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We are thrilled to introduce the reimagining of the Butler Society, a new look to Lindenwood University's lifelong giving society. This update embodies our commitment to fostering a strong culture of giving and celebrating our most dedicated donors. The reimagined Butler Society will now establish five new tiers to further celebrate those who are members of the society. Those tiers are Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements and events that will showcase the newly reimagined Butler Society and provide opportunities for you to be a part of this exciting journey.

The Butler Society is comprised of a select group of alumni and friends, who have promoted the growth of Lindenwood University through significant charitable gifts. Membership is determined through lifetime giving levels beginning at \$25,000.

The Butler Society is named in honor of Col. James and Margaret Leggat Butler, whose philanthropic spirit led to the construction of nearly half the major buildings on campus. The Butlers' total contributions to Lindenwood would equal more than \$25 million in today's dollars.

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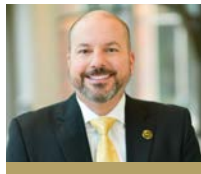
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Platinum | \$500,000 – \$999,999

Gold | \$250,000 – \$499,999

Silver | \$100,000 – \$249,999

Bronze | \$25,000 – \$99,999



"Members of the Butler Society play a vital role in Lindenwood's continued growth and success as a university," Vice President for Advancement and Community Engagement Orrie Covert said.

"Part of our philosophy as a university Advancement team is to engage in donor-centric, outcome-focused fundraising. The gifts from individuals and organizations represented in the Butler Society support the multitude of people, places, and programs that make up Lindenwood University. We are proud to celebrate our current and future members whose aspirational philanthropy helps shape our university and allows students to achieve their goals."

To our current members: Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our institution over the years. We look forward to sharing more about the reimagined Butler Society with you in the coming months.

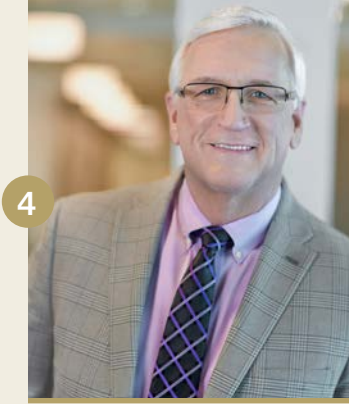
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ORRIE COVERT

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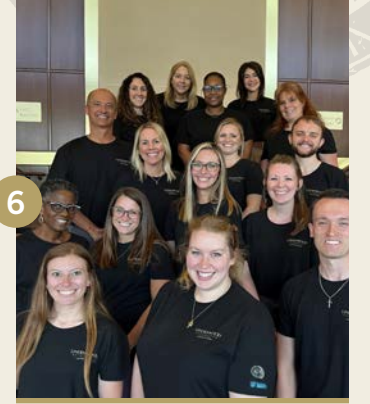
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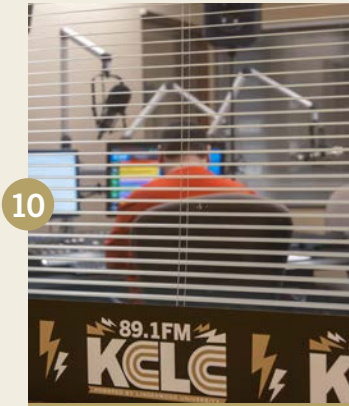
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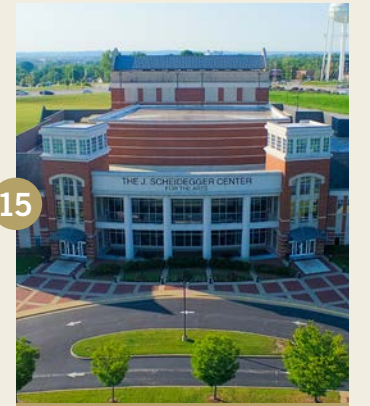
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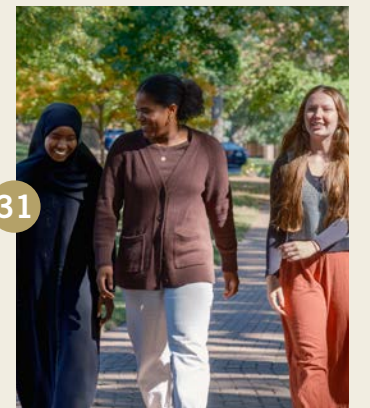
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Letter from the PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

We had another wonderful fall here at Lindenwood University. With record-setting freshman enrollment and flourishing online programs, our community continues to grow. As we progress past the midpoint of our strategic plan, we remain focused on our goals and celebrate meaningful milestones along the way.

This fall marked an important accomplishment—the completion of an in-depth culture study and the announcement of our new core values. Having a clear identity of who we are and what we stand for ensures we deliver on our promise and prepare students to succeed in their careers and lives.

If you haven't been to campus recently, I invite you to visit us here in St. Charles! Incredible things happen daily at Lindenwood, and I look forward to seeing you soon.



Ever grateful for your
friendship and support,

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

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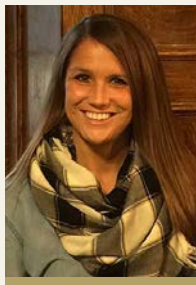
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SEEDS OF Greatness



LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY'S JOURNEY: VALUES IN PRACTICE

By Dr. Brittany Brown | Director, Employee Development



In the pursuit of continuous improvement and the alignment of its core values, Lindenwood University embarked on a transformative journey. This journey involved redefining the core values and recognition of exceptional individuals who exemplify these principles. Led by a dedicated team from the Human Resources division and inspired by the Barrett Model and the Organizational Culture Assessment Instrument (OCAI), Lindenwood's new values now reflect a profound commitment to its students, fostering a culture that not only benefits the institution but also deeply resonates with its entire community.

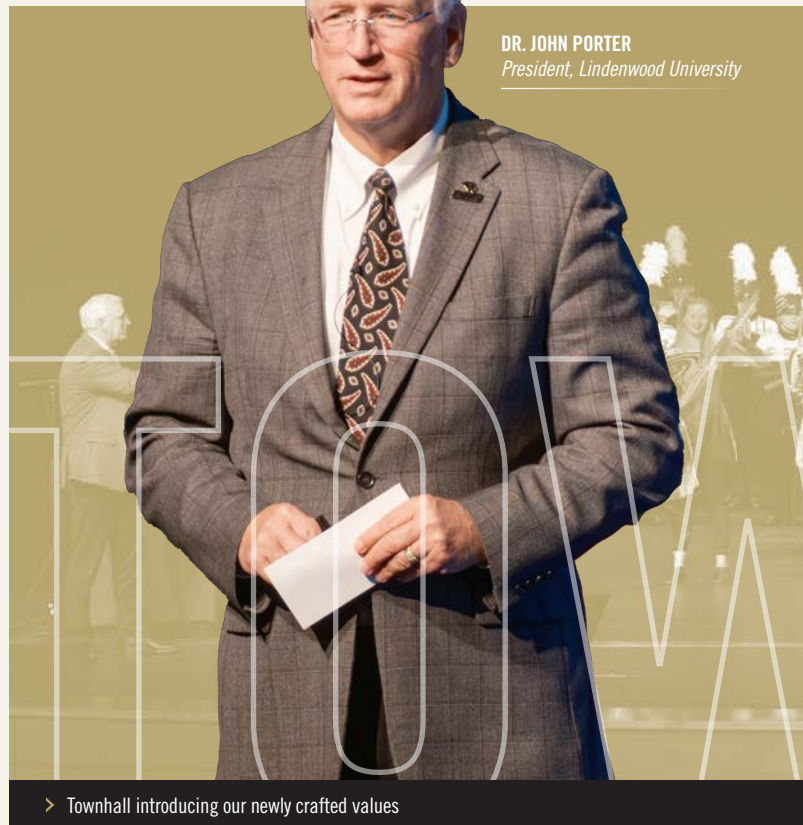
As an academic institution steeped in tradition and with a close-knit community, Lindenwood recognized the need for a more comprehensive and inclusive set of values that would resonate with its diverse stakeholders. To address this

need, Drs. Deb Ayres, Amanda Price, and Brittany Brown, key leaders within the Human Resources division, consulted with the University's Q2 Champions, a group of comprised of both faculty and staff known for their commitment to serving, students, fellow colleagues, and the broader community. Little did anyone expect that this endeavor would evolve into a journey of profound self-discovery and cultural transformation.

Several Q2 Champions from each division and college stepped forward to assist in re-energizing and recommitting the university community to the core values. These champions took on a new identity as VIP (Values in Practice) leads, which recognized their crucial role in this endeavor. Their dedication to fostering a culture of excellence made them a natural fit for this strategic initiative.

In the pursuit of a more values-driven and authentic culture, Lindenwood developed a robust framework leveraging the Barrett Model and the OCAI to delve into the intricate relationships between culture, values, and behaviors, guiding them through a journey of self-discovery and transformation.

Collaborating with the University Cabinet, the VIPs played an instrumental role in reshaping Lindenwood's values. This partnership was critical in developing a set of values that would resonate deeply within the university community and extend its influence beyond its borders. The resulting values now reflect the very essence of Lindenwood's commitment to its students, faculty and staff, and the community it serves.



DR. JOHN PORTER
President, Lindenwood University



ROB WESTERVELT
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Dr. Deb Ayres
Senior Vice President, Human Resources

> Townhall introducing our newly crafted values



FEATURE STORY

LINDENWOOD'S NEWLY CRAFTED VALUES

We put our **STUDENTS FIRST**

We have an unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality education, service, and experience by connecting with our students at every interaction in their educational journey and beyond.

We thrive **TOGETHER**

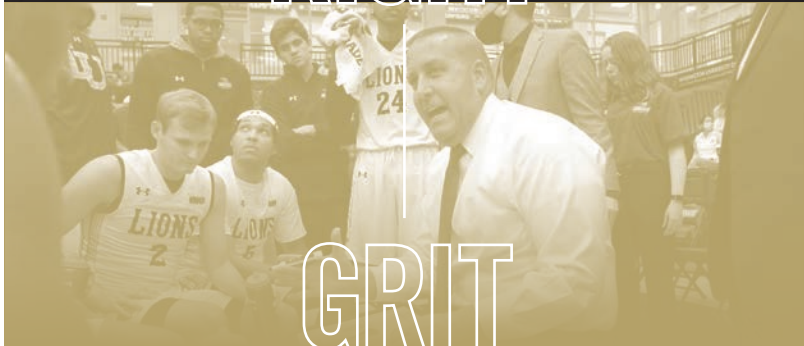
As team members, we foster a community founded on collaboration, authenticity, support, and understanding.

We do what is **RIGHT**

We work hard and hold ourselves accountable for our decisions, actions, and words.

We have **GRIT**

We relentlessly pursue innovation, adaptability, and continuous learning, even in the presence of challenges.



These values represent the culmination of a profound journey toward self-discovery and a renewed sense of purpose. The role of the VIPs in this transformation cannot be understated. These individuals, who often go above and beyond their roles, played a critical part in shaping the values that will guide Lindenwood into the future.

Finally, Lindenwood's journey serves as a powerful reminder that an organization's values should evolve in step with its identity. Values should not be static. Through the dedication of its HR team and wisdom of the VIPs, Lindenwood has set a remarkable example of how an institution can redefine its values to align with its true purpose. In doing so, they have paved the way for a bright future.

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VALUES IN PRACTICE

BASKING IN THE *Light*

By Tyler Poslosky | Manager, Communications Content

LINDENWOOD IN THE NEWS



GREEK LIFE CONTINUES TO GROW

For the first time in five years, Lindenwood University fraternities and sororities saw an increase in recruitment. Collectively, Lindenwood Greek life added more than 100 new members—a 44% increase from 2022. Lindenwood fraternities and sororities ended the 2022–23 academic year by raising more than \$21,000 for their philanthropic partners and completing more than 1,400 hours of community service.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE GETS GOING

Lindenwood University's annual Student Leadership Institute was held August 26 for student leaders to gain information regarding policies and procedures for running an organization, budgeting planning events, etc. The Student Leadership Institute provided a keynote session delivered by Dr. Gary Stocker, along with various breakout sessions covering topics, such as “How to Lead When You’re Not in Charge” by Dr. Julie Turner, “Event Planning 101” by Sam Sorrick, “Recruiting and Retaining Members” by Melissa Bidinger, “Pop Pop Goes the Spinning Top: Conflict Resolution,” by Dana Moore, and “Leadership (Taylor’s Version),” by Madison Shaw.



NEW DINING OPTIONS UNVEILED

In Fall 2023, Lindenwood University unveiled new dining options across campus. Lindenwood partnered with Sodexo, a multinational food service and management company, to provide dining, catering, and other services. In January, Pizza Hut will join the retail operations in Spellmann Center and an autonomous marketplace will be installed in Harmon Hall. Additionally, the dining hall in Evans Commons underwent a makeover with new furniture. The partnership with Lindenwood and Sodexo is a milestone in putting students first and enhancing the student experience.



CELEBRATING KCLC RADIO

The College of Arts and Humanities hosted KCLC's 75th anniversary celebration November 9 in Spellmann Center. Former KMOV news anchor Robin Smith was the keynote speaker. Also included in the event was a Cbabi Bayoc painting dedication to KCLC by Alpha Chi National Honor Society, as well as a tour of the KCLC studios.

Linden BRANCHES

By Tyler Poslosky | Manager, Communications Content

LINDENWOOD IN THE COMMUNITY



LENDING A HAND

LindenGiving, the University's community outreach endeavor, announced its second LEAD (Lions Engage and Dedicate to our community) project. On October 17–18, volunteers helped revitalize the interior spaces of the St. Charles Senior Center through philanthropy, a fresh coat of paint, installation of a large-screen TV, and updated furniture and accessories. Lindenwood art students also painted a mural and modern artwork that was hung throughout the senior center.



FOOD FOR A CAUSE

In partnership with Oasis Food Pantry, Lindenwood University hosted a T-shirt food drive at its annual Dark Carnival event in October. Guests donated a nonperishable food item and received a Dark Carnival T-shirt. All proceeds from the canned food drive supported Oasis Food Pantry.



GIVING SEASON

This giving season marked the fourth consecutive year Lindenwood University volunteers packed and delivered bags full of Thanksgiving meal essentials to local families in need. A LindenGiving initiative, the University again partnered with Oasis Food Pantry to respond to the most urgent needs of neighbors in St. Charles.



TOYS FOR CHILDREN

Lindenwood University welcomed families to its annual Winterfest event in early December. Attendees took a stroll through 3,000 luminaries on the heritage side of campus. Additionally, guests donated new, unwrapped toys to the Salvation Army, which will help provide kids with Christmas joy this year.

The UNDERSTORY

CAMPUS LIFE

LETTER FROM A STUDENT

Dear Lindenwood Community,

What does it mean to put students first as a university? For me, the answer is simple: It is the same platform I ran on to be your Student Body President. It means accountability, transparency, and, most importantly, approaching situations with a mindset of growth.

I promised you I would uphold these values and now, I am excited to share with you the progress we have made in tandem with our new “students first” value. This semester, we have grown and changed our campus dining programs to include late-night dining and soon, 24/7 dining options. Additionally, we have increased access to student spaces and added three new student organizations, with other potential organizations beginning in the recognition process.

I am excited for the University’s energy surrounding “students first” and other initiatives to come. I look forward to seeing you on campus soon to witness these changes for yourself.

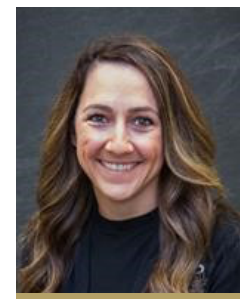
Your Student Body President, success is not achieved from giving up.

Your Student Body President, CLAYTON HERBST

Clayton Herbst is a junior from Lake Saint Louis, Missouri, majoring in political science with a pre-law emphasis and international relations, minoring in economics and digital marketing. Clayton currently is the Student Body President and Secretary of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.



FACULTY AND STAFF PROFILES



LAUREN TIGHE EdD, PT, DPT BS, ATC
Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Clinical Education, Athletic Training

As a faculty member in the Athletic Training program, Lauren Tighe teaches in the curriculum and manages student clinical placements. Tighe also coordinates community outreach and

student engagement opportunities. “I thoroughly enjoy my dual role because it allows me to interact with students in the classroom and in the clinical setting,” Tighe said. “It is really unique because I get to observe the students thriving in the classroom but also while working directly with athletes and patients, it is such a rewarding feeling to see that crossover. I also really enjoy working with my colleagues. ... I’ve always felt like there is a large emphasis on collaboration, which I am very passionate about, especially coming from the clinical setting prior to my time in higher education.”

While all of the core values resonate with Tighe, she most relates to **We have grit**. “The word grit describes much of my personality and work ethic, and I can relate very much so to this value because of that,” Tighe said. “I am the type of person who continually self reflects with the intention of continually evolving as a person, a mom, a wife, and a professional. I enjoy the process of seeing growth in myself, but also helping others to grow and evolve and achieve their goals and aspirations.”

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LAUREN TIGHE



PAM LOVE
Enrollment Representative, Lindenwood Global

Pam Love worked with students for many years as a member of the Lindenwood community. As an enrollment representative, Love’s interactions with incoming students are uniquely impactful.

“I contact individuals who express an interest in furthering their education, to provide them with the necessary information and support needed for the admissions process,” Love said. “I encourage, assist, and coach them throughout that process. It is my responsibility to ensure our students reach their educational and professional goals. I strive to serve with excellence, accuracy, and efficiency because everything we do affects each student.”

Through her work as a VIP lead, Love felt a special connection to **We thrive together**. “It is my favorite because I understand that without the contribution of each department the student’s educational puzzle would not be complete,” Love said.

It’s no surprise that Love treats her students like family members and supports them in their degree pursuits. With her passion for students and commitment to collaboration and authenticity, Love will play a vital role in the future growth of Lindenwood.

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What I enjoy most about working at Lindenwood University is assisting people in changing their lives

PAM LOVE



CAMPUS LIFE

CAMPUS EVENTS

Roaring Together

By Emily J. Sebourn | Manager, Special Events

Lindenwood University is all about events. Not only are we glad to host events for our students, faculty, and staff, but we are elated to host events that welcome the public to campus. We also enjoy venturing out into the community for events in the greater St. Charles area. Visit the Lindenwood tent at one of the many local St. Charles festivals and meet our Special Events team who are always eager to share information about the academic year, encourage new athletic recruits, and even surprise our Alumni with special gifts.

Lindenwood was very proud to host its Lion Pride Tailgate before each of its five home NCAA Division I football games this season, as well as Dark Carnival, and Winterfest, along with many other events this fall semester. Large community events brought thousands of people to campus and offered many activities free of charge. The energy that enveloped campus was mesmerizing. The entire pride came to life, and we were excited to show off our beautiful campus.

To successfully execute large events requires great teamwork, and no detail is too small. Grounds, Operations, Public Safety and Security, the custodial team, and Lindenwood Catering work tirelessly to ensure our campus is stunning, safe, and memorable. Without this essential support staff, large events would not be possible. The Special Events team extends a heartfelt thank you to all colleagues and volunteers who help make our events amazing. You are the heart of the pride. We all roar together.



J. SCHEIDEGGER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

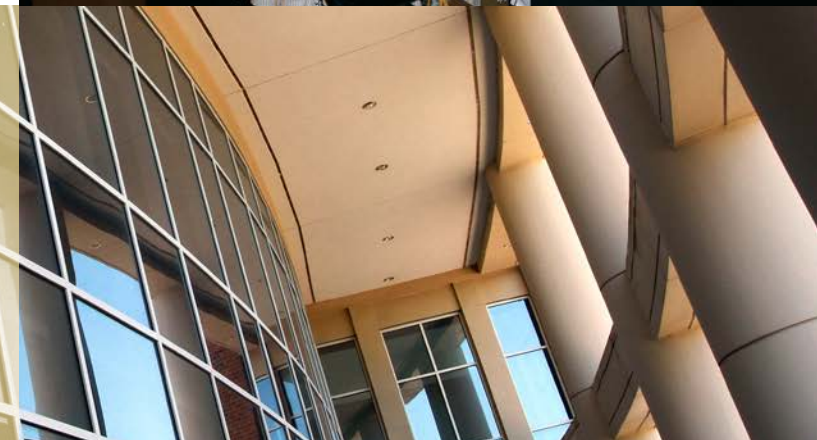
SCHEIDEGGER CENTER

We thrive together: Volunteering in the arts

Many nonprofit organizations rely on dedicated volunteers to fulfill their missions. The J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts is no exception. Volunteers play a vital role at the Scheidegger Center as ushers, helping to deliver a high-quality patron experience at professional touring shows, student performances, and other events throughout the year. Ushers greet guests, scan tickets, assist patrons to their seats, and help keep the Scheidegger Center clean and safe for everyone.

At the Scheidegger Center, this team is comprised of dozens of individuals who strive to do what is right by giving back to the community and donating their time to help the center thrive. Scheidegger volunteers care about the arts and know they can support the arts by helping Lindenwood University remain a cultural hub for St. Charles County.

If you are interested in supporting the arts through service, sign up to join the Scheidegger usher team!



VOLUNTEER TODAY!



2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

CORY ARENTSEN | MEN'S BASKETBALL | 2014–16

During his two-year career as a Lion, Cory Arentsen solidified his legacy as one of the best shooters in program history, averaging 19.8 points per game, while knocking down a staggering 42.4% of his attempts from 3-point range. As a senior in 2015–16, Arentsen set a school record by averaging 24.2 points a game and led the team in assists and steals. During his senior campaign, Arentsen was recognized as a first-team all-MIAA and NABC second-team all-region selection.

DEDE DORSEY | FOOTBALL | 2004–05

DeDe Dorsey was tabbed as a first-team NAIA All-American at defensive back as a junior in 2004 after he scored three defensive touchdowns for the Lindenwood football team. Dorsey also contributed on the offensive side of the ball in 2004 rushing for 842 yards and nine touchdowns. As a senior in 2005, Dorsey became the first Lion to earn AFCA All-American honors, rushing for 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns. Dorsey became the first player in NAIA history to be named as a first-team All-American on defense and offense in successive seasons.

MIKE FAILONI | BASEBALL | 2012–14

Mike Failoni compiled one of the greatest single seasons in Lindenwood baseball history during his junior campaign in 2013. As a junior, Failoni was a unanimous first-team All-MIAA selection, first team all-region, and ABCA/Rawlings All-American after breaking the MIAA single-season batting average record by hitting .500. Failoni led the MIAA in four other batting categories, including on-base percentage, hits, doubles, and total bases. At the end of his career, Failoni was the program's all-time leader in batting average and OPS.

AMANDA GREENE | WOMEN'S BOWLING | 2009–13

Amanda Greene spent four years competing for the Lindenwood bowling program and finished her career as one of the most decorated and accomplished bowlers in program history. Greene was a NCBCA first-team All-American three times throughout her time as a Lion, earning the distinction in 2011, '12, and '13. Greene became the program's first ever All-American. From 2011–13, Greene amassed four singles titles, seven second-place singles finishes, and 23 top-10 singles finishes.

ALECIA MCGILLIVRAY | WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING | 2013–17

Alecia McGillivray became Lindenwood's first individual NCAA National Champion in any sport after winning the 1,000-meter freestyle and 1,650 free titles at the 2015 National Championships. McGillivray concluded her Lindenwood career as the record holder in seven different events, two of which remain today. McGillivray earned All-American honors in 10 different events over the course of her four-year Lindenwood career.

DON ADAMS JR. | MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Don Adams Jr. has spent nearly two decades covering athletic events at Lindenwood as the primary photographer for the Lions. Over the course of his career, Adams Jr. has attended and covered an unmatched amount of Lindenwood events and provided imagery for some of the most memorable moments in Lindenwood's illustrious athletic history. Adams Jr. remains passionate about serving Lindenwood's coaches, staff, and, most importantly, the thousands of student-athletes he has covered during his time.

TEAMS INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME

2015 Large Coed Cheer, 2017 Baseball



> 2023 Hall of fame inductee plaques





THE GIVING COMMUNITY

The Mighty CANOPY

DR. CHARLES TSAI CONTINUES SUPPORTING LINDENWOOD THROUGH GIVING BACK

Dr. Charles Tsai idolizes Master Chu Chen Nan, a Lindenwood University alumnus and famous artist from Taiwan.

So much so that Tsai developed a relationship with Lindenwood through Chen Nan's artwork.

In July, Chen Nan donated two of his calligraphic pieces of artwork to the French government as part of an effort to promote cultural exchanges between the two countries.

"Master Chu is very famous for his calligraphy in Taiwan, and to see an artist and advocate of my nation of this stature inspires me to maintain good relations with the University," Tsai said. "Additionally, Lindenwood just began to start an exchange program with a Taiwanese university, and I want to be a strong supporter of this program."

Lindenwood and Tsai have developed a partnership with the National Taiwan University of Arts through an Academic Exchange Agreement. Under the agreement, two students from Taiwan will come to Lindenwood and two students from Lindenwood will go to Taiwan. Additionally, art exhibitions, and feature exchange activities will be established upon discussion between both universities. These exchanges will help bring



cultural awareness to students, so they are more interested in studying abroad for a semester or an entire academic year.

Tsai comes from a family of physicians and graduated from medical school in Taiwan. He later studied pathology to learn more about diseases and cures. Eventually, Tsai took a job at St. Louis University School of Medicine, where he served on the pathology faculty for 16 years beginning in 1972.

In 1990, Tsai joined the largest private medical practice group in the St. Louis area, WCP Laboratory, as a specialist and partner. There, Tsai helped establish advanced diagnostic technologies in the fields of cancer and immunology. After 25 years of practice, Tsai retired from the medical field and focused his attention and time to promoting, understanding, and advancing the cultures, arts, and politics of the Taiwanese American community in both the United States and Taiwan.

"After being connected back to the University by the Lindenwood Advancement team and the College of Arts and Humanities, I can now say how much I love being involved with the University and visiting the campus," Tsai said. "I love seeing where the University is heading in the future and want to continue to support its needs."

Throughout their friendship, Tsai bought pieces of artwork from Chen Nan for his own catalogue. Over the years, Tsai has donated numerous pieces to Lindenwood.

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I am truly grateful for Lindenwood University's decision to accept these pieces of work from an alumnus," Tsai said. "Master Chu is not just an esteemed figure in the world of arts but also a dear friend of mine. The fact that Lindenwood is dedicated to appreciating his legacy over the years means a great deal to me. Seeing his contributions not only recognized in Taiwan, but actively celebrated by the university means a lot."

DR. CHARLES TSAI



THE GIVING COMMUNITY



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MICHAEL WOODS GIVES BACK THROUGH PHILANTHROPY ORGANIZATION

Michael Woods and Neal Richardson first met at Transformation Christian Church, off Page Boulevard in St. Louis, in the mid-2000s.

The two stayed in touch and, eventually, forged a lifelong friendship. That bond they shared led them to a life-changing experience later on. In 2016, the two friends co-founded Dream Builders 4 Equity, a non-profit 501c, that works to develop economically sustainable and socially engaged communities by growing equity for youth, businesses, residents, and real estate.

Through this philanthropy, Dream Builders 4 Equity is attacking vacant homes in North St. Louis city by employing local minority youth (ages 18–24) and contractors to do large-scale, community-led development projects—putting money and equity back in the pockets of people within the community

while creating workforce development and scaling minority-owned contracting businesses

The company’s vision is a “world in which all communities have the courage to dream, the skills to build, and the resources to own their future.”

“Their efforts can turn into money,” said Woods, a 2014 Lindenwood University alumnus and is now the president/CEO of the company. “It’s proving to them ownership is a somewhat a key to freedom.”

Minority youth working within the program get hands-on experience that, Woods says, will help them in the future. Not only are they making a difference in their respective communities, but they are getting paid for their work, while gaining exposure to real estate from the legal side, the agent side, banking principles, insight from investors, as well as construction experience.

“They’re learning and being exposed to those things,” Woods said.

Moreover, profits from each house that is sold or restored go back to Woods’ employees, who then can use those funds for post-secondary education.

Currently, Dream Builders 4 Equity is working on a 50-property development project that includes rehabbing and building homes for seniors..

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It’s not just about us getting people to live in the community, but repairing houses within the community.

MICHAEL WOODS

Minority youth working for the nonprofit also have the opportunity to write in their own journals, chronicling all of their experiences during each project. Woods and his team then compile all of the journals and craft them into a book. Each employee gets their own copy, and then there is a book signing they can attend.

“Every dollar that comes through that door goes to our students,” Woods said.

Additionally, Dream Builders 4 Equity also has a retail store, where it sells clothes, all types of apparel, as well as books. The store also houses a screen-printing machine and an art studio, where people can create their own projects and then sell them.

Woods’ company also employs fun and games. Dream Builders 4 Equity runs a student-led chess program. High school—and college-aged students visit six different area elementary schools and teach kids how to play chess.

Woods, who graduated with a BA in psychology, credits his time at Lindenwood to helping him get to where he is today.

“The biggest thing I took away from Lindenwood is the tenacity it takes to be able to complete something and seeing things through,” he said. “At the time I was attending LU, I was working a full-time job, just purchased my own property and just published my first book. ... I loved that it was testing my mental fortitude. ... Definitely being a psychology major, but understanding human behavior is so important in the work that I do.”



The most important thing to Woods is making an impact on kids’ lives, as well as watching them evolve—personally and professionally.

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It feels amazing. The impact is affecting so many people, myself included.

MICHAEL WOODS

I saw me and Neal grow tremendously through this experience. We’ve seen our first group of young people go off and graduate college. ... it’s extremely rewarding and satisfying to see so many different people winning and benefiting from the presence of our organization.”



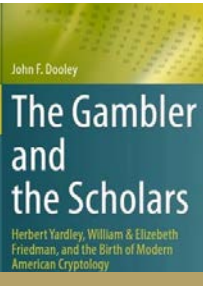
NEWS AND NOTES

1960s

Nahid Rachlin's '61 spouse unfortunately passed away three years ago. Since then, she has been writing a memoir and many books. A few are, "Persian Girls," "Crowd of Sorrows," "Rachlin Mirage," "Married to a Stranger," and "Foreigner."

1970s

Carla Coleman '73 and her husband, Tom Coleman, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on campus by the University chaplain June 1, 1973, at a small ceremony held in one of Lindenwood's small sitting rooms above KCLC's old studios. They have lived in South Florida for the past 49 and a half years.



John Dooley '74, the William and Marilyn Ingersoll Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, has published his seventh book, "The Gambler and The Scholars: Herbert Yardley, William & Elizebeth Friedman, and the Birth of Modern American Cryptology."

1980s

Louis Launer '86 has been serving as a member of the City of St. Peters Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Committee for the past three years. He also continues serving as chairman for the city's Historical Focus Group in bringing awareness to local history in St. Peters. He also continues as an ongoing contributor to the "St. Charles Heritage," the quarterly publication of the St. Charles County Historical Society.

1990s

Rajesh Sikka '92 produced multiple articles about Lionel Messi. He created Tableau VIZ also.

THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY



Mandy Causey Gamache '93, '07 retired in June 2022 after 28 years of teaching high school art. Her family's tradition of teaching is continuing as her daughter prepares to student teach.



Captain Kendall Bridgewater '96 is officially retiring from the U.S. Navy after more than 30 total years of dedicated military service. His final tour was as the commander of Military Sealift Command Pacific and commander, Task Group 33, a position he has held since October 9, 2020. He was commissioned through

Officer Candidate School after graduating from Lindenwood College in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management. Capt. Bridgewater's shore duty assignments have been as lead instructor for DDG Engineering at Surface Warfare Officer's School, the Naval War College earning a master's degree in National Security Policy and Strategic Studies, and as a volunteer for a Global War on Terror Support Assignment completing an 11-month tour in Baghdad, Iraq, with Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Combined-Joint Operations Division, as a liaison officer to the Iraqi Prime Minister's National Operations Center. His personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Army Achievement Medals, and various campaign, service, and unit awards.



Martha Latham '97 authored "Kid Vicious" and "TWINKled: The Loose Tooth," based off true stories about Martha's life. The books are available from Amazon, as well as Main Street Books in St. Charles, Missouri. She earned a bachelor's in marketing from Lindenwood and continues to reside in St. Charles.

2000s

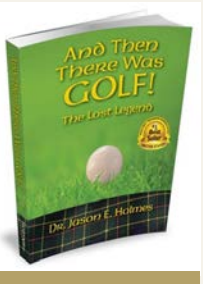


Luca Squinzani '03 got his degree in architecture and physical education and sports science. After he finished his soccer career, he continued to coach goalkeeping. He worked with many gifted players. In 2019, he came back and worked in youth academy.

2010s



Tina Smith Cowan '10 completed her master's degree from American College of Education, earning a master's in elementary education with a focus on content. She finished with a 4.0 grade-point average. On March 31, 2023, she received Teacher of the Year at her school, Dos Rios Elementary, in Tolleson, Arizona.



Jason Holmes '11 published "And Then There Was Golf: The Lost Legend." It debuted in paperback on Amazon as the No. 1 new release in Young Adult Teen Medieval Historical Fiction. The story features six lasses and six lads who decide to invent a new game to be played on the St. Andrews Scotland Links that

is fun, challenging, and fair to everyone regardless of size or strength. Available for order from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and independent book sellers.



Donna (Michelle) Benedict '14 is a dedicated teacher at Russell Elementary. She has been awarded with "TeacherProud Tuesdays." Hazelwood School District said, "Ms. Benedict is well-deserving of this recognition, and her students are reaping the benefits from being members of her learning community."

THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY



Michael Call '13 has been recognized as a Certified Athletic Administrator from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience, NIAAA Leadership Courses, and professional contributions. It culminates with a practical written examination or oral presentation project. Call received his undergraduate degree from Missouri State University and graduate degree from Lindenwood University.



Katie Perano Doherty '13 received the John C. Shepherd Professionalism Award, as well as the Young Lawyers Division Award of Merit from the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Linda Briggs-Harty '14 is the proud parent of Dr. Patrick Harty, a two-time Lindenwood graduate who is now an assistant professor in exercise science at the University. In addition, her son Joseph Kim Harty graduated from Lindenwood in May with a bachelor's degree in business.

Dr. Katie Kensinger '16, '21 is the director of college and career readiness for Springfield Public Schools. She oversees the district's continued growth of career and technical education for grades 6-12, including the development of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) curriculum and oversight of dual and other college credits. Prior to joining SPS as the coordinator of site interventions in 2018, Dr. Kensinger taught family and consumer science in Branson, Strafford, Blue Eye, and Trenton. She earned her specialist and doctorate degrees in educational administration from Lindenwood.

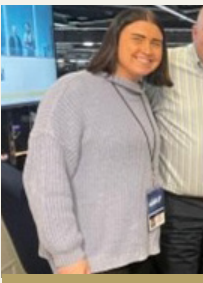
NEWS AND NOTES



Dr. Mykie Nash '17 started as principal at McBride Elementary School on July 1. She has been recognized by the Missouri Association of Elementary Principals as an outstanding principal in southwest Missouri. During her tenure at Aurora, she also served as Parents as Teachers director and transportation director.

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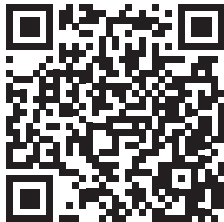
Marlin J. Ivy '20 is the director of communications and engagement for the Jefferson County Public Library System in Jefferson County, Colorado; the first African American chosen for this position in the system's history. He attended Lindenwood College in 1990 but left two years later to serve the country in the Persian Gulf War supporting operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in the United States Air Force. He came back under the LCIE program and finished his last class in 2020 and attained his Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. He went on to obtain his master's in public policy and urban leadership from the University of Nevada Las Vegas in 2022.



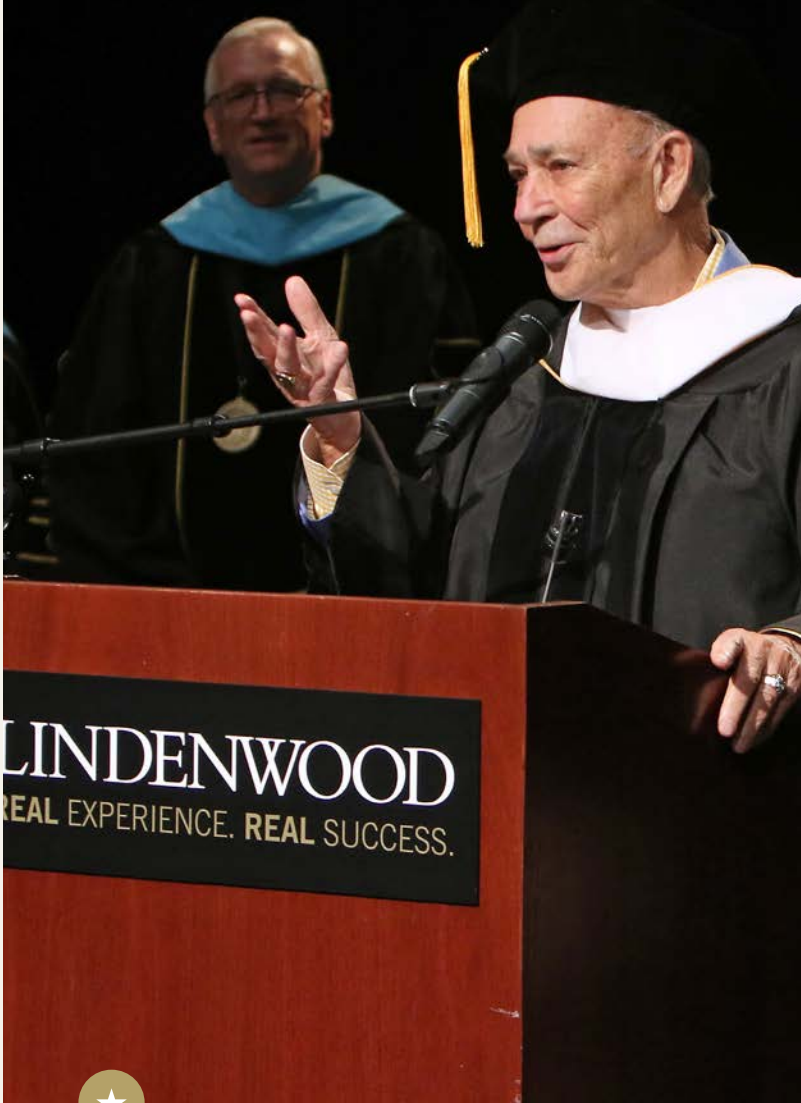
Jordan Deeken '22 finished the season with the St. Louis Blues where he served as Chris Kerber and Joey Vitale's booth assistant intern. Deeken started working as a 101 ESPN board operator with Hubbard Radio.

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SUBMIT NEWS!



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

At a special ceremony on October 13, Lindenwood University Board Member Jerry Scheidegger was presented with an honorary doctoral degree. Born and raised in St. Charles, Scheidegger has spent years dedicated to serving others and giving to the community in impactful ways.

"Jerry Scheidegger is a model of service, philanthropy, and community leadership. He gives generously to others and betters our society for future generations," Lindenwood President Dr. John Porter said. "Today, we honor your service, philanthropy, and social innovation in the same building that bears your name. The J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts is an enduring reminder of your gifts and good works and will be a legacy that will benefit many generations to come."

MEMORIAL

ERIKA ALEXANDER-BLECK
Valley Stream, New York
Class of 2018

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Class of 1970

ELSIE BOWMAN
O'Fallon, Missouri
Class of 1974

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Troy, Missouri
Class of 1997

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El Dorado, Arkansas
Class of 1957

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Commerce, Georgia
Class of 1973

VICKIE (MOORE) CHAPPELL
Monroe, Louisiana
Class of 1966

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN
Eureka, Missouri
Class of 1978

EDNA (WEIENETH) CHRISTIAN
Albert Lea, Minnesota
Class of 1948

THOMAS COALSON
Saint Peters, Missouri
Class of 1990

MARY ANN COLLIER
San Francisco, California
Class of 1971

ROBERT COMER
Billings, Missouri
Class of 2009

STEPHEN CURRY
O'Fallon, Missouri
Class of 2012

MONIQUE DAVENPORT
Florissant, Missouri
Class of 1983

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Class of 1963

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Petersburg, Illinois
Class 1958

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Melbourne, Florida
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JANE (WITHERS) FOX
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Class of 1947

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Class of 1969

KALEENA HAMMERS
Columbia, Missouri
Class of 2006

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Rosedale, Maryland
Class of 1973

MARTHA (HAMAN) HAYES
Rosedale, Maryland
Class of 1973

MARY (WILLIAMS) HUGHES
Parson, Kansas
Class of 1951

MARK JONES
Florissant, Missouri
Class of 1986

BONNIE (SHEPPARD) LEGGETT
Blytheville, Arkansas
Class of 1954

JOAN (SANDRETTO)
Libbra Benld, Illinois
Class of 1989

THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

JANE (FOSTER) LOFTUS
Xenia, Ohio
Class of 1968

YVONNE MAUNE
Augusta, Missouri
Class of 1993

EUGENIA (PERSUIT) MAYS
Chevy Chase, Maryland
Class of 1964

RICHARD METZ
Washington, Missouri
Class of 2008

ORINTHIA MONTAGUE
Gallatin, Tennessee
Class of 1998

BETTY (TYREE) OSIEK
Saint Charles, Missouri
Class of 1962

RONALD PARIDO
Bloomington, Illinois
Class of 1984

BILLIE (COULTER) PAWLIKOWSKI
Fort Collins, Colorado
Class of 1979



Future GROWTH

TEASER STORY

DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND SOLUTIONS HUB (DASH)

The start of a semester often presents new challenges for students. Attempting to navigate offices and policies to have their questions answered while adjusting to their new classes can be a frustrating experience for students. To make the transition to Fall 2023 as smooth as possible, Student Experience introduced the Direct Assistance and Solutions Hub (DASH).

For the first two weeks of the fall semester, DASH organized representatives from Academic Services, Professional Advising, Residential Life, the Bursar's Office, Enrollment Management, and Student Financial Services all in one place to assist students with walk-in questions and needs. This incredible example of putting students first ensured that students could get their questions answered and needs addressed in a timely manner and focus on their success at Lindenwood.



LIVING OUR CORE VALUES

Aligned with the announcement of the new core values, the University developed a recognition program for colleagues to acknowledge one another for demonstrating one of the values. The response has been incredible, and here are just two of the employees recognized for putting students first.



Woodrow "Woody" Ellis
Department of Public Safety and Security Office Assistant

Woody has been a beacon of service, consistency, and professionalism for the past 10-plus years at Lindenwood. The students are at the root of everything Woody does. He's been known to physically check windows, locks, fire extinguishers, fire escapes, pull stations and blue light courtesy phones, all to provide students with a safe and sound environment to live and study.



Sharon Vawser
Human Resources Specialist, Payroll and Taxation

Sharon works hard to guide and assist student-workers in getting started in their positions. Whether it's helping them get their direct deposit set up or guiding international employees in completing Sprintax, she goes above and beyond researching issues on their behalf and ensuring they have the information they need.

Lindenwood ADVANCEMENT

LOOKING FORWARD

SUPPORT THE LINDENWOOD FUND

For nearly 200 years, Lindenwood University has sought to invest in the success of our students today, while providing the experiences to prepare them for careers tomorrow. Your gift to the Lindenwood Fund remains the most fundamental way to support Lindenwood students.

That's because a gift to the Lindenwood Fund has the broadest impact on our campus with dollars supporting everything from financial aid, capital initiatives, and program improvements. So, whether it's helping a first-generation student achieve their dream of a college degree, constructing or renovating state-of-the-art facilities, or ensuring Lindenwood graduates can compete with peers from institutions across the world, your investment in the Lindenwood Fund, regardless of its size, makes a difference.

No gift is too small as evidenced in our most recent fiscal year where, collectively, donors to the Lindenwood Fund gave over \$2.2 million in support of Lindenwood students. This represented nearly half of all dollars donated to Lindenwood last year.

Join in making a lasting impact with a gift to the Lindenwood Fund today!



"I am deeply grateful for the generosity of donors to the Lindenwood Fund. As an international student from Japan pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a minor in Entrepreneurship, you are helping to make my educational journey a reality. Your support aids in the personal growth of my classmates and me and encourages future entrepreneurs who appreciate the significance of both artistic and business perspectives. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity to achieve my aspirations and give back to our academic community."

Anju Shiokawa, *Senior, Theatre Major*



"Little did I know that when I began my college journey, Lindenwood would become so much more to me than just a place to earn my degree. It became a community that fostered my personal growth and professional connections. I owe such a debt of gratitude to donors to the Lindenwood Fund as their gifts help to make experiences like the ones I've enjoyed possible. Their gifts have afforded me the opportunity to network with professionals in my desired field. As a student striving to become a medical sales representative, the connections I've made in the classroom and in the local business community are invaluable."

Lilliann Cheek, *Senior, Business Administration Major*



"I began my time at Lindenwood University during the unprecedented and unpredictable COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the unwavering support and generosity of the donors to our University, Lindenwood emerged resolute in its mission to provide an experience that keeps student success as its top priority. Thanks to donors to the Lindenwood Fund, I am able to pursue a dual degree in Cellular Molecular Biology Pre-Med and Political Science which not only equips me with the skills and knowledge for a successful future, but also brings me closer to my goal of attending Medical School. Your support is invaluable as it has transformed my educational path and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunities it has opened up for me."

Fatouma Sam, *Senior, Cellular Molecular Biology Pre-Medicine and Political Science*

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