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GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

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# LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT



Welcome to Lindenwood University and to one of the most important ceremonial occasions of the academic year. Lindenwood's Commencement ceremony is filled with symbolism and tradition that remind us of the noble purpose of colleges and universities. The academic dress worn by the students, faculty, boards, and platform party is described later in this program. Students wearing blue gowns and black and white medallions are members of Linden Scroll, an honorary society comprised of students who excel academically and have a dedication to serving the university and the community. Students wearing blue gowns and gold medallions are members of Lindenwood Student Ambassadors, a select group of students dedicated to the positive promotion of Lindenwood University. Their duty as marshals is to direct the processional and seating of students, faculty, board members, and administrators.

Academic customs originated within the medieval Church, and the order of procession follows ecclesiastical custom with the most honored members of the procession at the end. The Linden Scroll flag bearers lead the procession, followed by the graduating students. The faculty follows the students in the processional, and members of the Alumni Board, the University Board of Directors, and the platform party follow them. The

president, preceded by the university marshal, is the last person to enter the Commencement area. The mace carried in the academic procession by the university marshal symbolizes the authority of the president. A staff of lindenwood, surmounted by a silver cup, is used. The mace originally belonged to President John Roemer, who served Lindenwood from 1914 to 1940. It is used only on occasions when the faculty and president march in formal procession. The mace, flanked by the United States flag and the Lindenwood University flag, is proudly displayed at the foot of the platform.

During Lindenwood's Commencement ceremony, the candidates for degrees are presented to the president by the provost, then each student's name is read, and the president presents the diploma to that student and congratulates the new graduate. The students are also congratulated by the deans of their academic schools. Once all the degrees have been conferred, the flag bearers lead the recessional in reverse order of entry with the newest alumni at the end of the procession.

We hope that you enjoy our Commencement ceremony and that you will respect our protocol for the enjoyment of all concerned. Please remain in your seats during the ceremony. During the conferring of degrees, please refrain from

prolonged cheering until all of the graduates have been presented. Please stand for the processional, invocation, national anthem, and recessional.

# LINDENWOOD HISTORY

Lindenwood was founded in 1827 by Mary Easton Sibley (1800-1878) and George C. Sibley (1782-1863), making it the second oldest institution of higher learning west of the Mississippi River, and the institution was incorporated by the Missouri Legislature in 1853. The Sibleys deeded the Lindenwood property to the St. Louis Presbytery on February 24, 1853, the start of a formal affiliation with the Presbyterian Church that lasted over a century.

While Lindenwood is fully independent today, the University enjoys a historical relationship with the Presbyterian Church and remains true to its founding values. The first commencement ceremony was held in 1858, and Lindenwood became coeducational in 1969. Evening programs were established in 1972, and graduate studies were instituted in 1975. Lindenwood became a university in 1997, a regional university in 2003, and a doctoral institution in 2007. The University has experienced dynamic growth over

the past two decades. Not only did Lindenwood College evolve into a university, but it also grew from a student population of 800 residential students to approximately 4,000 today, a total student enrollment of nearly 16,000 annually, and a St. Charles campus of more than 500 acres. In 2003, Lindenwood established its Belleville location, which became a thriving full-service residential campus in 2009.

# LINDENWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

Lindenwood University offers values-centered programs leading to the development of the whole person – an educated, responsible citizen of a global community.

Lindenwood is committed to

- providing an integrative liberal arts curriculum;
- offering professional and pre-professional degree programs;
- focusing on the talents, interests, and future of the student;
- supporting academic freedom and the unrestricted search for truth;
- affording cultural enrichment to the surrounding community;
- promoting ethical lifestyles;
- developing adaptive thinking and problem-solving skills;
- furthering lifelong learning.

Lindenwood is an independent, public-serving liberal arts university that has a historical relationship with the Presbyterian Church and is firmly rooted in Judeo-Christian values. These values include belief in an ordered, purposeful universe, the dignity of work, the worth and integrity of the individual, the obligations and privileges of citizenship, and the primacy of the truth.

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System President

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**VOICES ONLY**  
Lindenwood's Premier  
A Cappella Ensemble

## RECOGNITION

The Class of 2016  
Family and Friends

We express our thanks to the members of the Linden Scroll and Lindenwood Student Ambassadors for serving as today's ushers and marshals.

# PROGRAM



\*PROCESSIONAL

Lindenwood Symphonic Orchestra

University Marshal | Mira Ezvan, Professor of Management and Management Information Systems

GREETINGS AND  
INTRODUCTIONS

Marilyn S. Abbott, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

\*INVOCATION

Michael Mason, Lindenwood University Chaplain

\*STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Voices Only, Directed by Professor Pamela Grooms

WELCOME

Michael D. Shonrock, Lindenwood University System President

GREETINGS FROM THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim J. Shoemake, Chairman, Lindenwood University Board of Directors

VOCAL SELECTION

"Oh Lindenwood"

Voices Only

COMMENCEMENT  
ADDRESS

"For Heaven's Sake"

Billi Patzius, Interim Dean, School of Human Services

PRESENTATION OF  
DEGREE CANDIDATES

Provost Abbott

\*Audience please stand

# PROGRAM



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Dean Cynthia A. Schroeder | School of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Sciences

Dean Joseph A. Alsobrook | School of Fine and Performing Arts

Dean Mike Wall | School of Communications

Interim Dean Billi Patzius | School of Human Services

Dean Gina Ganahl | School of Accelerated Degree Programs

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President Shonrock

## \*RECESSIONAL

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\*Audience please stand



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The caps, gowns, and hoods worn by the faculty and students at this graduation are today's formal dress of the worldwide academic community. While now worn only on festive occasions such as commencement, such dress was originally the normal garb of academics as they went about their daily business. Originating in Europe more than a thousand years ago, like universities and colleges themselves, academic dress first developed within the church, as all academics were once in at least minor orders. The robes and hoods are stylized versions of these ecclesiastical robes. In Europe, each institution seems to have its own variant of costume, but in the United States, academic costume follows a uniform code drawn up by a special commission in 1895. The code has three main parts, dealing with caps, gowns, and hoods.

The Oxford-type cap or mortarboard seems to have evolved from the square biretta of Renaissance clergy. It is always black and may be of any appropriate material except that velvet is reserved for doctors. Many faculty members wear the Cambridge-style cap. The tassel worn with the cap has three variations. It may be black for any degree or it may be the color of the academic area in which the degree was granted. Doctors and governing officials of institutions

wear tassels made of gold metallic thread. The tassel is fastened to the middle of the top of the cap and lies as it will thereon. The academic robes are all black, except for certain doctoral robes. The style of robe indicates the highest degree earned by the wearer. Bachelor's sleeves are pointed, and the robe is plain. Students who have achieved honors display a cord. Students who graduate with University Honors wear a purple double cord; students who graduate with Student Government Association Honors wear a peacock blue double cord; students who graduate with Veteran Honors wear a red, white, and blue double cord; students who graduate Cum Laude (with praise) wear a white double cord; students who graduate Magna Cum Laude (with great praise) wear a gold double cord; and students who graduate Summa Cum Laude (with highest praise) wear a gold and white triple cord. Master's robe sleeves are oblong and longer. The doctoral robe features velvet bands in the front, and the robe sleeve also has velvet bands and is gathered at the wrist. The doctoral robe itself is cut much more fully than the other two gowns.

The hoods indicate the academic area of degree, the level of the degree, and the school that granted it. The level of the degree is shown by the size and shape of the hood and the

width of the velvet trimming. The master's, the specialist's, and the doctor's hoods are three and one-half feet, three and three-quarters feet, and four feet long, respectively. The velvet trimming, in the same respective order, is three, four, and five inches wide. The outer band of the hood indicates, by color, the degree; the bright, silken interior of the hood, by its colors and design, indicates its source. Each university and college has a distinct hood. The Lindenwood University-St. Charles hood is lined with white and yellow silk, representing the University's original colors.

The colors of the mortarboard tassels worn by today's degree recipients, as well as the hoods worn by faculty and graduate students, indicate the major fields of study.

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**APRICOT**  
**BROWN**  
**CITRON**  
**COPPER**  
**CRIMSON**  
**DARK BLUE**  
**GOLD**  
  
**NUGGET OR DRAB**  
  
  
**PEACOCK**  
**PINK**  
**PURPLE**  
**SAGE GREEN**  
**SCARLET**  
**SKY BLUE**  
  
  
**WHITE**

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Social Work  
Business Economics, Economics  
Journalism  
Philosophy  
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