the world of the comic books, including this one with student Jessica Pierce.
2. Schnucks' famous motorized giant shopping cart made an appearance in the parade in recognition of the Schnucks store currently under construction in the University Commons shopping center across the street from campus.
3. Lindenwood's Greek community came up with some impressively elaborate superhero-themed float designs. Pictured here is the Sigma Sigma Sigma entry.
4. The marching band was again a popular parade attraction.
5. This creative float concept was assembled by the women's golf team.

and Reunion 2013

St. Charles Campus

1. Students in the Anthropology Club conducted an archaeological dig on campus; visitors were welcome to watch them work and to view the items that were unearthed. Sophomore Jordan Schaefer measures the depth of the dig with a tape measure. Also pictured are Adjunct Professor Taryn Pelch (left) and freshman Katy Likely.
2. A student fashion show at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts spotlighted the work of some of Lindenwood's rising young talents.
3. A ceremony was held on Saturday dedicating a tree on campus to Professor Emeritus Jim Feely, who passed away earlier this year. Son John Feely (left), Associate Dean of Graduate Education Initiatives, listens with Associate Professor Hollis Heyn, of the English Department, to reminiscences of Jim Feely from alumni and faculty.
4. John Feely poses with wife Linda (right) and daughter Marie, who is a junior at Lindenwood, by the tree dedicated to his father, Jim Feely, longtime English professor, who died earlier this year. Faculty, colleagues, and donors have started an endowed scholarship in Professor Feely's name.





1. Yearbooks from the various class years are made available for review at different alumni events, including Breakfast with the President.
2. Kelleigh Nolder, daughter of Darla Ames Nolder ('63), shoots video at the breakfast, which she attended with her fiancé.
3. A dedication was held on Saturday of the new tennis complex. President James Evans got into the act, demonstrating his form with a tennis racket.
4. A ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new alumni gazebo was held on Saturday. Pictured are Janet Bassel ('77), Kristi Slayman Jones ('63), Joan Maupin ('62), Mildred McChesney ('94), Jim Winka ('86), Lois Evans ('77, '85, '77), President James D. Evans, Jan Rollins Vassar ('62), Susan Drozda Jones ('63), and Alumni Director Elizabeth Wikoff ('00, '01).





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1. The fourth annual Race to be King was held Saturday morning; the increasingly popular race wound its way through campus, eventually ending in Hunter Stadium.
2. The stands were packed for the afternoon football game against Emporia State University. Because of a missing member, the group in the center of the photo found themselves cheering the IONS.
3. Homecoming Queen Katie Fortwengler (in pink) is installed at halftime. Homecoming King (not pictured) was Quinton Reed.
4. The honored class for the weekend was the class of 1963, which celebrated its 50-year reunion with the largest number of returning alumni in school history.



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Belleville Campus Homecoming Attracts 1,000

The Belleville campus drew more than 1,000 people to its second annual Homecoming game and festivities on October 5. In addition to the hundreds of fans who came to see the football game, the university also hosted its Parents Weekend, as well as new student orientation for LCIE

classes and an Admissions Center open house for prospective students.

“With literally thousands of people on campus, this year’s Homecoming was one of the busiest weekends we’ve ever had at Lindenwood University-Belleville,” said Dr. Jerry Bladdick, Belleville Campus

President. “It’s a testament to the level of growth we’ve been experiencing to see our weekends become increasingly packed with events and activities that bring in not only students and alums, but also parents, families, and newcomers to the university.”

For students, Homecoming Week began on Sept. 30 with the annual Powder Puff Game, or recreational flag football open to all female students. Other events throughout the week included a Chalk the Walk competition, in which students created an original LU design in chalk art, a bonfire night, and a luau party at the Lynx Lodge.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Lynx Stadium was packed with fans to watch Lindenwood Belleville face off with Menlo College in the Homecoming football game. Parents and families came early to tailgate before the game and enjoy the Parents Weekend activities. In honor of Breast Cancer



1. Lindenwood Belleville cheerleaders and the Lynx mascot get ready for the game.

2. Hundreds of fans gathered to watch the Homecoming football game. The game was dubbed a “Pink Out” game in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.





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Awareness Month, the game was dubbed a “Pink Out” game with fans and players wearing pink shirts or accessories to demonstrate awareness.

During halftime, Lynx defensive lineman Philepae Phillips of Detroit, Mich., was crowned Homecoming King and Madison Farrier from St. Peters, Mo., was named Homecoming Queen. Lindenwood-Belleville alumni were also honored at halftime with a special recognition of the campus’ first two football alums, Tyrell

Munnerlyn (’12) and Edward Magallon (’12). To date, Lindenwood University-Belleville has a total of 1,939 alumni. Despite a late effort by the Lynx in the last half of the game, LU-Belleville fell, 30-22. The defeat, however, did not close out the campus’ Homecoming Week. With 150 new LCIE students on campus for orientation and their first class, the bustling Homecoming activities marked the start of the next quarter for Lindenwood’s evening students.

1. During halftime of the football game, the Homecoming Court was presented, including King and Queen Philepae Phillips and Madison Farrier (center), both seniors.

2. The Lynx football squad took on Menlo College in the school’s second annual Homecoming game.



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Belleville Campus Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

More than 180 people attended the Lindenwood University-Belleville 10th Anniversary recognition and appreciation dinner Saturday, Nov. 2, at the St. Clair Country Club in Belleville. The event celebrated the campus' 10 years in Belleville and honored those who have supported and contributed to its impressive growth and success over the last decade.

"Who could have imagined that, 10 years ago, an old, abandoned high school would now be home to almost 2,000 students from countless states and more than 30 countries around the globe?" said Dr. Jerry Bladdick, President, Belleville Campus. "Who could have imagined the economic impact that Lindenwood would have on southwestern Illinois, and specifically the City of Belleville, or the jobs that have been created and education opportunities that have been conceived?"

"Our 10th anniversary celebration honored all those who supported and believed in Lindenwood University-Belleville, from the residents, businesses, and leaders of Belleville and St. Clair County to the Board of Directors, faculty, staff, and students of the Lindenwood University system to Congressman William Enyart and Illinois State Representative Jay Hoffman."

The evening included an award presentation in which the City of Belleville, St. Clair County, Lindenwood University, Congressman William Enyart, and Illinois State Representative Jay Hoffman were recognized. The first employee of the

Belleville campus, facilities manager Gary Lopez, and the first campus director, Mary Reuter, were also honored.

As a surprise gift to Lindenwood Belleville, Congressman Enyart announced that the U.S. flag would be flown at half-staff over the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., in honor of Lindenwood Belleville's 10th Anniversary and would be presented to the campus later this month.

On October 29, Enyart also took the floor in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Lindenwood Belleville's 10th Anniversary and describe the university and its mission statement. He showed a video clip of his speech in the House and presented President Bladdick with the official documented meeting minutes in which Lindenwood University-Belleville was mentioned. Enyart, who served as the Belleville campus' first commencement speaker in May 2013, also presented his graduation hood to Lindenwood as a piece of campus history.

The dinner concluded as guests left messages for the future and deposited them into a time capsule to be opened at the campus' 25-year anniversary in 2028.



Left - Place setting; Top right - Congressman William Enyart (right) receives an appreciation award from Mary Reuter and LU-Belleville President Jerry Bladdick; Right middle - LU-Belleville faculty members Stephanie Yearian, Therese Chavaux-Turnbull, and Andrea Boyles; Below - a violinist plays for the room.



Lindenwood Celebrates Heritage and Future

Mathenys awarded 2013 Sibley Medallion of Honor

On November 8, Lindenwood University President James D. Evans hosted the annual Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society Dinner at the St. Charles Convention Center. The evening celebrates and thanks major donors in the Butler Society and those in the Sibley Heritage Society that have made planned gifts to the University. New members of both giving societies are recognized and receive a special pin from the University President.

Longtime Lindenwood supporters and donors Rob and Nancy Matheny were awarded the highest honor of the evening—the 2013 Sibley Medallion of Honor. Named after Lindenwood founder Mary Sibley, the medallion is awarded for outstanding service to the University. For three decades, the Mathenys have strongly



Above—Nancy and Rob Matheny accepted the 2013 Sibley Medallion of Honor. Left—Professor Emeritus John Wehmer and Judith Brougham ('60) examine one of the paintings on display at the arts-themed event.



supported Lindenwood's academic and athletic programs.

Rob Matheny was introduced to Lindenwood University in 1991 when his company, Matheny Heating and Cooling, was brought on to bolster the systems of Lindenwood's aging mechanical infrastructure. Nancy is a former faculty member and administrator, now working as a CPA.

The fine arts-themed evening included gallery showings of paintings, fashion design, ceramics, and an original sculpture created for the evening by Professor Jacob Stanley. Attendees enjoyed a pictorial history of the fine arts at Lindenwood from the 19th century to the present as well as a performance by Lindenwood's noted a cappella group Voices Only.

Scholarship Opportunities for Students Grow

Lindenwood has over 130 endowed student scholarships encompassing a variety of academic fields as well as co-curricular programs. This year, one focus of the Institutional Advancement team is to increase the scholarship offerings to be able to provide opportunity and access to more Lindenwood students. Recently, scholarships have been founded by generous families and donors focusing on women in business and the arts.

In October Lisa and Matthew Rozier

endowed a memorial scholarship in honor of their daughter, Taylor, who died of a brain tumor several years ago. Her parents established the Taylor Ann Rozier Memorial Scholarship for young women graduates from Taylor's high school alma mater, the Incarnate Word Academy.

Earlier in the fall, the Lou Brock Scholarship Fund was enriched, and five other scholarships were established in football, men's basketball, women's basketball, soccer, and hockey. Support

came from funds raised at the successful Lou Brock Golf Classic, a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Darren Hensley, and from two corporate gifts from donors that wish to remain anonymous.

Endowed scholarship donors will have a chance to meet their student scholarship recipients in person at the annual Endowed Scholarship Dinner on Friday, February 7, 2014.

Upcoming Performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

Student Theatre

Into the Woods

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

Anna Karenina

April 11-12, 7:30 p.m.

April 17-19, 7:30 p.m.

Student Music

Band Concert

March 10, 7:30 p.m.

Choir Concert

March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra Concert

March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Concert

March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Student Conductors' Concert

May 6, 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Concerts

May 7 and 9, 7:30 p.m.

Voices Only Concerts

May 8 and 10, 7:30 p.m.

Student Dance

Student Dance Concert

Feb. 13 and 14, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Spring Dance Concert

May 1-3, 7:30 p.m.

Art Exhibits

(Boyle Family Gallery)

Joan Hall Installation

Jan. 23-Feb. 16

Opening reception Jan. 30, 4-7 p.m.

Posters from the Wells Fargo Collection

Feb. 20-March 16

Opening reception Feb. 27, 4-7 p.m.



The Moscow Festival Ballet

A Star-Studded Season on Tap at the Scheidegger Center

The J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts will have a number of returning favorites this winter and spring, as well as some acts new to the main stage. For information on any upcoming show at the center, call the box office at (636) 949-4433 or visit www.lindenwood.edu/center.

Christmas shows featuring the Lettermen (Dec. 13 and 14), the Lennon Sisters (Dec. 15), and Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. (Dec. 20 and 21), were scheduled to follow the annual production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* by the Lindenwood University Theatre Department.

The Moscow Festival Ballet has become a perennial favorite, and it will return to the stage at 8 p.m. on January 25 with a performance of *Giselle*, a 19th century French ballet with a rich production history. The company has performed a number of times to enthusiastic audiences at the Scheidegger Center, including productions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *Don Quixote*.

The big event in January is a concert by St. Louis' own Erin Bode, who will perform a selection of American classics with her band and a string quartet from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Jan. 30, benefitting the Lindenwood University Arts Endowment. VIP tickets to the concert and special reception are still available.

The Lindenwood Theatre Department will present a production of Stephen Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods* at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20-22, followed by an evening with the renowned Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel at 8 p.m. on Feb. 25.

March, the month of St. Patrick's Day, begins with *Celtic Nights: Journey of Hope*, at 2 p.m. on March 2. Then, the legendary Peter Nero takes the main stage with *The Gershwin Project* at 8 p.m. on March 8. Nero, a two-time Grammy Award-winning

pianist, has been praised by the *New York Post* and the *Washington Post* for his thoroughly entertaining shows and his musical virtuosity.



Deana Martin

Deana Martin, the daughter of Dean Martin, will present *Reflections of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra* at 8 p.m. on March 22. Like her father, Martin is an accomplished singer, actor, and performer with a long list of credits in films, theatre, and television, as well as a slate of hit records. In her new show, she breathes new life into the time-honored music of her father and Frank Sinatra.

In April, the national tours of two Broadway musicals will come to the Scheidegger Center. *The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy*, will be at 8 p.m. on April 6 with an evening of crowd pleasing numbers and a story about what happens when daughter Wednesday Addams falls in love with a "normal" boy.

The national tour of *MEMPHIS: The Musical* will be at 7 p.m. on April 21. This winner of four Tony Awards, including best musical, takes the audience to 1950s Memphis, where a radio DJ and an aspiring singer join forces to change the face of music.

The season wraps up with an evening with the incomparable Wayne Newton at 8 p.m. on May 17. "Mr. Las Vegas," the consummate showman, will perform his crowd-pleasing show, still going strong after more than five decades in show business.

Appreciated Stock Can Build a Strong Future

With the markets at record highs, you may find yourself owning stock that is worth significantly more than you paid for it many years ago. In addition, capital gains tax rates are now higher than in previous years. Consequently, if you sell the stock, you may find yourself incurring significant capital gains. Fortunately, there are several different options available to you that may save income taxes while providing for Lindenwood's future and benefiting our students. Some of these options even provide cash flow during your lifetime!



Donna H. Baber, JD

In addition, you will not pay the capital gains tax that would have been due had you sold the property. For these reasons, appreciated stock is a great way to fund either an existing pledge or new gift. Transferring stock to Lindenwood is easy; just contact us for specific transfer instructions.

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A charitable gift annuity is a great way to provide cash flow in retirement. A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the donor and Lindenwood in which we agree to pay a fixed payment for the donor's life (or the life of the donor and another person). If you fund a charitable gift annuity with appreciated stock, you will receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction. In addition, it is possible to bypass a portion of the capital gains tax that would have otherwise been due had the stock been sold. Any remaining capital gain may be reportable over the life expectancy of the person receiving the annuity, rather than in the year the property is sold.

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Donna H. Baber, JD, is the Director of Planned Giving at Lindenwood University.

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| Age | Rate |
|-----|------|
| 70 | 5.1% |
| 75 | 5.8% |
| 80 | 6.8% |
| 85 | 7.8% |
| 90 | 9.0% |

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'40s

Jeann (Gross) Mudd ('49) was the first Lindenwood May queen from St. Charles in 1949. She currently resides in St. Charles, Mo., with spouse Gordon Mudd.

'60s

Carolyn Bloebaum ('63) helped to plan this year's Homecoming and Reunion weekend for her class, which just had its 50-year reunion. She and her husband, Ronald, live in Union City, Tenn.

Patricia Franks ('63) recently retired after spending the majority of her career working in the pharmaceutical industry. After graduating from LU, she earned a PhD in zoology and completed a post-doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, where she studied the effects of lead on the reproductive cycle in rhesus monkeys and rats. Franks resides in Windsor, N.J.

Kathleen (Gaffney) Velsor ('69) was selected by the Oyster Bay Historical Society to receive one of its 2013 Outstanding Advocates for Historic Preservation and Education awards. Velsor is the director of the Underground Railroad Teaching Partnership. She is also currently an associate professor in the School of Education at the State University of New York at Old Westbury. Velsor and her husband, Curtis, reside in Bayville, N.Y.

'70s

Jeanne Hind ('71) is the director at Spring International Learning Center in Denver, Colo., where she lives.

Jean Settle ('72 & '87) is a retired teacher from the Francis Howell School District. Settle resides in Glendale, Mo.

Priscilla (Nowack) Schmidt ('73) is a library assistant at the St. Louis County Library. She and her husband, Robert, reside in O'Fallon, Mo.

Linda Christian Williams ('73) is an academic advisor and adjunct professor at Webster University.

Claudia (Fetters) Richner ('75), upon earning her RN, came to Lindenwood to earn a BA in psychology. She and her husband, Fred, reside in Smithville, Mo.

Robert Schneider Ph.D. ('75) works at ATSU-Kirksville (Missouri) as a physician. He and his wife, Susan, have four children.

Harry Cohoon ('76) was recently appointed deputy chief of training and operations for the Wright City Missouri Fire District, the latest step in a career spanning 43 years. Cohoon continues a teaching legacy that now spans four generations of firefighters.

Naomi (Ferencz) Farley ('76) graduated from Lindenwood with her bachelor's degree in communication arts. She currently lives in Oceanside, N.Y.

Susan (Porter) Schneider ('76) and her husband, Bob Schneider, live in Kirksville, Mo. Her degree is in elementary education.

Esther Fenning ('77) is a newspaper columnist in St. Charles, Mo., where she lives.

Earlier this year, she spoke with an employee of Lindenwood, expressing that "Lindenwood changed her life" as a student here and as a previous Alumni Director.

'80s

Dianne Isbell ('81) designs her own hats. Her designs have won four years consecutive years at the Annual Hiram W. Leffingwell Forest Park Forever Hat Award Luncheon. Her hats are for purchase at The Designing Block in Clayton, Mo., or on her website, hatsbydianne.com. Isbell hosts events around the area and encourages anyone to attend. She resides in Belleville, Ill.

Louis Launer ('86) was elected to the Board of Directors of the St. Charles County Historical Society in April 2013. Launer's first novel, *Rurals and Townies*, is slated to publish in January or February of 2014 for iPads, tablets, and Nooks. He and his wife, Trish, reside in St. Peters, Mo.

'90s

Lynn (Bower) Hall ('94) relocated to Florida with her husband after years following the Cardinals during spring training. Hall works for Express Scripts. She enjoys coming back to St. Charles to see the additions to the Lindenwood campus.

Sara (Schaefer) Drost ('98) is the co-owner and retail manager at Rally Formals, LLC, a business that sells attire and accessories for prom, pageants, weddings, and more. Drost earned a degree in theatre from LU and lives with her husband in Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

Vince Fitzpatrick ('99) lives in O'Fallon, Mo., with his wife, Naomi. Fitzpatrick received his MBA from Lindenwood and is currently working at Edward Jones.

Mary (Hunsicker) Parris ('99) is a teacher for the Rockwood School District. She and her husband, John, live in Wildwood, Mo., where they have three children.

'00s

Denise (Blissenbach) Voss ('00) teaches in the Francis Howell School District. Voss received her master's in early childhood education.

Heather (Lichtenberg) Duckworth ('01) is a marketing specialist for Enterprise Bank. She resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Nathanael Hostetler Ph.D. ('01) was named the high school principal for the Potosi R-III School District in July. His wife, Travena, is a process coordinator for the R-7 district working in the middle school and Lincoln Intermediate. The couple has a daughter and twin boys.

Joe McKinney ('01 & '02) graduated with a BA in criminal justice and an MS in criminal justice administration the following year. He and his wife, Michelle, had a daughter, Molly Kathryn, on July 9, 2013.

Crystal Gallagher ('02) joined the law firm of Cary, Welch & Hickman LLP, earlier this fall as an associate. After receiving her bachelor's in business administration, Gallagher went on to

complete her juris doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law school in January of 2007. Gallagher resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

Jill (Plassmeyer) Oetting ('02 & '03) married Ryan Oetting on June 22, 2013. Oetting is a physical education teacher at West Middle School in the Fort Zumwalt School District. She also coaches varsity girls' volleyball and junior varsity boys' volleyball.

Stephanie (Schulz) Ritter ('02) is a commercial real estate analyst assessing costs vs. business need at Edward Jones in St. Louis, Mo. She is married and lives in Ballwin, Mo.

Katie (Kutz) Brettschneider ('03) was named principal of Murphy Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year. Brettschneider resides in St. Charles, Mo.

Gara (Rakijasic) Cornelison ('03) is an operations specialist on the pricing team at Edward Jones. Cornelison and her husband live in St. Charles, Mo.

Ryan Oetting ('03 & '08) teaches physical education at Fort Zumwalt West High School. Oetting is also an assistant coach for the school's varsity softball and baseball teams. He and his wife, Jill, live in St. Charles, Mo.

Sarah (Hayden) Platt ('03) and husband Zachary have one child, with whom Platt stays at home with. Zachary works as an assessor for the Harris County Appraisal District.

Donald Cayton ('04) was married earlier this year to Nikki (Mitchell) Cayton. The couple lives in St. Peters, Mo.

Sean Abel ('05) was named dean of humanities and social sciences of San Jose City College in California. Abel resides in Weed, Calif.

Angela Fowle ('05), of St. Charles, Mo., was named executive director of the Foundry Art Centre, where she previously served as exhibitions manager. Fowle has also served as the St. Charles, Mo., regional coordinator for the national "Poetry Out Loud" recitation contest.

Elvir Kafedzic ('05) is a professional indoor/outdoor soccer player. He played with the St. Louis Strikers in 2004, with the St. Louis Steamers in 2006, and with AC St. Louis in 2011. Kafedzic is on the 2013-2014 roster for the St. Louis Ambush.

Reed Livergood ('05) works for MITRE Corporation in systems engineering. Livergood lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Laura Montgomery ('05) is the interim director, Educational Resources Division, for the Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA). She directs and oversees the professional development, curriculum development, student services, technology resources, and infrastructure resources for the education organization.

Michelle (Paschedag) Stein ('05) and her husband, Tim, have two children. The family resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Michael Pulley ('05) and wife Tracy reside in St. Charles, Mo. Pulley's company, BidRazor, which provides an easy way to bid for construction and renovation building, was

featured in *Forbes* magazine's TechWeek edition as a "company to bet on."

Paul Lee ('06) and wife Amanda live in Cedar Falls, Iowa. While on campus, Lee was a resident assistant, school mascot, and dean's list student. He is currently a data system analyst at BDI, Inc. The couple has two children.

Elizabeth Thompson ('06) received her graduate degree from LU in criminal justice administration. Thompson resides in Overland, Mo.

Shannon Nute ('07) is a web designer with ASI Food Safety in St. Louis, Mo. She recently became engaged to Elliott Clemens, and the couple plans to be wed on September 27, 2014.

Laura (Presley) Street ('07) received her master's in teaching from LU. She and her husband, Jonathan, reside in St. Peters, Mo.

Paula Bernhardt ('08) lives in St. Peters, Mo., with husband Randy. Bernhardt studied music and previously worked as an adjunct professor of music at Webster University from 2010 to 2012.

Kristin Cento ('08) received her master's from Lindenwood and resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Katie (Pitlyk) Lombardo ('08) of St. Louis, Mo., is a project manager at World Wide Technology. She received her MBA from Lindenwood.

Chad Jaecques ('09) lives in Madison, Mo., with wife Tanya and daughter Eva. Jaecques works at Moberly Area Community College as the director of alumni relations and institutional development.

Michelle McKinney ('09) lives in Wentzville, Mo., with husband Joe. She and her husband both hold MS degrees in criminal justice administration. On July 9, 2013, McKinney gave birth to their daughter, Molly Kathryn.

'10s

Leah (Shipley) Chavez ('10 & '12) married Jerry Chavez in March 2013. Chavez is a classroom teacher in the Hazelwood School District. The couple resides in Florissant, Mo.

Megan (Meyer) Gibson ('10) married Ben Gibson May 18, 2013. The couple resides in Wentzville, Mo. Gibson is a graphic designer for Schroeder and Tremayne in St. Louis, Mo.

Ashley Kopp ('10) is the family-school liaison at Owensville High School. She is a deputy juvenile officer in Warren County and has worked for the Hermann Police Department in the past.

Geoff Macy ('10) of High Ridge, Mo., is the new principal for Valley Middle School, starting this fall. Prior to his new position, Macy was employed by the Northwest School District since 2007.

Malori (McNab) Nguyen ('10) was married in Charleston, S.C., on June 22, 2013. She received her degree from LU in finance and is employed at Edward Jones in St. Louis, Mo.

Kayla Birke ('11) received her degree from LU in business administration. Birke currently works for Washing Surgery Center as a business office manager and resides in Bourbon, Mo.

Jacob Glose ('11) received his degree in professional counseling from LU. He also recently graduated from Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis with his master's in professional counseling. Glose was married on July 20, 2013, to Mykaela (Rico-Warbington) Glose.

Heather (Logan) Gogel ('11) was married in September to Sam Gogel. She is a school counselor at Trinity Catholic High School in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael Kennedy ('11) was married to Samantha (Gahr) Kennedy on April 20, 2013. Kennedy and his wife reside in St. Charles, Mo.

Jori Phillips ('11) is the principal of Mack's Creek Elementary. She and her husband, Josh, have three children and live in Camdenton, Mo.

Brian Brinkman ('12) received his Master of Arts from Lindenwood and resides in St. Peters, Mo.

Gerald Cunningham ('12) joined Ship Works, a leading shipping software company in St. Louis, Mo., in April. Cunningham is a customer care representative. He resides in Florissant, Mo.

Stephen Graveman ('12) was spotlighted by David K. Williams, CEO of Fishbowl, an inventory management company, in *Forbes* magazine in March during his four-month public relations internship.

Andrea (Knapp) Hill ('12) has a master's in gerontology from LU and was married to Aaron Hill on December 14, 2013, in St. Louis, Mo.

Jennifer (Gentsch) Kiefer ('12) married Joseph Kiefer in May 2013. Kiefer is an admissions adviser for National American University in Weldon Spring. The couple resides in Hecker, Ill.

Laura (Kiefer) Kilfoy ('12) studied health management at LU with an emphasis in human resources. Kilfoy works at Bryne Software Technologies as a cost control engineer.

Camille (Zebelman) McCormack ('12) was married May 4, 2013, to John McCormack. She works at Touchstone Title, and the couple resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew McCune ('12) married wife Soncerae on October 25, 2013. He received his degree in exercise science from Lindenwood and enlisted in the Air National Guard earlier this year.

Soncerae (Franz) McCune ('12) was recently married to Andrew McCune ('12). She received her degree in psychology and criminal justice.

Kramer Soderberg ('12) received his degree in communications and is a men's basketball graduate assistant at Lindenwood. Soderberg was married to Andrea (Elmendorf) Soderberg on June 29, 2013.

Dawn Thornton ('12) works at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital, where she helps manage the volunteer program and is assisting with the development of a new foundation.

Vince Zwilling ('12) is a senior manager at Express Scripts. He received his master's from LU in business administration and resides in St.

Charles, Mo.

Alex Bazzell ('13) plays professional basketball in Germany for the Leitershofen Red Kangaroos. Bazzell played three seasons at Lindenwood as a standout player.

Elizabeth Key ('13) relocated to Toledo, Ohio, to work for the Red Cross. Her future plans include earning a doctorate in biology.

Ellen Lorenzen ('13) was named Miss Nebraska and later went to Las Vegas, Nev., for the Miss USA Pageant.

Adam Smart ('13), an LU MBA grad, is currently an employee of Edward Jones in St. Louis, Mo.

Dawn Smith ('13) graduated in 2013 with a Master of Science in human resource management and resides in St. Louis, Mo.

Faculty and Staff

Dr. Deb Ayres was named Vice President for Human Resources earlier this year. Ayres, former chair of LU's EdD Program, has worked as a human resources management consultant since 2000 and is looking forward to building professional relationships with the people of Lindenwood.

Dr. Jerry Bladdick ('93 & '12) received his master's and a Doctorate of Education in higher education administration from Lindenwood. On May 17, Bladdick was named the first President of Lindenwood University-Belleville.

Dr. Steve Gietschier, the University's Curator and an Assistant Professor of History, published an article titled "Slugging and Snubbing: Hugh Casey, Ernest Hemingway, and Jackie Robinson—A Baseball Mystery," in *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*.

Amy (Bailey) Hess ('05) is newly engaged and resides in Fenton, Mo., with her twin boys. (The fall 2013 *Connection* incorrectly stated she was married to James Hess.)

Dr. Joe Parisi ('96, '11), former Dean of Day Admissions, was recently promoted to Vice President for Enrollment Management. Parisi, who is a 15-year employee at Lindenwood, has been in charge of the Day Admissions Office for 10 years and is also the most successful wrestling coach in Lindenwood's history.

Angela da Silva ('10), Adjunct Professor, was earlier this year a reenactor director responsible for creating a replica recruitment camp for a Civil War event at the first designated national Underground Railroad site, the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing site in St. Louis.

Dr. Michael Stein, Professor of Sociology, presented a paper earlier this year at the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) annual Conference on the State of Higher Education. Stein also recently co-authored with other Lindenwood colleagues a journal article and a book chapter.

Dr. Brooke Taylor, Assistant Professor of English, has had an essay accepted for publication in *Eliot-Lewes Journal*.

Being Rift Fournier: 1936-2013

BY PETER CARLOS

After watching the Red Sox game with his daughter Joene and son Noel, and as the sun was setting on the St. Louis skyline on Sunday evening, October 6, 2013, my friend and colleague Rift Fournier died peacefully in his bed with his family around his bedside. Rift had liver cancer that spread to his lungs, and he refused to go through the dreaded chemo treatments. He wanted to go out on his own terms. One of his longtime best friends, Father Gary Seibert, had earlier in the day given Rift his last rites. Rift, who was fading in and out of consciousness that day, woke up enough to recite with him a hearty “Our Father,” and then drifted off. Father Gary took a short break by walking outside, and that’s when Rift died.

LU Board President Jim Shoemaker and University President James Evans brought Rift to Lindenwood in 2007 as an “artist in residence.” Rift taught Television History, Writing for TV, and others. The students adored him. He told stories about his friends Malcolm (McDowell), Stacy (Keach), and Chris (Cluess). As a TV writer and producer, Rift won a national Emmy and many other awards from around the world. He wrote for *The Mike Douglas Show*, *Baretta*, *Charlie’s Angels*, *NYPD Blue*, *Kojak*, *Matlock*, and various TV series and movies.

At 17, Rift contracted polio in Omaha, Neb., his hometown. He never walked again, but that didn’t stop him. He stood up for all his students, got them grants and scholarships, mentored them, and told them the truth that they didn’t always want to hear about their work.



Rift Fournier

Every year in May, we had either lunch or dinner to celebrate the anniversary of our friendship. I always wanted to hear his stories and share some gossip with him. Rift was right, even if he was wrong. And later he would call and leave a message:

“I love you, man. You know that.” I did. That’s all that mattered. I was part of the Rift Family whether I liked it or not.

I am a better person because he picked me as friend. We all are.

In Memoriam

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

Anna Louise Conkling ('39)
Salem, Va.

Genevieve Garst ('44)
Ft. Collins, Colo.

Elaine Anderson Fellowes ('43)
Wheaton, Ill.

Morita Ringus Anderson ('45)
Kansas City, Mo.

Beverly (Catlett) Endicott ('48)
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lila (Robinson) Sowell ('51)
Columbia, S.C.

Louise Lord ('65)
St. Louis, Mo.

Steven Charleston ('83)
Florissant, Mo.

Harland D. Thompson ('94)
St. Louis, Mo.

Sarah Birsic ('11)
Quincy, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

Oliver “Bo” Hagan
St. Louis, Mo.

Rift Fournier
St. Louis, Mo.

Friend of the University

Brother Mel Meyer
Florissant, Mo.

Annual Lou Brock Golf Classic Lands a Hole-in-One

The 21st Annual Lou Brock Golf Classic September 30 raised over \$100,000 for scholarships at Lindenwood University. The successful event was held at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles, marking the fourth year the tournament has benefited Lindenwood University.

In 2009, St. Louis Cardinals' Hall of Famer Lou Brock and his wife, Jacqueline Brock, who is a member of the Lindenwood University Board of Directors, were looking to move their annual golf tournament to benefit a new charity. Jackie spoke to Lindenwood President James D. Evans, who said he would be honored to have the University, specifically the Lou Brock Scholarship Fund and Lindenwood Athletics, benefit from the tournament.

Jackie contacted Jane Baum, Lindenwood Athletics Development Director, to oversee the tournament.

Baum, who works in the University's Institutional Advancement Office and with the Athletics Department, assembled a committee of volunteers from the University and the community to plan the event. University Board Members Ben Blanton and Duane Flowers also lent their expertise to the effort.

Since then, the Lou Brock Classic has grown from one 18-hole course with a little over 100 golfers to two courses and more than 200 golfers. Lou and Jackie make several personal calls each year to solicit donations from local companies, including Ameren, which has been committed to the tournament since the beginning and has for the last two years been a "Hall of Fame" sponsor—the top sponsorship level.

"It is inspiring to be able to help Lou and Jackie with raising money for deserving students," said Richard Mark, president and CEO of Ameren (and huge fan of Lou Brock). "Ameren is honored to partner with the Brocks and Lindenwood University."

This year, World Wide Technology joined Ameren to support the tournament and scholarship fund as a top sponsor. Other key sponsors are Adidas, FOX Sports, KMOX Radio, Pepsi, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Tom Ackerman, KMOX sports director, has supported the tournament for many years, lending his talent as the designated emcee for the dinner that follows the tournament.

With the growth of the Lou Brock Classic, donations have increased as well. Thanks to our generous contributors, each golfer walks away with an Adidas golf polo shirt, a hat, a tee marker, a towel, a golf umbrella, and other items. The giveaways change from year to year, but the most treasured item each golfer receives is an



Former Cardinal Manager Whitey Herzog (left) chats with Jacqueline and Lou Brock and Kathy Dampier.

autographed, framed photo, taken with Lou Brock himself.

Through the generosity of the sponsors and donors, the tournament has raised half a million dollars for the Lindenwood University athletics programs in just four years.

"It is an honor to work side by side with the Brocks, in particular the Hall of Famer,"

Baum said. "Lou is such a giving person and an inspiration to my work."

Plans are already underway for next year's tournament. For more information, contact Baum at jbaum@lindenwood.edu or (636) 949-4427.

Broadcaster and former Cardinal relief pitcher Al Hrabosky (right) was one of the celebrity participants in the tournament, shown here talking with (from left) Greg Marecek, President of the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, LU Board member Gary Shaw, and Ron Rechetl.



LU Welcomes Hall of Fame Class

The Lindenwood University Athletics Department had one of its biggest events of the year on October 18 at the annual Sports Hall of Fame banquet. The highlight of the evening was the induction of seven new members into the Lindenwood Sports Hall of Fame.

Three former student-athletes and four teams were placed into the Sports Hall of Fame this year. The student-athletes were Katherine Hannah (women's hockey), Ignacio Novas (men's soccer), and Sandy Siehl (women's basketball and field hockey).

Hannah was a five-time ACHA All-American and was twice named the ACHA National Player of the Year. Novas was a two-time NAIA All-American and the leader of the 2004 NAIA National Championship team. Siehl was one of the early two-sport stars for Lindenwood after competing in basketball and field hockey from 1967-1971.

The teams inducted were the 2005-06 roller hockey team, the 2006-07 men's wrestling team, the 2008 Lion Line, and the 2007-08 women's hockey team. Those four teams all won national championships and combined to win 97 percent of their head-to-head contests.

Numerous current student-athletes were also honored at the banquet. The Lindenwood Student Achievement award winners for 2013 were Nicole Hensley (women's hockey), Mike Failoni (baseball), Mary Killman (synchronized swimming), and Fernando Reis (Olympic weightlifting). The Lindenwood Shining Light Awards, which were presented by Hannibal and Annette Najjar, were awarded to Brian Hruby (baseball), Isabel Mersch (women's golf), and Lindsey Schweigert (Lion Line).



Sandy Siehl ('71), inducted for basketball and field hockey



Athletics Director John Creer



Members of the 2008 Lion Line, which was inducted as a group

The 2013 class of the Lindenwood University Sports Hall of Fame



Men's Soccer First Team to Qualify for NCAA Tournament

There have been many memorable seasons for Carl Hutter and his Lindenwood men's soccer team, including an NAIA National Championship in 2004. The 2013 season will rank right up there with some of the top seasons in program history.

For the first time, the Lions went unbeaten during the regular season after compiling a record of 16-0-2. Lindenwood won its second straight MIAA championship with a 7-0-1 conference record, and it entered the postseason as one of the top teams in NCAA Division II. As *Connection* went to press, Lindenwood was headed to the NCAA Tournament after a dramatic victory over Fort Hays State to win the MIAA Conference Tournament.

"I am proud of our team's success this year," said head coach Carl Hutter. "The players have worked so hard and were rewarded with their regular season success."

Lindenwood was led by a stingy defense that is allowing less than a goal per game. The Lions gave up just 14 goals in 18 games during the regular season and had just two games in which they allowed two or more goals. Fermin Hughes started the majority of games in goal and had a 13-0-1 record with three shutouts.

Offensively, the Lions had a balanced

attack with 15 different players scoring goals throughout the year. Aris Nukic led the team with 11 goals and 27 points, and Mauricio Medina had a team-high seven assists.

The Lindenwood men's soccer team celebrates by hoisting Coach Carl Hutter after winning the MIAA Conference tournament.



Fall Sports Wrap Up

Football

The Lindenwood football team had one of its youngest teams in the Patrick Ross era this year with just five seniors seeing regular playing time, and the majority of the starters being freshmen and sophomores. The result was some flashes of exciting things but not enough consistency to compete for a title in the toughest NCAA Division II conference.

The Lions were 3-5 heading into their final home game of the year against nationally-ranked Pittsburg State. Offensively, sophomore quarterback Dillon Miller led an offense that was among the MIAA's leaders with nearly 300 passing yards a game. Defensively, NFL prospect Pierre Desir was the top highlight as he wrapped up a career that saw him finish second in the MIAA in career interceptions and first in career passes defended.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Lions soccer team was picked near the bottom of the preseason conference standings but became one of the surprise teams in the MIAA. Lindenwood sat on top of the MIAA for much of the season before eventually finishing sixth with a 5-5-1 conference mark.



The 2013 field hockey team finished with a five-game winning streak.

Women's Volleyball

Another team to exceed preseason expectations was women's volleyball. With still two weeks left in the conference season, the Lady Lions had already matched last year's MIAA win total and were in position to make the MIAA postseason tournament. Among the team's highlights was a 3-1 win over Nebraska-Kearney, which was ranked eighth in NCAA Division II at the time.

Field Hockey

The Lindenwood field hockey team played its toughest schedule in program history and finished the regular season with seven wins, just one game under .500. The team ended with a five-game winning streak in which it averaged 5.4 goals a game.

Water Polo, Rugby Win Conference Titles

The Lions water polo team went 7-0 in the Missouri Valley Division and then captured its second consecutive conference championship with three straight wins against the University of Missouri, Washington University in St. Louis, and Saint Louis University. The title earned Lindenwood a trip to the Collegiate Water Polo Association Division I Club Championship in San Diego, Calif., November 8-10. Last season, the Lions finished seventh at the event.

The Lady Lions rugby team swept through the newly formed Thunderbird South Conference with a perfect 4-0 record. In only the third season for the program, Lindenwood defeated Iowa State University 22-17 in overtime in the first round of the conference playoffs at home October 26, but a road trip to Cedar Falls, Iowa, the following week ended the quest for the championship in the semifinals. The Lady Lions fell to Minnesota 29-15. With the season in the books, Lindenwood looks forward to the beginning of the new season in January.



The men's water polo team won its second consecutive conference championship this fall.

Shotgun Team Celebrates Once Again

The shotgun sports team took a moment to look back and celebrate the 2013 national championship team with a ring ceremony at the Columns Banquet Center August 31 in St. Charles, Mo. Over 200 people attended the event, held in honor of

the unprecedented 10th straight collegiate title for the program.

In addition to the many athletes, parents, and alumni in the audience, several special guests were also in attendance, including Lindenwood President Dr. James D.

Evans, retiring Vice President for Human Resources Dr. Rick Boyle, and several other University Vice Presidents and members of the Board of Directors.

Assistant Director of Student Life Sports Jason O'Dell served as the master of ceremonies. Sean McClelland, who was a team member from 2004 to 2008 and part of the first title for Lindenwood, served as the guest speaker for the evening.

As dinner concluded, the incoming freshman class was announced, followed by the All-Americans from the 2012-13 season. President Evans, Coach Shawn Duloher, Missouri Representative Chuck Gatchenberger, Kreighoff CEO Alex Diehl, and McClelland presented team members with their 2013 National Championship rings and belt buckles.

The shotgun sports program won its 10th straight team championship at the 45th Annual ACUI Clay Target Championships in San Antonio, Texas, in April. In addition, seven shooters combined to win nine individual championships. The Lions hit 2,249 out of 2,350 targets overall to defeat second place Texas A & M by 60 targets. For the second consecutive year, Lindenwood claimed five out of the six major team events.



From left, State Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, President Jim Evans, Junior Olivia Edwards, alum and 2008 Olympian Sean McClelland, Kreighoff guns General Manager Alex Diehl, and Coach Shawn Duloher.

Multiple Belleville Teams Head to NAIA Postseason

The men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball teams at Lindenwood University-Belleville qualified for the NAIA postseason after having exceptional years.

Men's soccer finished the regular season 12-5-2, including three wins over NAIA top-25 opponents. The women's soccer team finished the regular season 9-8-1, with victories in three of their last four games.

Volleyball broke the school record for wins, finishing 17-18. The Lady Lynx are led by first-year coach Justin Wells. Football was 3-7 heading into its final home game of the season against Haskell University. With a win, the Lynx would match their win total from a year ago. The men's and women's cross country team had a strong showing at the A.I.I. Conference Meet, with the men finishing fourth and the women fifth. Men's golf finished second at the USCAA Championships this fall and looks to build on its success heading into the spring.



LU-Belleville men's soccer finished with a record of 12-5-2.

Belleville Basketball, Winter Sports Move into High Gear

The Lindenwood Belleville women's basketball team, under the direction of first-year Head Coach Jeff Reis, has several

top-25 opponents on the schedule, and Reis says the Lady Lynx are going to be challenged this season. In just their fifth

game of the season, Reis' Lady Lynx defeated NAIA powerhouse Columbia College.

Men's basketball is looking to build on a school-record 27 victories a year ago. Under the direction of fourth-year Coach Scott Spinner, the Lynx promise to compete and entertain.

Men's and women's wrestling both had successful seasons in 2012-2013 and look to take the program to the next level under first-year Head Coach Kyle Jahn.

Men's and women's bowling are both currently ranked in the top 75 in all of collegiate bowling and have already shown signs of improvement from the beginning of their season.

Men's volleyball is set to have a packed schedule this season under first-year Head Coach Justin Wells. The men's team will start its season in January.

Track and field will have its first-ever indoor season this winter and looks to establish a presence right away in the NAIA. The track and field team is led by Kelly Parsley.

Lynx men's basketball hopes to build on its 27 victories from last year.



Activities Galore Over '13 Homecoming Weekend

The fall 2013 semester is nearly over on the Lindenwood campus. Once again the University is alive with activity. Students hurry to classes, sports teams are in action, and extracurricular activities abound.

October 18-20 saw the return of over 750 alumni for Homecoming and Reunion. A wide spectrum of events was prepared for the weekend. There was literally something for everyone. Options for returning alumni included tours of campus, a presentation on the new School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, a fashion showcase of graduates and current design students, an archeological dig, fitness sessions, the Homecoming parade, a Kids Den (for little Lions), the football game, a delicious barbecue lunch on Saturday, and so much more.

Reunion Weekend also saw the dedication of the Alumni Gazebo on the Heritage Campus and the dedication of an oak tree in memory of former English professor James Feely. I want to extend a huge thank you to all of the LU staff members who planned and coordinated the weekend. It takes a tremendous amount of teamwork to manage the logistics of such an occasion. All involved are to be commended for their efforts to make Homecoming a success.

The 50-year honored class saw 24 of its members return to its alma mater. Carolyn Cannon Bloebaum ('63) regaled those attending the Saturday morning breakfast with tales of the class' misadventures and memories of their college years. Kudos to Carolyn, Betsy Light LeDoux, and Barbara Brockgreitens Clark for the marvelous job they did in reconnecting with their classmates to bring so many back to campus.

Two new members were elected to the Alumni Association Board at our annual meeting: Patti York ('92 and '97) and Shawn Crosby ('06). We welcome their fresh perspectives on how to better serve our alumni. I encourage you to contact any member of the Alumni Board with your thoughts and ideas.



Judy Forstmann Brown ('63)

Also this fall, LU-Bellefonte celebrates its 10th anniversary. The Bellefonte campus continues to grow and exceed expectations. We congratulate them and wish them continued success.

Sunday evening, December 1, was the annual Christmas Walk. We hope you were able to join us to enjoy our beautiful St. Charles campus aglow with luminaries and participate in the holiday festivities. Many of our alums are actively involved in these events. Your Alumni Board also will welcome new graduates to the alumni ranks at our first ever December Graduation Ceremony on Friday, December 13.

Shortly, you will be notified that nominations are being accepted for the Alumni Merit Award. Please consider nominating a deserving colleague or classmate. Courtney Lenk ('99) chairs the Award Committee and will be seeking nominations for the honor, which is presented during graduation ceremonies in May.

Much is happening at Lindenwood. We would love to have you visit the campus and renew your connection!

Judy Forstmann Brown ('63)
President, Alumni Association



Guess Where This Is

Can you tell us where this window is located on campus? If so, please email your answer and to alumni@lindenwood.edu. Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. Five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

In last issue's "Guess What This Is," the picture was of sculpture carvings of fruit, located on the exterior of Nicolls Hall. The winner from the Winter 2012 *Connection* was Sally Heyer McLees '68.