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## Welcome! Welcome Home!

Several years ago, I stated that Lindenwood has an essential spirit that surpasses particular individuals, groups, and times. It is likely that most of our *Connection* readers would agree with that view. We might well be the largest “small college” in the country, in the sense that we now compare to Notre Dame in size but still prize each student and focus our mission and ourselves on his or her unique development *and future*. Through the good times and the challenging times, in the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, during the women’s college years, the multiple-colleges years, and the era of the large private university, Lindenwood has always been “about the student.”

In the same vein, one of Lindenwood’s self-study reports, prepared for the Higher Learning Commission, leads off with the following proclamation:

*Lindenwood is a personal, student-centered university with a large family and a spirit that transcends all the generations of students and professors who have passed through her stony gate.*

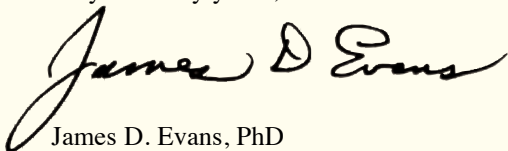
We are a large family indeed! We continue to grow demographically with the expansion of our student body, of course, but the growth is longitudinal as well. Our students become alumni, then parents, and many eventually enter the role of “Lindenwood Parent,” when their children matriculate here.

The Lindenwood community wants to be every student’s multi-generational higher education destination. For that reason, we do everything possible to engage each student during his or her Lindenwood years. The very successful “LU for Life” program that we conduct for our first-year students is that crucial first step in the process of extending the University family across generations. Part of that program involves having the parents spend a Parents Day here each fall. I recognize some of those parents because they took a class or two from me on this very campus – late in the last century. It is not unusual to discover that a few of the parents – sometimes alumni, sometimes not – are Lindenwood students presently, usually in one of our evening or graduate programs. Such discoveries are unmitigated serendipity to me because we want the University family to keep on growing and to stay engaged.

As already mentioned, we commence development of a lifelong relationship with our students in their freshman year. An early start is necessary but not sufficient, however. We realize that the bond with LU, even if strong at the time our students graduate, is not always self-sustaining. It has to be refreshed and nourished, just like any durable family tie. Accordingly, we have increased our initiatives designed to reach out to alumni who might not have – and might never have – college-age offspring. In addition to Homecoming, the alumni picnic, and other regular alumni events, the Lindenwood Alumni Relations Office now schedules “young alumni” gatherings that we hope will give even more *Connection* readers a tangible reason to reconnect with their *alma mater*.

We are also conducting more cross-country outings to reacquaint ourselves with some of our mature alumni who have not come back to Lindenwood in many years. Maybe we will see you on our next trip!

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, PhD  
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### On The Cover

Zack Smithey ('06, '09) and his wife, Brie, are honoring the past and forging the future of an iconic tea room that has a 100-year-old connection to Lindenwood University thanks to its namesake, Aimee Becker (1908). See Page 4.



Greg Amsinger ('01)  
on the set of  
MLB Tonight.

# Amsinger

## Receives Lindy Award

MLB Network personality Greg Amsinger ('01) was honored this spring as Communications Alum of the Year at the annual Lindy Awards. The presentation was March 27 at the J. Scheidegger Center.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime honor," said Amsinger, who actually missed a show in order to come back to St. Charles. "I love my alma mater."

Amsinger has been with MLB Network since its launch January 1, 2009. He is a studio host for the network's signature Emmy Award-winning show *MLB Tonight*. In 2011, he was given his own show on Saturday afternoons called *MLB Player Poll*—it replaced the long running *This Week in Baseball*.

Amsinger is also one of the hosts for the Fox Saturday Baseball Pregame Show. His responsibilities at MLB Network include hosting on location at the All-Star Game and the World Series. This year marks the sixth straight year Amsinger has hosted the MLB Draft.



Greg Amsinger

Before landing at MLB Network, Amsinger worked for CBS Sports covering primarily college sports. He was the first primary host for CSTV (College Sports Television), when the network launched in 2003. The network was later purchased by CBS.

Amsinger got his local television start in Terre Haute, Ind., as a weekend news anchor and weekday reporter. After three months, he became the sports director and he anchored the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts.

He worked numerous part-time radio jobs after graduating from Lindenwood, including a two-year stint as producer of Cardinals baseball on KMOX. Other side jobs included play-by-play broadcaster at KSLQ, and he was the inaugural voice of the now-defunct River City Renegades indoor professional football team.

"Lindenwood rolled the dice on an average student and gave me a shot," said Amsinger, who is from St. Charles. "I'll be forever grateful."

Amsinger and his wife, Erica, live in Bridgewater, N.J., and recently celebrated their 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have two children—Vanessa and London.



Miss Aimee B's on First Capitol Drive just a couple of blocks from Lindenwood University.

# Preserving, Polishing Miss Aimee B's

## *Alum Honors Past, Forges Future of Iconic Tea Room*

BY SCOTT QUEEN

Artists don't often have much in common with restaurateurs, but Zack Smithey doesn't usually take a common approach to anything.

Smithey ('06, '09) is an accomplished artist who has sold his work all over the St. Louis area. He visualizes. And he dreams. And one of his dreams about a decade ago was to own a restaurant.

Earlier this year, he and his wife, Brie, purchased an iconic St. Charles eatery and tea room, Miss Aimee B's, on First Capitol Drive. It's where Smithey's art and his dreams have come together in a very real way to preserve and enhance a century-old restaurant/tea room that is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

"We want to respect the past and the heritage of the building," said Smithey. "But we also intend to make it more inviting to a larger audience."

Smithey isn't just giving lip service to the past. He became close friends with the previous owners, Judy Howell and Sherry Pfaender, who have spent hours with the Smitheys sharing stories, history, expectations, and dreams.

"We've had more positive feedback from customers than negative," said Smithey, who has removed Miss Aimee B's faux Victorian wallpaper and painted the walls. "But there will be more changes."

Smithey said he won't be as much of a rebel as Miss Aimee B's founder, Aimee Becker, a Lindenwood alumna (1908) who dared to wear her hair down instead of in the standard bun. But Smithey does plan to make changes upstairs by adding local handmade arts and crafts for sale. He also wants to install wifi upstairs and sell coffee, smoothies, beer, and wine to attract a younger crowd.

"Upstairs will almost be like a separate entity," said Smithey, who hopes to attract Lindenwood students. "We'll probably try to open earlier for the coffee crowd and stay open later for the lounge group. We may even have some of the local breweries come in occasionally do some tastings."

But the core business, he said, will stay the same.

"In fact, we'll probably be doing more special-event dinners and maybe some 'first Fridays' with different types of activities," he said.

Smithey graduated from St. Charles



Zack Smithey and his wife, Brie, intend to make Miss Aimee B's more inviting to a larger audience.

High, then got his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree ('06) and a master's in education ('09). He taught in the Francis Howell School District for seven years before resigning to focus on art full-time.



Miss Aimee B's still offers special event dinners like this one, set up for Valentine's Day.

He and Brie were married in 2010, and the hard-working dreaming couple began building a life together.

"We got the inside scoop that the previous owners were ready to retire from Lexie, Brie's younger sister," Smithey said. "She's been working in the kitchen for the last couple of years."

Smithey immediately tapped into his dream from a decade earlier. "I look at Miss Aimee B's as a grand sculpture I can mold to make everybody

happy," he said. "I tend to just jump into things. Brie is the analytical one. She has been able to crunch the numbers, the demographics, and the business model and make everything work."

"We look at two things from two different points of view," said Smithey, "and we complement one another. It works well."

And it will work well for Miss Aimee B's.

## Becker Left Mark At Lindenwood

Aimee Becker's historic home has always had an air of classical dignity. It was a warm, elegant, and inviting place.

Becker, who was born in 1890, lived almost her entire life at 837 First Capitol Drive, a home in which she wanted to honor the past but not lose sight of the present. She loved entertaining, cooking, and Lindenwood.

When Becker was no longer able to live on her own, she donated the building to the St. Charles Historical Society, an organization she dearly loved. After Becker passed away in 1984, the society rented the home for a few years, and then made the difficult decision to sell. The owners created Miss Aimee B's to honor Becker. Today, a new set of owners, with strong Lindenwood ties, plan to take the establishment into the future.

Even today, the restaurant remains warm, elegant, and inviting.

Lindenwood's archives contain a treasure trove of history on the generous Becker, including an audio recording outlining Lindenwood's history during her life. Not long before Becker died, she donated \$50,000 to Lindenwood to establish the Aimee Becker scholarship.

Becker lived her final years at Parkside Meadows Nursing Home, still making sure to attend Lindenwood functions almost until the time of her passing.

Aimee Becker, wearing a hat, with some of her classmates in 1908.



## Students, Benefactors Meet at Endowed Scholarship Dinner

The annual Endowed Scholarship Dinner took place Friday, Feb. 7, in the Spellmann Campus Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room. The dinner is an opportunity for students to thank their scholarship donors and for donors to meet their scholarship recipients.

"This event gives donors and students a unique opportunity to meet," said Rachel Lamp, Institutional Advancement Special Projects Coordinator and organizer of this event. "Donors are truly invested in the success of Lindenwood students, and the opportunity to meet the students their donations directly affect is a special moment. It also gives our students a chance to meet and learn more about their donors."

Thanks to alumni and friends of Lindenwood University, hundreds of students are able to enjoy the Lindenwood experience. Through endowed scholarships, Lindenwood is able to offer money to students who might not otherwise have assistance with their tuition. Lindenwood hopes to reach 200 available endowed scholarships in the next few years; currently there are nearly 140 scholarships available. Scholarship criteria is determined by the donor. Scholarships are offered in areas from academics to athletics. All students must meet university admissions criteria and maintain an acceptable GPA while studying at Lindenwood.

Endowed scholarships are part of the bedrock that funds student scholarships. Through a generous donation, endowed scholarships are founded at \$25,000. Each year, the interest earned from the endowment is granted to a student who fits the criteria set forth by the donor. These scholarships are awarded annually, and since only the interest is awarded from these funds, the scholarship is available in perpetuity. Many donors fund endowed scholarships as naming opportunities for themselves or in memory of a colleague, professor, alum, or loved one.



(L to R) John Bergeland, recipient of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation endowed scholarship; Steven Kelly, donor; Jimmy Moore, recipient of the Enterprise Holdings Foundation endowed scholarship; and Tom Cupples, donor



(L to R) Kayla Piers, recipient of the Maurita Stueck Scholarship, and donors Carol Goodall and Maurita Stueck ('43)

## Friends of Harry

Harry Hendren was a beloved art professor at Lindenwood from 1950 until his death in 1975. He had a profound influence over the lives of many Lindenwood students. At Homecoming 2014, Lindenwood is launching an endowed scholarship to honor his memory. If you have a story about Harry that you would like to share or would like to support this scholarship, contact Donna Baber at (636) 949-4532 or [dbaber@lindenwood.edu](mailto:dbaber@lindenwood.edu).



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*"Harry was a marvelous teacher and a true gentleman who enjoyed knowing and helping his students while never losing his sense of humor."*

—Kay Fellabaum Hueser ('60)



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



**Homecoming & Reunion**  
October 10-11, 2014

# Lindenwood through the Decades

## Lindenwood St. Charles Homecoming and Reunion 2014! October 10-11, 2014

Homecoming and Reunion 2014 is just around the corner. Make your plans now to attend! Reconnect with your classmates and beloved professors, see what's new on campus, and feel the Lion Pride! This year, the class of 1964 will be celebrating its 50-year class reunion. We will be welcoming back our special alumnae at this year's reunion!

Here are just a few of the exciting events you can look forward to:

### Friday, October 10, 2014

Alumni and Guest Registration  
Alumni and Guest Reception  
Get Your NEW Alumni Photo ID  
Harry Hendren Dedication  
Historic Campus Bus Tours  
Special Tour for the Class of 1964  
Dorm Tours  
History of Lindenwood Lecture  
Pep Rally  
Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

### Saturday, October 11, 2014

Race to be King 5K Run and Walk  
Breakfast with the President  
Alumni Association Meeting  
Parade  
Kids Den  
Barbecue Luncheon and Tailgate  
Football Game - Lions vs. Northwest  
Missouri State  
Music in the Quad  
Alumni Softball Game and Recognition

### Sunday, October 12, 2014

Baseball Alumni Reunion Game

There will be something for all ages. Visit [www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming](http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming) for the latest events, travel information, and contact numbers.

If you are planning on attending Homecoming and Reunion and are looking for a hotel near campus, please consider the following:

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Ameristar	(636) 940-4300
Comfort Suites— St. Charles	(636) 949-0694
Comfort Inn— O'Fallon	(636) 696-8000
Country Inn & Suites	(636) 724-5555
Embassy Suites	(636) 946-5544
Fairfield Inn	(636) 946-1900
Hampton Inn	(636) 947-6800
Quality Inn	(636) 946-6936
TownePlace Inn	(636) 949-6800

# Save the Date

# Angela Fowle

is Director of Foundry Art Centre

BY CHRIS DUGGAN

Lindenwood Alumna Angela Fowle ('05, '06, '08) was named executive director of the Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles in July after a series of other positions, including volunteer in 2004, shortly after the facility opened. The three-time graduate maintains close ties with Lindenwood, including recent work with a graduate business class to develop marketing for the centre.



Fowle, who has a BA and an MA from Lindenwood in art history, heard about the facility in its early days and decided to volunteer there; she was later offered a part-time job in which she worked before moving to Miami in 2007.

“At the invitation of Laura Helling ('06) (then director of the centre), I came back in 2010 as education manager,” Fowle said.

Helling, who graduated from Lindenwood in 2006, became director in 2009. When the exhibitions manager position became available in 2011, Fowle applied for it and was hired to that post, in which she served until her promotion to director last summer, after Helling moved on.

The centre, so named because it is located in a former railroad car foundry building, seeks to connect people in the community to the arts through exhibitions, studio artists, music and theatre performances, and educational programs. Artists may lease studio space at the centre; Fowle said their work has to be juried in order to do so, but lease rates are low. The centre's galleries have temperature and humidity controls at Smithsonian-caliber levels, which has allowed for world-class exhibits to come through.

Fowle also curates exhibits at facilities outside the foundry, including venues like Lambert Field and Des Peres Hospital, the latter of which was put on jointly by Art St. Louis and the Foundry.

This is an exciting time at the Foundry, Fowle said. The St. Charles City Council recently approved funding to maintain the building, which the city owns, freeing up money for the facility's core functions, and this year, the Foundry is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. A slate of exciting events and exhibitions is planned. One



Angela Fowle ('05, '06, '08) was named executive director of the Foundry Art Centre in July. Fowle says she is proud of her continued relationship with Lindenwood and is working with a marketing class to develop the Foundry's marketing plans.

highlight is a photography exhibit, which starts May 2 and will run until Aug. 1. The exhibit, part of Syracuse University's collection, contains 30 pieces from some of the early giants of photography, “the ones who brought photography to the forefront as an art form,” Fowle said.

Also planned is a chili cook-off and a bus trip to Oak Park, Ill., led by Fowle, to tour several homes built by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Visit the Foundry's website at [foundryartcentre.org](http://foundryartcentre.org) for more details on anniversary-year programming.

Fowle said it was, in part, her experience at Lindenwood through two prior degrees that caused her to come back for a third, an MFA in writing, which she completed in 2008.

“I had such a positive experience...I

didn't want to leave,” Fowle said. “It was all a student could hope for.”

Today, Fowle continues to maintain her connection to the University. Currently, and for the second consecutive term, she is working with a graduate marketing class in the MBA program to formulate marketing plans for the Foundry.

“David Rosenwasser was my initial point of contact, and the class is taught by Cheryl Snell,” she said. “I am so impressed with these students. They did surveys on our brand and logo, as well as our classes and their specific attendance. I took four of our board members to see their presentation. Very impressive.

“I'm very pleased to have a continuing relationship with Lindenwood. It is such a joy and a pleasure.”





# Alum Lands Dream Job as Multimedia Artist

Wes Murrell ('09) at his desk at Coolfire Studios.

By RACHEL JOHNSON

The digital entertainment field has experienced explosive growth in recent years--trained multimedia artists are in higher demand than ever before. Lindenwood University alumnus Wes Murrell is among the crop of local young professionals making waves in the fiercely competitive industry.

Murrell ('09) has worked since 2012 as a production assistant at Coolfire Studios in St. Louis, Mo. The self-described perpetual idea powerhouse specializes in television content production, and has recently added services geared toward digital and web-based entertainment.

In his role at Coolfire, Murrell flexes his creative muscles through concept development, character design, digital animation, cartoon illustrations, and other artistry. He described his work as having two primary areas of focus.

"On the reality television show side, I create show logos and other graphics like title bars that go at the top or bottom of the screen," he said. "On the digital side, I create character ideas for animated show concepts. So, for example, if there was an

idea for a show about a family living in Paris, I create preliminary ideas on who the family is, how the characters look, and what the set might look like."

He makes St. Louis his home now, but Murrell is originally from Florida. He and his family moved to St. Louis when he was 16. Murrell and his twin brother initially attended college together in Tennessee. When his brother transferred to Lindenwood after just one semester, Murrell soon followed, transferring to LU after his freshman year.

While earning a degree in communications with an emphasis in multimedia design from Lindenwood, Murrell served as an illustrator for *The Legacy* student newspaper. He designed a comic strip that was featured regularly in the publication and also created editorial cartoons to accompany stories.

"I always wanted to come up with new ideas and create things," he said. "I don't ever remember wanting to do anything else. I can be indecisive in other areas, so it's been nice to have always had that clear direction on what I want to do."

After graduation in 2009, Murrell worked briefly as a security officer and then as a

custodian before landing a graphic design job in 2011. His boss happened to be the brother of the Coolfire Studios president.

"My first design job was great, but I'd always wanted to work at Coolfire," said Murrell. "I had the full support of my boss and, after working for him for a couple years and pitching show ideas, he recommended me for a position there."

Murrell may have landed his dream job, but that hasn't stopped him from pursuing other lofty goals. He earned a master's degree in English education from Lindenwood and also currently produces his own online digital animation series at [www.ThePrinceofBanes.com](http://www.ThePrinceofBanes.com). He hopes to see it turned into a television series, and eventually into a feature film or film series.

Wherever his creative ambitions take him, Murrell is confident he will keep creating and evolving as an artist.

"Doing what I'm doing here in St. Louis makes it possible for me to grow and try things I might not have the freedom to do elsewhere," he said. "I feel very fortunate, and I definitely plan to make the most of every opportunity I have."



Marilyn Geery ('83), Executive Assistant Judy Shanahan, President James D. Evans, Alumni Director Elizabeth Wikoff, and Mrs. Lois Evans.

# Tartan

## Reflects University Heritage, Individuality

BY ELIZABETH WIKOFF

In the spring of 2011, alumna Marilyn Geery ('83) approached President James D. Evans with an interesting concept for a Lindenwood tartan. Traditionally, tartans have defined a particular group of people, particularly in Scotland, specifically where a person is from, based on the color and design. Tartans can be designed by any individual or group who wishes to create an identifying pattern.

"I noted that several colleges and universities donned their own tartans," said Geery, "and with Lindenwood's strong history and heritage, I believed Lindenwood deserved her own as well."

Although the date of the origins of tartan is not known, the clan system in Scotland started around the 12<sup>th</sup> century. A tartan's complex design of interwoven patterns and the interplay of colors reflect the intricate nature of Celtic art. Different colors and varying patterns begin to develop as the

weavers in each area of the clan developed their individual patterns, and colors used depended on the dyes available in the area. So, particular styles of tartan began to be associated with an area or clan.

Evans' wife, Lois ('77, '85, and '97), and Judy Shanahan, Executive Assistant to the President, were put to the task of creating the Lindenwood tartan. Evans and Shanahan went to Thistle & Clover on Main Street in St. Charles to determine the colors and to create the unique Lindenwood pattern. Jerry Dyer, owner of Thistle & Clover, has a computer program in the store to create imaging of tartan patterns based on the specifications of the creator.

"It took Lois and Judy five to six sessions to create the pattern, which is typical," said Dyer, "but the pattern is unique to Lindenwood University and is comprised of Lindenwood colors, both school colors and colors from the historical Sibley Crest."

The tartan colors are black and gold, to play off the official school colors, and

red, green, and blue are intermixed in the pattern, reflecting the Sibley Crest, to represent the Lindenwood heritage. After the colors and pattern were chosen and designed, the final selection was then sent to the Scottish National Registry. The colors, pattern, and thread counts were submitted to make sure it didn't duplicate another tartan that was already officially registered.

No two patterns are exactly the same, and the Scottish National Registry makes sure exclusivity is maintained with each tartan thread count; also, once registered, the official tartan of a group cannot be reproduced without permission. Geery made a gift to the University by purchasing the official registration of the Lindenwood tartan and presenting it to President Evans last fall. The Lindenwood tartans were woven in Scotland, and the tartans can only be purchased through the Lindenwood Spirit Shoppe.

# Crossing Paths Again

## St. Clair's Influence Remembered By Officer

BY SCOTT QUEEN

Many years ago, Missouri Highway Patrol sergeant Terry St. Clair spoke about safety at Block Yeshiva High School, a tiny Orthodox Jewish school in St. Louis. That day was really no different than any other for St. Clair. He did his job, then he went home.

Daur Nodari went home that day, too. The Block Yeshiva student walked in and told his mother about St. Clair's presentation and declared that he knew his life's calling. He wanted to be a police officer.

"I saw that cool looking uniform and wanted to be like him," said Nodari. "He definitely influenced me."

Today, Nodari is a detective for the University City, Mo., Police Department and a Lindenwood alumnus ('09). St. Clair retired from police work in 2002, and is now the program manager for Lindenwood University's LCIE Criminal Justice Program. As fate would have it, the two crossed paths again years later.

"I was his faculty advisor here at Lindenwood," said St. Clair. "I'm grateful I had the chance to influence him and help him."

St. Clair said the most rewarding part of his job at Lindenwood is the chance to work with people and help them plan their future.

"I may not be carrying a gun, but I am still dealing with people and being flexible and helping them each and every day," he said. "There are a lot of similarities."

St. Clair spent 30 years in police work, first as an officer in Springfield, Mo., before moving to the highway patrol, where he served in a variety of capacities—patrol officer, field supervisor, public information officer, and even hostage negotiator. But at the age of 51, he retired and moved into higher education.

"The young officers don't think too much about the danger of the job," St. Clair said. "As you get older you realize how dangerous it can be."

St. Clair said his public information appearances – like the one at Block Yeshiva High School – prepared him well for the classroom. He taught for a few semesters at the community college level,

and one day the phone rang.

"It was Lindenwood," said St. Clair. "I wasn't looking for a full-time job, but it didn't take long and I was working there."

St. Clair became program director for criminal justice in 2004. He loves the classroom, and he particularly loves advising.

"It's not just about helping them select the right courses," said St. Clair. "That's fundamental. I try my best to learn about people, find out about their families, what they like. I try to build relationships."

St. Clair's typical day opens with a handful of emails and voicemail messages from students who need help on a wide range of matters—from selecting a course to figuring out financial aid. He's in the customer service business.

"We are really trying to satisfy what the

students need, helping them stay enrolled and reaching their dream of having a college degree," said St. Clair. "It's what makes Lindenwood stand out—our personal attention."

St. Clair said that, contrary to popular belief, the criminal justice program isn't filled exclusively with future or current police officers.

"There are a wide variety of career opportunities that go along with the degree," St. Clair said. "We have people with the Division of Aging, youth services, probation and parole, and analysts. There are people in it for self-improvement, too, and we have a large share of police officers and future officers."

And, like Daur Nodari, they're all being influenced by Terry St. Clair.

Terry St. Clair in his office at the Lindenwood University Cultural Center with University City Detective Daur Nodari ('09).



# Taking the Heat For the Good of the Order

## Hunn's Rebellion A Piece of Lindenwood Lore

BY RACHEL JOHNSON

The 1960s were a time of great transition around the world, and Lindenwood University was not immune to the sweeping changes the decade ushered in. Alumna Patricia Mayfield Hunn ('64) participated in this season of change by helping redefine an important part of Lindenwood's campus culture—the dress code.

Hunn grew up in St. Charles, Mo., just a few blocks away from the University. Her mother, Marie Mayfield, was a secretary for the dean of students and had also worked for the St. Charles Board of Education.

“At the time, it was an accomplishment for my mother to have gone to secretarial school and to work in education, but she wanted more for me,” Hunn said. “There was always an understanding that I would go to Lindenwood. There was never any question about it.”

When Hunn enrolled as a freshman in 1960, Lindenwood was an all-female school. The fashion of the day for undergraduate women included sweater sets, gloves, neck scarves, long skirts, and dresses. The school's dress code prohibited women from wearing slacks.

One frigid and icy January day, Hunn was feeling apprehensive about walking to class while wearing a skirt. She reasoned it would be logical to wear slacks instead, as the temperature outside had dipped to seven degrees.

“I still wanted to look nice, so I got out my best slacks. They were lined wool trousers,” she said. “I paired them with nylons and little black flats and I walked to school. I wasn't trying to be rebellious, I was just being practical!”

Upon her arrival, Hunn was immediately called into the office of long-time faculty member Homer Clevenger, PhD, and reprimanded for her dress code violation.

“Dr. Clevenger said, ‘Miss Mayfield, you know what the dress code is. Women are not to wear slacks,’” she recalled. “He was trying to be diplomatic, but I kept trying to tell him how cold it was. He repeated himself three times before excusing me



Patricia Mayfield Hunn in her Lindenwood yearbook photo.

from his office.”

Hunn went home that day feeling wary of bending the rules once more. But, the next day proved to be as cold as the one before it and Hunn decided to choose comfort over conformity once again.

“The other girls at school thought it made perfect sense, and so they started wearing slacks, too,” she said. “Looking back, I guess I broke the barrier, but at the time I never thought any more about it or the consequences of breaking the dress code.”

After that winter, dress styles continued to change on campus. Slacks became more acceptable for everyday wear, skirt styles became shorter and slimmer, and some of the clothing now associated with the 1960s counterculture began to appear.

While the dress code didn't formally change until a little later, Hunn had made her mark. She kept her focus on her education and graduated with a degree in elementary education from Lindenwood, in 1964. She taught for nine years in St. Charles before becoming a full-time homemaker in 1973.

She and her husband, Glenn, whom she married in 1968, raised two daughters at their home in Chesterfield, Mo. Hunn was actively involved in her children's school activities and later became a regular volunteer for several service organizations.

Since her husband's retirement in 2005, the couple spends every winter at their second home in Bonita Springs, Fla. Hunn enjoys quilting and spending time on her other interests and hobbies, which don't include breaking additional fashion barriers.

“I don't have any plans like that. I guess I've calmed down,” she laughed.

Mayfield Hunn outside her home.





# Helping Others Stay On Target

Paul Bastean at the Ultimate Defense Firing Range.

BY RACHEL JOHNSON

There are only a few dozen shooting ranges in the United States that boast a five-star rating from the official trade association for America's firearms industry, the National Shooting Sports Foundation. An LU alumnus, Paul Bastean ('07), is involved with one of the select facilities that have received the honor. He owns Ultimate Defense Firing Range and Training Center in Saint Peters, Mo.

"I didn't set out to create just another business," Bastean said during the 2010 grand opening of Ultimate Defense. "I also wanted it to be a training facility that welcomes new and experienced shooters to advance their skills, and an environment where people interested in preserving our Second Amendment rights could gather and share ideas."

Since the facility's opening, Bastean's immensely popular range has added eight additional instructors and introduced a catalog of 24 training courses that cover all aspects of unarmed and armed self-defense. It has also become an educational and training center dedicated to expanding the knowledge of shooting sports and hunting throughout the Midwest.

The creation of Ultimate Defense was a natural progression for the O'Fallon, Mo., native, who learned to hunt and

shoot at an early age on his family's farm. After graduating from high school in 1989, Bastean worked for several years as a certified diamond sales expert for a national retail chain and became involved in competitive shotgun sports. He won several national titles in skeet, five-stand, and sporting clays divisions.

In 1998, Bastean entered the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Academy and graduated at the top of his class. He was swiftly recruited by the Lake Saint Louis Police Department and became the lead firearms instructor.

"My skill set has very practical purpose," Bastean said. "Firearm instruction is something that I enjoy, much like other people enjoy hobbies for relaxation and enjoyment, but I also help people learn to how to conduct themselves in legal and lawful acts of self-defense."

In 2000, Bastean was promoted to sergeant and named day shift operations commander. In 2003, after concealed carry legislation passed in Missouri, he launched Missouri Concealed Carry Training, LLC, for members of the general public to achieve higher levels of firearms proficiency while obtaining concealed carry permits.

The business was met with immediate success, but Bastean wanted to take things to the next level. He enrolled in the LCIE

adult education program at Lindenwood and earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from the University in 2007.

"I needed some additional background to make my business the best it could be," he said. "I gained writing and professional presentation skills that helped me fine-tune my business plan. The organization and planning skills it takes to balance family, school, and a full-time career came directly from Lindenwood."

Bastean combined his natural talent, experience, and education to successfully grow his company into the 18-lane firing range, training facility, and retail center that became Ultimate Defense in 2010. He's trained more than 17,000 people in proper firearm operation and concealed carry protocols, he mentors numerous individuals around the country on range planning and development, and he is frequently called upon by Missouri lawmakers to advise on firearms legislation.

But despite the impressive success of Ultimate Defense and his ongoing involvement in relevant endeavors, Bastean remains dedicated to his career in law enforcement.

"Being a police officer is not just something I do, it's who I am," said Bastean. "I'm not quite ready to hang the badge up just yet."

## School of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Science to Launch in Fall

Lindenwood University is launching a new School of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Sciences in the fall of 2014. The new school, which will incorporate departments previously housed in the schools of education and American studies, will be led by Dr. Cynthia Schroeder, who was hired to the post in January.

The new school will include all undergraduate degree programs in athletic training, physical education and health, recreation administration, and exercise science, the latter of which includes a popular minor in nutrition and a graduate program in human performance.

Schroeder said the creation of the school was prompted by strong growth in all areas of health and fitness sciences, exercise science, and recreation administration. She added that she's already received approval to add an adapted sports recreation minor to the program lineup and emphasized that her focus moving forward will be on increasing growth in all areas of the school.

"I believe this new position as Dean will be an exciting and challenging position due to the potential growth opportunities in each of our areas of exercise science, recreation, athletic training and physical education, and health," Schroeder said. "Through our facilities, resources, and talented faculty and staff, we will be able to offer a state-of-the-art experience, both in the classroom as well as practically, for our



Dr. Cynthia Schroeder at the High Intensity Training Center.

existing and future students."

Schroeder was hired full-time at Lindenwood in 2010 as an associate professor in the Department of Health and Fitness Sciences and has served as department chair and coordinator of the human performance graduate program. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Kansas and has numerous publications, presentations, and professional experiences to her credit.

"Cynthia will be creating the foundations of an exciting new academic school with the help of some of the most experienced,

knowledgeable, and dedicated faculty in the areas of sports, recreation, and exercise science," said Lindenwood President James D. Evans, PhD. "I have every confidence in her leadership and the talented faculty members who are joining forces with her to create what promises to be a fast-growing and vital new school at Lindenwood."

To learn more about degree programs offered through the Lindenwood University School of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Sciences, contact the Office of Admissions at 636-949-4949 or [admissions@lindenwood.edu](mailto:admissions@lindenwood.edu).



## Lindenwood's Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic

Join us for food, friends, and fun—that's the recipe for a good time at Lindenwood University's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni and Friends Picnic. Enjoy a barbecue lunch and games for the kids, and meet up with old friends and professors!

**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

**Picnic: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

- Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Alumni Gazebo Entertainment: Noon
- Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to sit under the trees and listen to the band at the alumni gazebo.

### Pre-registration

\$5 for adults

\$3 for children 6 to 12 (children under 5 are free)

### Walk-up Registration

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**For more information or to RSVP, contact Alumni Relations at (636) 949-4420 or [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).**

# Belleville Study Abroad Program Kicks Off

BY STEPHANIE DULANEY

The Lindenwood Belleville campus marked another first in campus history as six students and one professor journeyed halfway around the world to study international business in Malaysia in January.

Belleville campus business professor Dr. Mark Roselli was excited to introduce a study abroad program and lead the first group of students on the 20-day educational and cultural experience.

“As part of the international business course, our main focus was to explore business practices in Malaysia, but also to learn more about the culture and gain a greater understanding of the environment and eco-tourism there,” said Roselli.

The group visited a variety of businesses, from a cave tour service run by a British expatriate to a bank, where they learned that Islamic laws prevent Malaysian finance institutions from charging interest on loans.

“At each restaurant we ate, hotel we stayed, or activity we participated in, we took the opportunity to talk with the business owner and learn more about their experiences creating and running a business in Malaysia,” said Roselli.

The group also visited museums, Islamic mosques, and Hindu and Buddhist temples to discover how closely religion and culture influenced Malaysian business practices.

“We learned that you need to be able to interact culturally if you want to be successful in business,” said Whitney Reichert (’14).

“Those who study abroad will make friends along the way, creating networking opportunities around the world,” she said.

“The most memorable part was all of the people that we met,” said Eugenia Benazar (’16). “I will never forget how nice and open they were to explain to us their culture, religion, and traditions.”

Eco-tourism was another concept that the group explored by visiting an elephant sanctuary, trekking through the rainforest to the Chiling Waterfall, and going caving. After they interviewed the business owners, the group participated in the activities that the organizations provided.

“The highlight of the trip was when we went caving,” said Benazar. “I had never experienced something like that before; it was an amazing activity.”

“I was able to bathe a baby elephant and then go caving in water that was up to my neck while using a rope to climb along the walls,” said Reichert. “Traveling is a



From left, Dr. Mark Roselli, Denise Embery, Eugenia Benazar, Whitney Reichert, Abigail Fallon, and Caleb Lence.

The group stops for a photo on its Malaysia visit.

great way to push yourself to do things that otherwise you would have thought you could never do.”

Upon returning home, the students and Roselli shared their experiences, photos, and souvenirs with the entire Belleville campus community by hosting a lunch on campus, complete with authentic Malaysian food.

Roselli said the next study abroad trip has already been set for January 2015. He and biology professor Dr. Fran Sandmeier plan to take 20 students to Costa Rica as part of the sports management class Adventure and Eco-Tourism and the natural science class Tropical Biology. Roselli hopes that other faculty will be inspired by the growing number of students signing up for study abroad courses at the Belleville campus, which may lead to more trips per year.

“Studying abroad expands students’ perspective and understanding so that they can appreciate ‘the other’ or anything different, whether it is race, culture, or language,” said Roselli. “What better way to live out the Lindenwood mission of being ‘a citizen of a global community’ than to experience a new country on a study abroad trip?”





## New Men's Residence Hall to Change Belleville Campus Skyline

With the opening of a brand new women's residence hall in December 2013, the Lindenwood University Belleville campus is ready to grow again--a new men's dormitory is under construction.

In November 2013, the Lindenwood Board of Directors approved the construction of the men's residence hall, the second new student housing facility to be constructed in less than a year at the Belleville campus. The new \$4 million men's dormitory will have a capacity of approximately 200 students and will face the campus across from West Main Street.

Construction began in February 2014, and the facility is expected to be complete in time to house students near the end of this year's fall semester.

"We are thrilled with our Board of Directors' decision to approve the construction of a second residence hall, which will enable us to better accommodate our growing residential student population," said Dr. Jerry Bladdick, President of Lindenwood University-Belleville. "With the addition of our women's dormitory in December, our student housing capacity is currently around 800, and the new men's dorm will give us the ability to house 1,000 students on campus in fall 2014.

"The vote of confidence we continue to receive from our Board of Directors is truly appreciated, as is the support we receive from the Belleville, St. Clair County, and southwestern Illinois residents," said Bladdick.

## Welcome Home Lynx! Lindenwood Belleville Homecoming and Reunion 2014! October 25, 2014

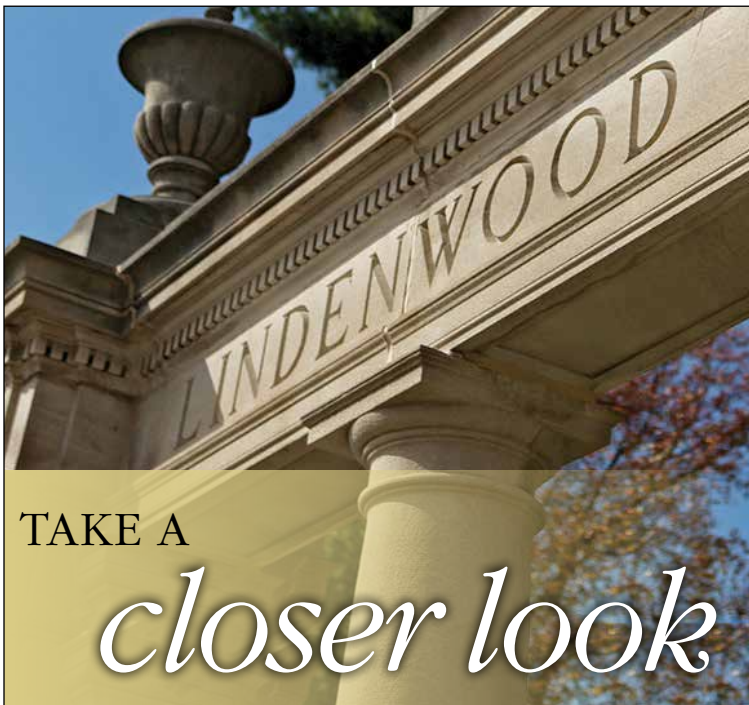
Homecoming and Reunion is quickly approaching, so make your plans now to attend! Come back and experience the fun and excitement of campus life!

### Saturday, October 25, 2014

Visit the alumni tent for games and giveaways

Alumni football recognition  
Football tailgate and game  
Alumni section in the bleachers  
Barbecue lunch at the stadium

There will be something for everyone! Alumni will also be invited to various student activities during the week as well. Connect with Belleville alumni on Facebook for updates at Lindenwood University-Belleville Alumni.



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DuVaul Isreal Gamble ('14) in a Lindenwood dance concert.

## Gamble Fulfills Dream in Sesame Street Live Tour

BY CHRIS DUGGAN

DuVaul Isreal Gamble is living proof that dreams sometimes do come true. Gamble, who by the time this article is printed will have graduated with a double major of dance and theatre, was notified earlier this year that he was cast in the U.S. national tour of *Sesame Street Live*.

The seven-month tour will visit military bases throughout the country; the shows are free for children of active members of the military. Gamble, a St. Louisan, said the *Sesame Street Live* tour is the longest running tour in the USO.

"It's a really good program," Gamble said. "The message to kids is that others are going through the same thing as them."

Gamble, who went to high school at Gateway Institute of Technology in St. Louis, said he has been interested in theatre since middle school and some acquaintances he knew said he should try dance as well. While in high school, he worked as a performer at Six Flags St. Louis.

"A lot of people there went to Lindenwood," Gamble said. "I visited the campus and thought it was gorgeous."

He enrolled and began attending in 2009. Prior to that, he auditioned for the *Sesame Street Live* tour but was not successful. When he went back, earlier this year, it was a different story.

Because the tour started in early April, he had to condense the remaining coursework in all his classes and finish up before he had to leave. He will also miss Commencement, which he said is disappointing, especially for his mother.

"I'm going to put on my cap and gown

from high school and take a picture of myself in it on graduation day and send it to her," he said. "She definitely understands. I think she was more excited (about

*Sesame Street Live*) than I was. It's just now sinking in that I have the job that I've wanted for five years." Gamble said the concept of *Sesame Street Live* appeals to him because it fits with his overall goals as a performer.

"I love the idea of doing the costume character position," he said. "It is not my goal to be a known performer. I want to be an entertainer. I like performing for the kids. They are very honest and will always tell you what they think, and they have more fun. If they see Ernie, they scream. They don't care who is in there; I love that."

Janet Strzelec, Chair of the Dance Program, is justifiably proud of Gamble.

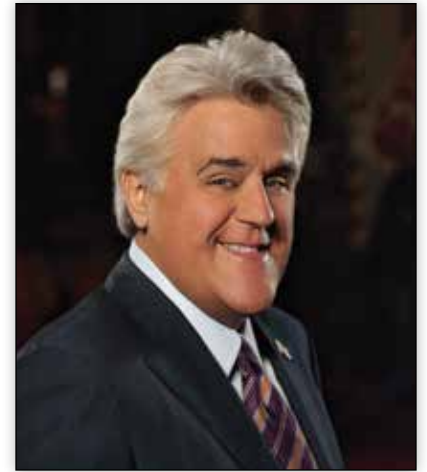
"From the moment I first met DuVaul, I knew we were going to have a great time discovering his many talents in dance," Strzelec said. "His work ethic, talent, and respect for the art form (of dance) have brought so much joy, and I know that DuVaul will bring laughter and happiness to all who have the pleasure to see him perform."

Gamble, on the other hand, is more than happy to spread around the credit for his success.

"After getting theatre and dance degrees from Lindenwood, I finally got my dream job," he said.



DuVaul Isreal Gamble



Jay Leno

## Scheidegger Center 2014-15 Season to Start with Leno

Next September will mark the first season with Contemporary Productions as the booking agency for the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts' professional series, and it promises some memorable shows. While the entire season will be announced on June 11, Chad Snider, Director of Marketing for the center, agreed to release a few details for the *Connection's* readers.

The center's seventh season will open with Jay Leno, the king of late night television for more than two decades. Homecoming weekend will feature a concert by the legendary Willie Nelson.

Two Christmas concerts will be offered. The first is by top-selling recording artist Amy Grant, and the second is by St. Louis favorite Erin Bode, who returns to the center after an unforgettable show last January.

Lovers of nostalgic music will be able to celebrate Valentine's Day with the Beach Boys.

Snider said the entire schedule will be released on June 11 at [www.luboxoffice.com/Connection](http://www.luboxoffice.com/Connection), and he urged the center's customers to join the mailing list by selecting "Contact Us" and "Join our Mailing List" on the site.

"We're all very excited for the upcoming season," Snider said. "We've had some great acts up to this point, but we're really pushing boundaries with the 2014-15 season and I think Lindenwood is going to be the name on everyone's lips for the entire season."

## Academic Conference, Travel Fund Needs Boost

Every year, undergraduate and graduate students submit proposals to present or perform at conferences across the state and across the nation. This academic year, 60 students from archeology, business, Christian ministry studies, criminal justice, education, history, math, music, psychology, religion, and TESOL were accepted to present their scholarship findings or perform musically at conventions in Missouri and elsewhere.

Opportunities such as biology students presenting at the Missouri Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting; psychology majors presenting at the Midwest Psychological Association in Chicago; education students presenting at the Young Child Expo in New York; students presenting at the American Criminal Justice National Conference in Kansas; MBA students presenting at the MBAA International Conference in Chicago; or history majors presenting at the Missouri Conference in History (just to name a few) are vitally important, for they allow students to gain important experiences that will prepare them for the job market and/or graduate school and give the University the opportunity to showcase the outstanding work of its students.

However, students often need financial assistance for entrance fees, travel, and room and board. A fund called the Student Academic Conference and Travel Scholarship Fund, which allows undergraduates/graduates to request up to

\$300/\$500, is depleting before the end of the year.

Therefore, we are asking for help from a variety of sources. If you are able and willing to help, even in just a small

way, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 636-949-4903 for more information.

Courtney Kassabaum ('13) and Widler Casy ('13) in a science lab at Lindenwood



## Online Bachelor's Programs Ranked Among Nation's Best by U.S. News

Lindenwood University's online bachelor's degree programs have been ranked among the best in the nation for 2014 by the prestigious *U.S. News and World Report*.

The recently published rankings placed Lindenwood's online bachelor's degree programs 124th among more than 280 schools evaluated. The publication's website states nearly 1,000 programs were surveyed and only regionally accredited schools that met the federal standard of 100 percent online course delivery were evaluated.

The rankings were based on a variety of measures, including student engagement, faculty credentials and training, peer reputation, and student services and technology. Lindenwood's online bachelor's degree programs include bachelor of arts degrees in business, criminal justice, and general studies.

Also listed were Lindenwood's online

graduate education programs, which were ranked 166th, and its online graduate business programs, which were ranked 169th.

Jann Weitzel, PhD, Vice President for Academic Affairs, spoke to the growing popularity of online degree programs and their importance in the overall realm of Lindenwood's academic apparatus.

"Offering online degrees encourages students who are unable to be present on campus the opportunity to enroll at Lindenwood and experience a top notch education, including, but not limited to, active military personnel, international students, working adults, and students from across the nation who are unable reside in St. Charles," she said. "Online courses are also available to resident athletes who



travel with teams, students who participate in arts productions that require high amounts of rehearsal time, and those who must work and cannot attend classes on campus on a regular basis."

Lindenwood President James D. Evans, PhD, said the listing is a fitting recognition of this relatively new and growing delivery format.

"We truly appreciate having the excellent quality of our online programs recognized by *U.S. News*, because that means that influential individuals who monitor and evaluate that delivery format were duly impressed by our online curriculum and delivery system," Evans said. "This citation is one more recognition of Lindenwood's successful commitment to continuous quality improvement."

For more information on Lindenwood's online program rankings by U.S. News and World Report, visit <http://www.usnews.com/education/online-education/lindenwood-university-177968>. For more information about Lindenwood University's online programs, visit [www.lindenwoodonline.com](http://www.lindenwoodonline.com).

## Faculty Steps Up to Leave a Legacy

During the past few months, two faculty members have done their part to secure Lindenwood's future by generously including Lindenwood in their estate plans. We welcome Dr. James Hutson and Grant Shostak, JD, into the Sibley Heritage Society, which honors those who have made a bequest or other planned gift.

Shostak is Director of Lindenwood's Criminal Justice Graduate Degrees Program in the adult evening education program and an Assistant Professor in the School of Human Services. He wanted to include Lindenwood in his estate plan and considered a bequest. However, as a lawyer, he knew that designating Lindenwood as beneficiary of a life insurance policy that he already owned would be a faster and easier way to accomplish his objectives. Shostak was able to complete his paperwork in time to be inducted into the Sibley Heritage Society at the annual Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society dinner last fall.

Hutson is an Assistant Professor at Lindenwood and is in charge of its Art History Program. Hutson had heard that a bequest would be a great way to accomplish his goal of making a significant gift to Lindenwood and especially liked the fact that a bequest would cost him nothing during his lifetime while giving him the option to change his mind should his circumstances change. Hutson contacted his attorney and asked that a bequest to Lindenwood be added to his estate planning documents. Hutson will be welcomed into the Sibley Heritage Society at the next



Grant Shostak and Dr. James Hutson

Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society Dinner on November 7, 2014.

Lindenwood is grateful for the commitment that Hutson and Shostak have made to its future, and we invite you to consider a bequest or other planned gift. If you notify us prior to the annual Butler Society and Sibley Heritage Society dinner on November 7, 2014, you will receive

an invitation to attend and receive special recognition.

Making a bequest or other planned gift is less complicated than you would think. For more information, contact Donna H. Baber, JD, Director of Planned Giving at (636) 949-4532 or [dbaber@lindenwood.edu](mailto:dbaber@lindenwood.edu), or visit our interactive website at [www.lugift.org](http://www.lugift.org).


## Lindenwood Day at Busch Stadium!


Enjoy Lindenwood Day at Busch Stadium with your family and fellow Lindenwood alumni on August 3, 2014, as the Cardinals take on the Brewers. Proceeds from each ticket sold will go directly to Lindenwood student scholarships.

Left Field Pavilion tickets are only \$20, and each ticket includes a FREE hot dog and soda coupon. For Tickets: (636) 949-4903 or [koneal@lindenwood.edu](mailto:koneal@lindenwood.edu)

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## LU Visits Lone Star State

Lindenwood hit the road for Dallas February 6-9! Dallas has a very large concentration of alumni of all ages, and two very different events were offered that provided the opportunity to connect and reminisce. Even though the weather presented a challenge, our alumni braved the snow and ice to make the events a success.

On Thursday evening, a networking event was held at Grain Restaurant at the Dallas Park Cities Hilton. In attendance were a group of alumni from Lindenwood's football program, as well as parents of current football players.

Coach Patrick Ross visited with the attendees about his vision for the current



Kay Dunham Wilkinson ('60) and Rachel Amado Bortnick ('60) attended the Lindenwood Dallas luncheon Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

program. The event was the first of many to come for athletics to reconnect former

athletes to the current NCAA Lindenwood athletics program. A special treat was a visit by Pierre Desir, a top NFL draft pick for 2014, who was training at the pre-draft camp outside of Dallas (see story Page 25).

The next day, a luncheon was held for ladies who attended Lindenwood when it was a small women's college. This was a great opportunity to discuss how Lindenwood has changed but is still the same. The values, academics, and core family are still intact!

Football coach Pat Ross also made a surprise appearance at the luncheon and spoke about the quality of not only Lindenwood's student-athletes but also the student body in general.

Lindenwood hopes to return to Dallas for more events in the future.

## Sibley and Butler members enjoy Sinatra and Martin

On the evening of Saturday, March 22, Sibley Heritage Society members enjoyed socializing and desserts together at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts before attending the evening's performance of *Reflections of Dean Martin & Frank Sinatra*, starring Deana Martin.

The event was hosted by the Institutional Advancement Department and the School of Fine and Performing Arts.

"The music and memories of Sinatra and Martin were just delightful," noted Alumni Board President Judy Brown. "Our evening was even more special

because we were able to spend time with friends committed to Lindenwood."

For more information about joining the Sibley Heritage Society, contact Donna Baber at [dbaber@lindenwood.edu](mailto:dbaber@lindenwood.edu).

Lindenwood alumni and Sibley Heritage Society members Mildred McChesney ('94) and James Winka ('86) enjoy the reception prior to the evening's event.



## Alumni Athletes Return to the Field

Over the past few months, dozens of alumni athletes have come back to campus for alumni games and alumni recognition. Last fall, a number of alumni football players took the field again for the annual alumni recognition day; former players came back for recognition and a tour of the new facilities. The men's and women's basketball programs held their alumni recognition ceremony in December 2013. Nearly 30 basketball alumni came back to be recognized on court, and they got a tour of the new team locker rooms.

In January 2014, the men's volleyball team hosted an alumni game. Alumni men's volleyball players took the court again and played a game in Hyland Arena. Also in January, the men's wrestling team invited alumni back for recognition, and alumni wrestlers watched the match from the VIP room. In March, the women's field hockey team hosted a game between the field hockey alumni and the current team. The



Alumni wrestlers were recognized Feb. 9 at the Lindenwood dual match with Fort Hays State.

alumni played a competitive game, losing by one point and proving they still had it in them.

If you are a former Lindenwood athlete

and want to be invited to future alumni recognition and alumni games on campus, please email [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) or call (636) 949-4420 to be added to the list!

## '50s

**Sally Schaefer ('54)** studied education. Schaefer remembers her small class sizes and the good friends she made with the girls at Lindenwood College. Schaefer resides in Plano, Texas.

**Esther Smith ('55)** recalled in a letter her classes and how she reflects back on them through her yearbooks. Smith lives in Fort Meyers, Fla., with her husband.

**Mary (Warner) Ninker ('59)** is married to Bob Ninker. The couple resides in Marco Island, Fla.

**Kay Sherrow ('59)** lives in Richardson, Texas, and is retired.

## '60s

**Rachel (Amado) Bortnick ('60)** taught ESL for 35 years. Bortnick is also involved in preserving and learning about the Judeo-Spanish culture and language. She was featured in a 1988 documentary film *Trees Cry for Rain: A Sephardic Journey*.

**Drewanna (King) Schutte ('64)** spent many years as a supervisor and ended up as a director of nursing. Schutte spent more than 20 years working in long-term care and has been married for 48 years to John Schutte.

**Patricia (Mackey) Stone ('68)** studied psychology and English during her time at Lindenwood. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

**Carol Harrington ('69)** moved from Dallas to Fort Meyers, Fla., with her husband.

## '70s

**Margaret (Stahl) Greer ('70)** spent seven weeks in India in January and February 2014. Greer was able to explore temples and the culture by living in an international community and joining a small tour group. Greer resides in Toledo, Ohio.

**Joseph Guthrie ('73)** was one of only 30 men at Lindenwood with a student body of 600 people. Guthrie was inspired by the psychology classes he took with former professor and current President James Evans. He is now the lead psychologist at the Fountain Hills Unified School District in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

**John Dooley ('74)** published his second book, *A Brief History of Cryptology and Cryptographic Algorithms*. Dooley is a professor of computer science at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

**Barbara (Novero) Levy ('75)** recently

published two books: *Be Your Pet's Best Friend* and *A New Spring for April*. A former nurse, Levy owned a healthcare consulting business before she retired. Levy credits the creative writing course she took at Lindenwood for the skills and motivation she needed to write her books. She is also a member of Lindenwood's Sibley Heritage Society and lives in Columbia, Mo.

**Kathy Hagar Frederking ('79 & '87)** was recently named the 2013 Outstanding Career & Technical Professional by the Missouri Counsel of Career and Technical Administrators. She received the award at the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Fall Conference in Columbia, Mo. She is the director of the Lewis & Clark Career Center in St. Charles, Mo., and lives in Wentzville with her husband, Chuck, and daughter, Lauren.

**Celia Heil ('79)** recently saw publication of her book, *Lacquer Across the Oceans: Independent Invention or Diffusion?* Heil is a cultural anthropologist and specializes in research of transpacific, pre-Columbian contacts of Asia and the Americas. Heil has worked as the program coordinator for the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage at the Smithsonian Institute.

## '80s

**Rosanne (Goad) Vrugtman ('80)** lives in Bonita Springs, Fla. Vrugtman is the owner and training consultant at Transitions Unlimited. She was married in the Sibley Hall Chapel on October 25, 1980, during its renovation.

**Denise Jones Franz ('82)** continues to be involved with Connections to Success, a dynamic St. Louis not-for-profit that helps women break the cycle of poverty through hope, resources, and a plan. In December 2013, the organization opened a new facility in St. Charles, Mo.

**Kurt Mey ('83 & '09)** is retired from Boeing.

**Violet Horvath ('85)** has resided in Honolulu, Hawaii. For the past 11 years. She is the interim director and rehab research project specialist for the Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. Horvath encourages former classmates to contact her via LinkedIn or her email, vhorvath27@gmail.com.

**Glynelle Wells ('86)** is the director of advertising for the *St. Louis Business Journal*. Wells lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**Bonnie (Hoesli) Barczykowski ('87)** is the CEO for Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri. She and her family reside in St. Charles, Mo.

**Daniel G. Korte ('88)** is the president and CEO of LMI Aerospace, Inc. Prior to LMI, Korte worked at Rolls-Royce Defense and Boeing. He was Lindenwood's 2012 commencement speaker.

**Glenn Parrott ('89 & '91)** is currently retired and helping people find work.

**Jill Skyles ('89)** is an adjunct faculty member for Lindenwood. Skyles received her BSN from Saint Louis University and an MBA from Lindenwood.

## '90s

**Betty Wendland ('90)** before retiring several years ago, was the director of human resources at Centocor Biologics in St. Louis, Mo. Currently, she volunteers at Lindenwood's concerts and performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts and volunteers at her church.

**Judson Bliss ('93)** received his MA in professional school counseling and also received a Master of Social Work and PhD from Washington University in St. Louis. Effective March 1, Bliss will be the new chief program officer for St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, Mo. Previously, he served six years as the director of research and outcomes for the company.

**Patricia Kuypers ('94)** is a retired owner of a jewelry store on Main Street in St. Charles, Mo. Previously, she was an air traffic controller for the U.S. Army and served as a reserve for the U.S. State Department Foreign Service and the US Army MI/Psy Ops (special forces). She triple majored in psychology, sociology, and anthropology and minored in philosophy and religion.

**Cheryl (Early) Primm ('94)** graduated with her degree in healthcare management and went on to become a nurse. She continues to volunteer in St. Charles, Mo.

**Sandra (Holland) Bampton ('95)** graduated with her bachelor's in art history and is self-employed. She lives in Wentzville, Mo., with her husband, Rob, and four children.

**Mark Brimer ('95)** owns Office Supply Solutions, a local office and supply store in Bridgeton, Mo. Brimer resides in St. Charles, Mo.

**Jim Lusk ('95)** is now assistant vice president of insurance, succeeding Warren Beach, who is retiring. During his 34 years with Union Pacific, Lusk has held finance positions in planning and analysis, corporate auditing, and accounting, and a role in marketing and sales. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas and a Master of

Business Administration from Lindenwood University.

**Eric Piper ('96)**, a USMC major, completed his deployment aboard the U.S.S. Peleliu in May 2013. In August, he was stationed at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., and is currently the operations officer of VMR-1, where he also flies a search and rescue helicopter. He lives in Wilmington, N.C., with his wife **Anna (Egan) Piper ('97)** and their two children.

**Brendan Roberts ('97)** played baseball during his time at Lindenwood. He was with *The Sporting News* as a journalist for 11 years and has been working for ESPN for the past six years.

**John Runion ('95)** received his MBA from Lindenwood and lives in Fenton, Mo.

**Kay Hammond ('96)** teaches in the Communication Department at Lindenwood University.

## '00s

**Toni Gallia ('01)** graduated from Lindenwood with three degrees and taught at Lindenwood.

**Andy Kerckhoff ('01)** is a teacher at Westminster Christian Academy. Kerckhoff wrote a book about early adolescents called *Critical Connection: A Practical Guide for Parenting Young Teens*, now as a "Hot New Release" on Amazon. The Kindle version was the #1 Hot New Release in the Parenting category and the #1 Bestselling free book in the Parenting category. He is married and resides in St. Louis, Mo.

**Lisa Shapleigh ('01)** is vice president of human resources for Express Scripts

**Max Mitts II ('00)** recently joined St. John's Bank as senior vice president and chief lending officer. Mitts has more than 19 years of experience in building successful banking relationships with various businesses in the greater St. Louis/St. Charles metropolitan area. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in business administration from Lindenwood. He and his wife, Michelle, live with their children in St. Peters, Mo.

**Kari (Schepker) Mueller ('01)** was one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards.

**Kimberly Prescott ('02)** is a global university relations lead at Monsanto.

**John Gallia ('03)** is a financial advisor at Edward Jones. Gallia recently joined the St. Charles Alumni Association. He and his wife, Toni, live in St. Peters, Mo.

**Jason Crady ('03)** is a paramedic/firefighter for the Robertson Fire Protection District. Crady was married in October of 2011, and the couple just had their first child in January 2013.

**Andria (Voorhees) Barbieri ('04)** is an on-site owner at the Goddard School. She lives in Arnold, Mo., with her husband, Joseph, and three children: Isabella, Sophia, and Giuliana.

**Tonna Smith ('04)** was one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. Smith lives in Troy, Ill.

**Marjorie Laskie ('05)** is employed with the *Suburban Journals* in Chesterfield, Mo., as a graphic artist. Laskie lives in Wentzville, Mo.

**Michael Pulley ('05)** is an executive producer of Home Buy Design. Pulley also is the cofounder of BidRazor, one of *Forbes'* "Top 10 Tech Companies of 2013."

**Mary Arterburn-Haas ('06)** was one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. She lives in Nashville, Tenn.

**Shawn Cosby ('06)** is on the Lindenwood University Alumni Board. He lives in St. Peters, Mo.

**Bradley Nowak ('06)** gives much praise to the educators at Lindenwood and identifies many of them as prominent reasons to his current position as a manager in Boeing's Business Development and Strategy Department. He and his wife, Kendra, live in St. Charles, Mo.

**William McKenzie ('06)** became the transitions program coordinator at East Central College in July 2013. McKenzie primarily helps adult students transition into specific careers. He and his wife, Brandy, live in Union, Mo.

**Laura Bailey Brown ('07)** graduated summa cum laude and with University Honors. Brown is an attorney at Carmody MacDonald in St. Louis.

**John Campbell ('07)** received his Master of Business Administration. He and Annie Spiller ('09) plan to wed in the summer of 2014. Campbell is a commercial lender with Enterprise Bank in Clayton, Mo.

**Kyle Schlereth ('07)** worked for U.S. Senator Christopher Bond as an office manager from 2008-2011. He currently works at Graybar Electric. Schlereth is a candidate running for state representative in Missouri's 103<sup>rd</sup> district.

**Zac Atterberry ('08)** is now working in sales after a career with the Chicago Bears in 2008 and the Washington Redskins in 2009. Atterberry resides in Lewisville,

Texas.

**Andrea (Leach) Hunter ('08)** is a law student and research assistant at Saint Louis University. Hunter is married to alumnus Nicholas Hunter ('08). The couple lives in St. Louis, Mo.

**Nicholas Hunter ('08)** is a resident's physician at Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Hunter resides with his wife, Andrea, in St. Louis, Mo.

**Cassandra (Brown) Ray ('08)** is the director of finance at the St. Louis Zoo. She lives in St. Peters, Mo., with her family.

**Ashley Stanbrough ('08)** is engaged to Brett Pollard. The two plan to be married in May 2014. They got engaged in London and live in St. Peters, Mo.

**Marissa Williams ('08)** received her master's in healthcare and is working as a business analyst. Williams is in the process of transferring to Austin, Texas.

**Dana Houle ('09)** won the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award in November of 2013. She is an employee at Centene and lives in St. Peters, Mo.

**Keaton Lee-Batson Keenum ('09)** recently moved to Catawissa, Mo. Keenum is a sales representative for packaging products at Tri-Pro Graphics and Packaging.

**Nicholas Roscetti ('09)**, the former principal of Lewistown High School, was recently named the principal and superintendent of Routt Catholic High School. Roscetti received his master's in secondary education administration from Lindenwood.

**Shaun Simms ('09 & '11)** works as a project manager at HD Supply and also volunteers at LU as the social media guru at the Center for Liberty and Ethics, a part of the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in the School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

**Annie Spiller ('09)** received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and is planning a summer 2014 wedding to Lindenwood graduate John Campbell ('07). Spiller is the director of education and outreach for Chesterfield Arts in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Connie West ('09)** received a bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and nonprofit administration. She received her master's in school counseling and lives in St. Charles with her husband, who is slated to graduate from Lindenwood in May 2014.

## '10s

**Nancy (Johnson) Marxkors ('10)** was

one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. Marxkors lives in Florissant, Mo.

**Jim Montgomery ('10)** teaches, is an athletic director, and is part of a school's administration team.

**Elizabeth Nichols ('10)** was one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards. She lives in St. Charles, Mo.

**Zack Smithey ('10)** not only teaches art, but he has his own studio in Maryland Heights. Smithey creates pieces for charity, along with his own professional pieces. His artwork can be seen at [www.zacksmithey.com](http://www.zacksmithey.com). He and his wife, who own and operate Miss Aimee B's Tea Room in St. Charles, live in St. Charles, Mo. (See story on p.4)

**Amy Bartle ('11)** is engaged to be married to Michael Ell in June 2014 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in St. Louis. The couple will live in Ballwin, Mo.

**Merelyn (Tolbert) Becker ('11)** was married to Aaron Becker on March 21, 2014. She is a project manager for Wells Fargo Advisors in St. Louis, where her husband also works as a business consultant.

**Lauren Clancy ('11)** recently started a new career as the development and communications coordinator at St. Louis Effort for AIDS.

**Joel Fann ('11)** is a Lieutenant at the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department.

**Ryan Holley ('11)** presented at the Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference. Holley is at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in Chicago, where he is pursuing his PsyD in clinical psychology.

**Plamena Ivanova ('11)** recently moved back to St. Louis from Baltimore, Md. Ivanova works at Bank of America.

**Alex Turner ('11)** is currently at UMSL working toward a master's in social work while simultaneously working as a financial advisor at Edward Jones. Turner lives in St. Charles, Mo.

**Fletcher Williams ('11 & '12)** is a contract administrator at World Wide Technology in St. Louis, Mo.

**Melissa (Johnson) Bishop ('12)** received her degree in physical and health education. Bishop is currently working at Missouri School for the Blind as a teacher, and she and her husband, Ben, live in Jerseyville, Ill.

**Laqrecia Brownlee ('12)** received a job in IT six months after graduating from Lindenwood.

**Dr. Ed Gettemeier ('12)** was selected the 2014 Missouri Middle School Principal of the Year. This selection was made from over 400 middle school principals from all over Missouri. Gettemeier is the principal at Hardin Middle School in the St. Charles School District.

**Renaldo Jackson ('12 & '14)** is an employment specialist at St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, Mo.

**Jose Larrea ('12)** is a sales manager at Nichiryo America.

**Darcy Lilley ('12)** is AMC's chief learning officer. Lilley began in that role after she retired as an officer from the Air Force following a variety of jobs at U.S. TRANSCOM, based at Scott Air Force Base. Her work there included overseeing air transportation policy and the development of leadership courses.

**Rachel Miller ('12)** is the executive assistant to the CEO at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

**John Piontek ('12 & '13)** is a procurement associate at Experitex Holdings, Inc. Piontek was a graduate assistant for the athletic and alumni departments during his time at Lindenwood.

**Kristina Pluff ('12)** was one of the eight Lindenwood University graduates to receive Emerson's annual Excellence in Teaching Awards.

**Caitlin Rhodes ('12)** received her bachelor's in psychology and lives in St. Charles, Mo.

**Craig Vaughn ('12)** recently joined the *Farmington Press* as a staff reporter. Vaughn also teaches English Composition at Mineral Area College.

**Jacquelyn White ('12)** is a property scout at Kash 4 Kasa, LLC.

**Emily Beck ('13)** majored in mass communications at Lindenwood and is working for the *News Press Gazette* Company's ABC17-MIZ TV in Columbia, Mo.

**Royce Boone ('13)** works at Enterprise Holdings Inc. Boone is getting married in August 2014.

**Sandy Boschert ('13)** is owner and operator of Lady B's Bed and Breakfast. She is also a Real Estate Associate with Meyer R.E. Boschert also owns and manages a rental property and is leader of a Pro-Life Ministry.

**Abbey Echele ('13)** received her degree in accounting and now works with Stone Carlie. Since graduating, she has been back to speak with members of the Lindenwood accounting and finance club.

**Jorge Hidalgo ('13)** is an account and tax services assistant with Emmanuel

Torres. Hidalgo lives in Houston, Texas.

**Matthew Pipoly ('13)** is a certified firefighter paramedic. Pipoly is a Marine Veteran and union sheet metal worker.

**Brett Thompson ('13)** is a center on the UBSC Graz (Austria) basketball team.

**Jennifer Ward ('13)** is a reading interventionist at Lewis and Clark Elementary in the Fort Zumwalt School District. Ward resides in St. Charles, Mo.

**Kaci Weston ('13)** is a graduate assistant at Lindenwood's LUTV-HD campus TV station. Weston is pursuing an MFA in film and media studies.

**General Wilson ('13)** is a retired Navy petty officer first class. Wilson sang the national anthem at a World Series game in 2013 and recently received his bachelor of science degree.

## Faculty/Staff

**Jane Baum ('82)** is the conference representative for the MIAA Development Directors. She has been asked to moderate with Tim Smith from the University of North Carolina at the 2014 NACDA Convention, taking place in June in Orlando, Fla.

**Dr. Matthew Aragon Bruce** joined Lindenwood in the fall of 2012 as an assistant professor in the Religion Department. On November 21, 2013, he successfully defended his PhD dissertation in Princeton, N.J.

**Dr. Andrea Frazier ('00)** is the founder and CEO of A Frazier and Associates, LLC. Frazier is the current director of admissions at Lindenwood.

**Dr. George Hickenlooper's** play, *The Woman Order*, was selected for the 2013 Evening of One Acts last November.

**Dr. Rachel Douchant ('99)**, philosophy and business professor at Lindenwood, was recently chosen by the Liberty Fund to lead a conference in Park City, Utah, in July.

**Dr. Cynthia Schroeder, PhD** is the dean of the newly created School of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Science at Lindenwood University (see story on page 14). Since being hired at Lindenwood almost four years ago, Schroeder has been an associate professor in the Department of Health and Fitness Sciences and has been a department chair and coordinator for the Human Performance graduate program.

**Sara Weidman** is now the director of admissions processing at Lindenwood University.

## Fern Bittner - November 27, 1935 -November 28, 2013

Professor Emerita Fern Bittner passed away on November 28, 2013, at the age of 78. Fern, wife of Professor Emeritus Groff Bittner, once ran the Lindenwood horsemanship program, a curriculum for which Lindenwood was very well known for many decades and through the 1970s. Fern loved Lindenwood and her students, but there was no mistaking the fact that she was always firmly in command of her professional charge and her work environment. She was as well known for her outspoken advocacy of self-discipline and principle as she was for her excellence as a professor and mentor.

Fern touched thousands of students during her 25-year term as Director of Horsemanship at Lindenwood College. After her years of teaching, she also worked as a manager, judge, and steward of world championship horse shows, specifically Arab Morgan Saddlebred and all-breed shows. She was a life member of the ASHA, which is now the United States Equestrian Federation. Fern loved her horses and enjoyed teaching many people over the years and was a devoted mother of a son and a daughter. She had eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



Fern Bittner

## In Memoriam

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

**Harriet (Hall) Luchtman ('40)**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

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

**Patricia (Youmans) Wagner ('45)**  
Stockton, Calif.

**Mary Ruth (Welshons) Lelwica ('47)**  
Lindstrom, Minn.

**Virginia (Blattner) Luthans ('47)**  
Richardson, Texas

**Virginia (Dean) Crawford ('49)**  
Buffalo, Minn.

**Susan (Grundman) Kramer ('51)**  
Park Forest, Ill.

**Wilma R. (McGuire) Berger ('52)**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Sally Sue Snelling Howell ('55)**  
Florissant, Mo.

**Fern (Palmer) Bittner ('57)**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Linda Daniel ('64)**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Stephanie (Edrmann) Hagadorn ('67)**  
Red Bank, N.J.

**Stephen Kochanski ('78)**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Dianne Marie (Krier) Heidelbaugh ('83)**  
Ballwin, Mo.

**Garrett (Garry) Reuter  
(friend to the University)**  
Belleville, Ill.

### Archivist Virginia Terry

Virginia W. Terry, alumna and longtime Lindenwood archivist, died Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the age of 95.

Terry was the wife of Arthur William Terry and the daughter of the late Younger and Bonn Wilson. She was a devoted mother of Virginia "Jenny" (Robert Adams) Preston and Kenneth Terry; the cherished grandmother of William Terry, David Terry, Steven (Nancy) Terry, John Martin Terry, Susan (Dave) Hustace, Matthew (Tyler) Terry, and Mark (Kathy) Terry; and dear sister of Kathryn Mayes. She was preceded in death by her sons, Thomas, John, and James Terry; a grandson, Daniel Terry, and a sister, Geraldine Williams.

She was employed at the City of St. Charles School District as the elementary school library coordinator. She was a member of AAUW, Lindenwood Alumni Association, St. Charles Historical Society, and the Missouri School Library Association. She assisted in facilitating the merge of the St. Charles City and County library systems and was the first recipient of the Library Legends Award for significant contributions to the library district. She has a library named after her at Null Elementary School in St. Charles.

Memorials may be made to the St. Charles City Library.





Lindenwood's Pierre Desir holds the inaugural Cliff Harris Award, which will be given annually to the best defensive player in NCAA Division II.

# NFL BOUND

## Desir's Job Search Plays Out on National Stage

By DANIEL NEWTON

Pierre Desir's post-Lindenwood career has followed the same path as most Lindenwood University graduates. He built up an impressive resume while going to school, and then began the interview process with prospective employers.

The one big difference? Desir's job search was followed by countless people on his journey to become the first Lindenwood University Lion taken in the NFL draft. Desir was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in the fourth round of the NFL draft on May 10.

Desir's story has drawn national interest—he was one of five players featured in the ESPN series *Draft Academy*. The series followed Desir and four NCAA Division I football players for months to capture the behind-the-scenes moments as the players prepared for the NFL draft.

"Having a camera following me around was weird at first, but over time I got used to it," said Desir. "They filmed me at the Senior Bowl, the Cliff Harris Award Ceremony, the (NFL) combine, and my Pro

Day."

The senior cornerback started to gain national attention at a pair of all-star games in January. He first competed in the East-West Shrine Game, and played well enough to receive an invitation to the biggest college all-star game, the Senior Bowl.

The big question mark for Desir was whether he could continue his college success while going against Division I players. Desir said by the second day of practice at the East-West Shrine Game, he knew he could play at the highest level, and scouts soon agreed. Desir even made the highlight reel in the Senior Bowl with an interception in the endzone.

Desir had two big events in February. First, he received the inaugural Cliff Harris Award as the best defensive player at the NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, and NAIA levels. He then became the first Lindenwood player to participate in the NFL Combine.

"The combine was a great experience because I was able to talk to coaches and GMs that I didn't get a chance to talk to earlier," said Desir. "It was also great to get

exposure to the different teams and to see their prospective on you."

Desir had one more high-profile event when Lindenwood hosted its first Pro Day on March 19. Desir and two other former Lindenwood football players worked out for scouts in attendance.

Desir's story is unique because of his family-first attitude and the support he gets from "Team Desir," the group of family and friends that has supported him throughout this process. Desir also acknowledges the support he has gotten from Lindenwood.

"Everyone at Lindenwood from the staff, coaches, players, and students have shown me nothing but love," said Desir. "The coaches and the staff have been helpful with helping me get anything I need during this process. I couldn't have asked for better support from my Lindenwood family.

"In life, you always want to be the first at something, but I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to be the first Lindenwood player drafted. I am very humbled and blessed to have played for a team and to have attended a university that has helped me get into that position."

## Fall Highlights Include Nationally Televised Football Game

The Lindenwood football team has one of the most exciting home schedules in program history in 2014, including visits from two of the last three NCAA Division II national champions. The home schedule opens on Thursday, Sept. 11, with a showdown against Pittsburg State. The Homecoming contest will be on Oct. 11 against Northwest Missouri. Other home dates include Missouri Western (Sept. 25), Missouri Southern (Oct. 25), and Central Oklahoma (Nov. 8). The Missouri Western game will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Television.

The Lions will have an experienced program taking the field this fall with 18 starters returning, including 10 on the offensive side of the ball. Eight of those returners earned all-conference honors last season, including Alex Robinson who was a second-team selection at the wide receiver position.

The men's soccer team reached the NCAA quarterfinals last season and was ranked No. 1 in the country at the end of the regular season. Lindenwood will look to return to the national tournament this fall, led by its defense that allowed just .73

goals a game last year.

The women's volleyball team had 17 freshmen and sophomores last season. The Lady Lions hope the experience that young squad gained pays off this season. Five starters return, including both of the team's top hitters in Shannon Doyle and Kayla Guyot.

The Lindenwood women's soccer team was one of the surprises in the MIAA last year. The Lady Lions went .500 in conference play and earned a spot in the conference tournament. Four all-conference players return from that team which has head coach Laurie Kaminski excited for the 2014 team to take the next step up the MIAA standings.

Field hockey will make history this season as it joins a conference for the first time at the NCAA level. The Lady Lions are joining the ECAC, a big boost for the team which has been playing as an independent. Its first ECAC team will rely on underclassmen with no seniors on the 2014 roster.



Senior Goalkeeper Christine Hehmeyer is one of the big reasons the Lions are headed to the NCAA Tournament.

## Women's Lacrosse Claims RMAC Title

The Lindenwood women's lacrosse team strengthened its schedule in 2014 but that has not changed its winning ways. The Lady Lions had another successful season that included their biggest wins in program history, a top-five national ranking, and a third straight conference title.

Lindenwood played six nationally-ranked teams throughout the regular season and held its own against the best programs in NCAA Division II. One of its biggest wins came in April with a 13-9 victory over Florida Southern, which was ranked fifth at the time. The team took control of that

match with five straight goals late in the first half, and then held on for the win. That victory vaulted the team up the national rankings and into the top-five for the first time.

Lindenwood's conference had a new name in 2014, but the results stayed the same. The Lady Lions captured their third straight NCAA Division II conference title with a perfect 5-0 record in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference play. The team is now 23-0 all-time in NCAA conference matches.

## Veteran Coaches Garner Honors

Two long-time members of the Lindenwood Athletics Department recently received honors in their respective areas.

Lindenwood men's soccer head coach Carl Hutter received news that he will be inducted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame this fall. Hutter recently completed his 20th season at Lindenwood. It was one of his most successful years as he led the Lions to an MIAA Championship and advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament Quarterfinals. He has won 294 games at Lindenwood and won one NAIA National Championship. Hutter also coached in the St. Louis area at Harris-Stowe and was a player for the Hornets.

Lindenwood Athletics Director John Creer was inducted in April into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame. Creer was inducted into the coaches' wing of one of the most prestigious track and field meets at the collegiate level. Creer was the head track and field coach at Lindenwood from 1995-2003 and helped Lindenwood win two NAIA National Championships. Prior to coming to Lindenwood, he also coached at Wayland Baptist and Missouri Baptist. His Wayland Baptist squads won numerous relay titles at the Drake Relays, including an record six relay titles in 1988.

## Student Life Sports Bring Home the Hardware

It's been a banner spring for Lindenwood Student Life Sports, with four teams winning major national championships.

One of the biggest came from the synchronized swimming team March 22 in Oxford, Ohio. The Lady Lions won the first collegiate team title in program history, sweeping all four finals events at the U.S. Collegiate Championships. In doing so, Lindenwood became the first program other than Ohio State or Stanford to win the title since 1980. Just three weeks later, the Lady Lions won four gold medals at the U.S. National Championships in Oro Valley, Ariz. The victories came in the solo tech, solo free, duet tech, and duet free events.

Men's bowling captured the second Intercollegiate Team Championship (ITC) for the program April 18 in Reno, Nev. The Lions defeated Urbana 3-0 in the best-of-five baker final to hoist the Kerm Helmer Cup trophy. The finals match will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Network Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. Not to be outdone, women's bowling won the Carlson Cup national title April 6 in Indianapolis, Ind. The Lady Lions also came within one match of advancing to the team final at the ITC, settling for third place, giving the bowling program its best combined finish in history at the event.

The beat continued for shotgun sports with the 11th straight national title at the ACUI Clay Target Championships March



Lindenwood University's shotgun sports team won its 11th consecutive ACUI Clay Target Championship in March.

30 in San Antonio, Texas. Lindenwood swept all six major team events, earning 21 individual medals and eight individual titles.

Roller hockey won its second straight national title and 10th overall at the 2014 National Collegiate Roller Hockey

Association Division I Championship April 12 in Aston, Penn. The Lions outlasted Neumann University 2-1 in the finals to take the crown.

## Belleville Basketball Makes History

The Lindenwood University-Belleville men's basketball team and Head Coach Scott Spinner made history last season when the NAIA announced the Lynx had received a bid to the NAIA National Championships in Kansas City, Mo.

After finishing the regular season 22-8, which included an 11-game winning streak, the Lynx headed to the NAIA National Championships for the first time in program history. During the streak the Lynx knocked off previous No. 1 and No. 3-ranked Freed-Hardeman by a combined three points. The national championship berth marked the first time that an athletic program at Lindenwood-Belleville took part in an NAIA national championship.

The Lynx fell to No. 2 Pikeville in the opening round, finishing the season with a 22-9 record. Craig Anderson led the Lynx this season averaging 21.5 points per game.

He also averaged 6.2 rebounds. Anderson scored in double figures in 29 games, including 12 games of at least 25 points. He was also named NAIA Third Team All-American, marking the first NAIA All-American in program history. Garrett Gaffner was second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.2 points per game, and led the team in rebounding, averaging 8.3 rebounds a contest.

The Lynx made history February 25 when the NAIA announced Lindenwood-Belleville had cracked the top 25, checking in with a No. 24 rank. This marked the first time an athletic program at Lindenwood-Belleville has been ranked in the NAIA. The Lynx will participate in the American Midwest Conference next season for the first time.

LU-Belleville Men's basketball coach Scott Spinner



## Commencement: The Best Time of Year at Lindenwood

On the weekend of May 16-18, the Lindenwood Alumni Association welcomed into its ranks members of the Class of 2014. Commencement events were held in St. Charles and Belleville.

On behalf of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, I offer congratulations to the new graduates and wish them well as they launch their careers or return to a Lindenwood classroom seeking advanced degrees.

Congratulations also are extended to Jan Lewien, the 2014 Alumni Merit Award winner. Jan is the immediate past President of the Lindenwood Alumni Association Board and is a longtime dedicated supporter of the University.

Early in 2014, a survey sponsored by the Lindenwood Alumni Association was emailed to the approximately 17,000 alumni for whom the Alumni Office has email addresses. Many of you responded by the February deadline and provided us with valuable information about preferred methods of communication and areas of interest. Many thoughtful comments and lovely memories of Lindenwood were included in the replies.

But there were also comments that took us to task. . .and rightfully so. We appreciate all of you who took the time to respond. Results are being tabulated and evaluated for further action. The data from the survey will help us to tailor the manner, frequency and subject matter in our communications to our alumni base.

If we missed you in the survey, please contact our Alumni Director, Elizabeth Wikoff, to update the records and share any news. Elizabeth may be reached at (636) 949-4975 or by email at EWikoff@lindenwood.edu.

Our Alumni Office has initiated a series of informal social gatherings in the St. Charles area to provide alums the opportunity to network and learn about upcoming events on campus. If you are in



Judy Forstmann Brown ('63)

the area, we would love to see you at our next event. Check the LU website or call the Alumni Office for details.

We also look forward to seeing our alums and their families return to campus for the annual Alumni Picnic on Saturday, June 14. You can find more information on page 14. This is another opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, meet fellow alums, and enjoy being back on campus.

It is also not too early to begin planning to attend Reunion Weekend scheduled for October 10-12 in St. Charles, and October 25 in Belleville. More information is on page 7. The Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, and we look forward to hearing their memories and stories as they reminisce about their time at Lindenwood.

Information regarding the 2014 Homecoming is available through the Alumni Office and on the Lindenwood University website. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Dean Peggy Ellis Updates Alumni on New Nursing Program

On Feb. 18, 2014, Dean Peggy Ellis hosted a group of nursing and healthcare alumni for lunch at Lindenwood's new School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Ellis gave an exciting presentation about the school's new programs and events and shared her vision for the future. After lunch, Ellis conducted a tour of the classrooms and laboratories at the beautiful state-of-the-art facility. Nursing alumni stated they were glad that Lindenwood is again offering a nursing program after a 30-year absence.

The School of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences opened in the fall of 2013 in the former Barat Academy building in Dardenne Prairie, Mo., which Lindenwood purchased earlier that year. The school shares the space with the St. Charles Community College nursing school, which offers an RN certification.

Lindenwood offers bachelor's degree-completion programs to practicing nurses with an RN certification from any institution, allowing current RNs to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The school intends to offer graduate-level programs as well in the near future. More luncheons and tours of the facility are planned. If you are interested in a tour, please contact Donna Baber at (636) 949-4532.