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LU-Belleville Partners with Art on the Square

Lindenwood University-Belleville will partner with the Art on the Square art fair this year to co-sponsor the Lindenwood-Art on the Square Artist's Choice Awards for local high school art students. The university will offer \$250,000 in total scholarship funds to the winners and participants in the competition.

Each of the 10 winning students of the 2012 Lindenwood-Art on the Square Artist's Choice Awards will receive \$10,000 in scholarship money to be used at the university's Belleville or St. Charles campuses over a four-year period. The winners' artwork will also be displayed for public viewing at the Lindenwood-Art on the Square Sponsor Brunch at Region's Bank on May 19.

In addition, Lindenwood will offer a \$500 university scholarship to each student whose work is entered in the competition.

"This is one way that we can show our commitment to the development of the arts right here in Belleville and encourage our young aspiring artists to pursue their education at a quality uni-

versity close to home," said Jerry

Bladdick, Lindenwood vice presi-

dent and chief administrative of-

ficer for the Belleville campus.

Art on the Square is ranked as the top art fair in the nation and receives approximately 300 entries each year from nearly 30 local high schools competing for the Artist's Choice Awards. Entries are judged by art professors from Southwestern Illinois College and Lindenwood University and exhibiting professional artists. All art submissions for this year's Lindenwood-Art on the Square Artist's Choice Awards will be accepted with the high school ap-

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LSGA Talent Show

By Ron Helvey

The second annual Lindenwood University-Belleville talent show was held on December 2 in the auditorium before the LSGA Glow-in-the-Dark Paint Bash. With a variety of entertaining acts, the student body showcased its talents to an audience of students and staff. The night included contestants' acts, along with a surprising audience performance while the judges calculated their scores.

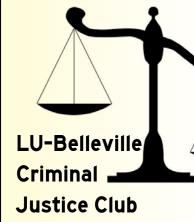
The judging was done using a 60-point system. Cash prizes were significant with first place receiving \$250, second place receiving \$100, and third place receiving \$50. The categories in which the contestants were judged included: overall performance, audience response, stage appearance, originality, and personality. The three judges were Dr. Rick Finger, Jenny Baudendistel, and Denise Chism.

The student performers included singers, dancers, and musicians, some of whom even composed their own songs. The evening began with an original piece played on the piano by Cody Johnson. Other students who performed were Brandon Wise playing guitar and singing, Andrew Dahl and Cassandra Gibleson playing guitar and singing, Courtney Forsyth singing, Hillary Moll singing, Nikisha Hudson singing, and Rodney Atwaters and Chanel Newell singing and dancing. All the contestants were well-prepared and excited to perform.

The evening proved to be entertaining with many exceptional performances. Courtney Forsyth's rendition of "Someone Like You" by Adele was beautiful. Nikisha Hudson's version of India Arie's song "Ready for Love" really was moving and sounded great. The show stopper was the last performance. The singing and dancing duet of Rodney Atwater and Chanel Newell revealed the skill and talent that our campus has. Their interaction with the audience while they sang "You" by Lloyd was sensational. Then Beyoncé's song "Dance for You" began, and they broke into an impressive choreographed dance routine. Both their technique and creativity brought the crowd to its feet at the conclusion of the evening.

As the performances ended, the judges began to calculate the scores. In what has become a Lindenwood University-Belleville talent show tradition, members of the audience were invited up to perform anything they would like to do while the judeges

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By Judge Annette Eckert (Ret.)

The Lindenwood University-Belleville Criminal Justice Club held its first meeting of 2012 on January 31 in the second floor conference room of the Administration Building. The meeting was an opportunity for members to discuss their ride-a-longs with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department that they participated in as a club activity last semester. Pizza was provided, and members were asked to bring a soft drink of choice.

The agenda also included the election of officers and the scheduling of activities for the next year. Activity options may include a guest speaker, more

ride-a-longs, and other community activities.

Andrew Dahm, recent Lindenwood graduate, attended the meeting. He has recently obtained a position with the National Transportation Safety Board and made a presentation on applying for jobs, interviewing, the employment and opportunies that exist in the CJ field. He also shared his opinion of how LU-Belleville opportunities assited him in obtaining a full-time employment position after graduation.

Anyone who is interested may attend the next meeting. You do not have to be a criminal justice major. The club is for all interested students. A free CJ Club t-shirt is available to anyone becoming a member. Everyone is welcome!



Social Studies Methods Class Takes Practical Field Trips

By Dr. Stephanie J. Yearian

Just before Veterans' Day, Lindenwood pre-service teachers taught lessons that honored vets to the 15 classes at Douglas Elementary School in District 118. Through varied activities presented by LU students of EDU313, elementary children learned about the valour of the five military organizations that serve our country. Students enjoyed meeting members of the Air Force and Navy, learning the patriotic songs of each military branch, creating large flags for their classrooms, dressing in a variety of uniforms, and writing thank you letters to the troops. Lindenwood students gained valuable, practical experience in working with pupils of Douglas School. Principal Teresa Blomenkamp kindly reported, "It was my first experience with LU students, and it was even more than I had hoped it would be."

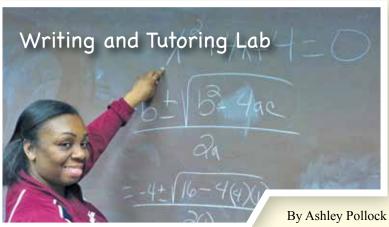
On the last day of November, Judge Annette Eckert (Ret.), assistant professor of criminal justice, invited the Social Studies Methods class to the St. Clair County Courthouse for instruction in civics. The anticipatory set of the field trip was sitting in on a trial for the murder of a six-year-old boy. Students found themselves so enthralled by the intense deliberation that many returned when the session resumed after lunch recess.

Following the model of an actual court case, Eckert escorted the group into the courtroom of Judge Andrew Gleeson. The courtroom became the setting for "The Case of Mary's Missing Lunch." Gleeson presided over the proceedings of the reader's theater with the following Lindenwood participants: bailiff Ben Junge, court reporter Sam Scher, attorneys Tom Terrell and Josh Dolmage, plaintiff Michelle Hemmer-Schwoebel, accused Brad Reibold, and witnesses Lori Kinney, Jon Sehr, Julie Sydow, and Allen Siedle. Members of the jury were Lanie Macia, Lindsey Lickenbrock, Yolanda Gann, Caleb Cook, Danielle Beishir, Ashley Lautner, and foreperson Lisa Reimann. After much deliberation, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

Both Eckert and Gleeson are passionate about their roles in the judiciary system. The judges stressed the balance in justice, where all are "presumed innocent until proven guilty." Scholars Eckert and Gleeson also described teachers as major role models for students, reminding LU pre-service teachers to be prepared and knowledgeable in their instruction. Eckert promoted the four R's of good citizenship, which include respect, responsibility, return (to the community), and rights (Bill of Rights). She encouraged the group to exercise those rights as registered voters.

Eckert's intent through this experience was for EDU313 to realize the importance of one's civic duty, learn that the courthouse is "our" courthouse, and know that when they are practicing teachers, these Lindenwood graduates could return one day with their own students. The LU Social Studies Methods class thanked Judge Eckert for her time, wisdom, and foresight in arranging such a valuable field trip; along with much appreciation sent to District 118 for giving Lindenwood pre-service teachers such an opportunity while sharing Douglas students.





"Got math anxiety? We can help!" reads one of the many flyers advertising the Writing and Tutoring Lab's services. Part of the rapid growth of Lindenwood University's Belleville campus is the expanded resources of the Writing and Tutoring Lab located in the lower floor of the Administration Building. Room M111 is now the place to go for additional assistance with coursework.

Tutors are ready to work with students on all phases of their writing projects from the beginning stages of finding a topic to editing the final draft. There are computers for use in this lab for students to be able to work near the tutors on hand.

The tutors specializing in math are available for all levels of math, including concepts of mathematics, college algebra, statistics, and pre-calculus. There is no charge for these services, and the hours are convenient for all students: Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m.-noon. Students are encouraged to stop by to study and work with an LU-Belleville tutor throughout the term to encourage a successful semester!

Please join Student Services in congratulating and welcoming the newest member of our department. Jenny Baudendistel has been named the coordinator of student activities and will begin her new duties immediately. Jenny Baudendistel has a bachelor's degree from SIUE and is currently in the M.A.T. education program at Lindenwood.



She has worked diligently in Student Activities, coordinating and planning events as a graduate assistant. Most recently, she has been the G.A. to Assistant Vice President Mary Radcliff, where she has organized, planned, and assisted in a variety of development projects. Congratulations Jenny and welcome to the Lindenwood family!

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plications to Art on the Square by May 1, 2012. The awards ceremony will be held on May 19, 2012. Refer to the High School link at www.artonthesquare.com for complete rules and information.

"We at Art on the Square are thrilled at Lindenwood-Belleville's generosity and look forward to working with the university," said Cindy Evans, co-chairman for the high school exhibit of Art on the Square. "The best part of this partnership is that the students will be the ones to benefit."

For more information on Lindenwood University-Belleville's Art on the Square scholarship, please contact Mary Radcliff at 618-239-6031.

To learn more about how your high school can participate, please contact Patty Gregory at 618-960-9597, Cindy Evans at 618-530-6126, or George Gasparich at 618-213-6555 or check Art on the Square's Web site.



TALENT

Continued from page 1 ... computed scores. Two students, Kaci Fewkes and Jane Milligan, did an improvisational comedy routine that had the audience rolling with laughter. The routine was a surprising highlight of the evening.

The judges completed their decisions; placing third was Cody Johnson, second place was Nikisha Hudson, and first place was Rodney Atwaters and Chanel Newell. All the audience and contestants who came out for this evening helped make the night a great success and a fun time for all.

Aftermath: Holiday Stress & Resolutions

By Stephanie McGovern

During the holidays, many people sometime experience feelings of loneliness, hopelessness, and depression. Sometimes called the "holiday blues," these feelings might be initiated or exaggerated by stress, fatigue, financial stress, unrealistic expectations, and the inability to be with one's family and friends. You may think when the holidays are over, everything will go back to normal; this may not be the case. Here are some ways of getting back into a routine after the holidays have passed.

- Getting back to your normal sleeping patterns can be essential. After periods of stress, such as the holidays, your body needs the sleep to reduce the production of adrenaline and cortisol.
- Exercise can also help rid your body of excess adrenaline and cortisol. This will help you relax and sleep more soundly.
- Talk about your feelings. Sharing your emotions with loved ones, friends, or a counselor can help take away some of the stress and loneliness you may be experiencing.

• Treat yourself. During the holidays, you spend a great deal of time worrying about buying presents and making others the center of attention. Buy yourself something nice, and enjoy spending some time alone.

These items will surely help you get the spring back in your step. If you feel like you need a little something extra after getting back into your routine, make a New Year's resolution.

At the start of each year, most people decide to make a New Year's resolution. You must ask yourself, "How attainable is my resolution?" One of the best ways to control the outcome of your resolution is to make plans. Write your resolution out on paper and be specific

with the outcome you wish to achieve. Set small goals and large goals, and reward yourself when those goals are met. Share your goals with family and friends because they, too, may have similar goals and you can encourage one another along the way. You should also keep a record of the progress you are making. This will help build your selfesteem and keep you on track. Finally, this is a big step you are taking to bettering your personal life, so take it seriously. There is no more waiting until tomorrow. Start your journey today. John Pierpont Morgan states, "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are."

If you would like more information or wish to meet with a counselor, please contact the Student Counseling & Resource Center at 618-239-6161 or stop by room M107.

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Education Students Attend Project WET and Henry White Experimental Farm

By Paula Creek

On September 17, 2011, students enrolled in EDU319, Elementary/Middle School Science Methods, participated in Project WET, a water education workshop. This national program, developed by the Department of Natural Resources for educators, provides professional development to both certified and pre-service teachers. As the name implies, water is the central focus of the curriculum, which is interdisciplinary. The activities in the program address Missouri and Illinois Standards and can be adapted for students in grades K-12.

The workshop facilitators, Dr. Julie Cook and Joan Twillman, are former educators who presently volunteer with Project WET. The student participants had the opportunity to see first-hand how many of the activities could be implemented in the classroom and determine their effectiveness. "Cold Cash in the Icebox," "The Poison Pump," "Stream Sense," and "H2Olympics" were some of the activities presented. Challenged to design and build a model boat, the students were responsible for protecting fragile freight (an egg) for survival

in a storm at sea. At the conclusion of the day, each participant received a manual packed full of these activities to use as they enter the classroom as certified teachers.

On October 21, 2011, the students visited the Henry White Experimental Farm near Millstadt, Ill. This 94-acre farm offers a number of outdoor educational opportunities for students at all grade levels. Activities on the farm are guided by the



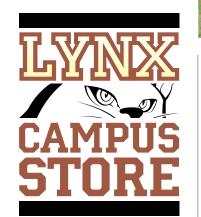
Illinois Department of Agriculture and are designed to improve the understanding of resource practices that are productive, environmentally prudent, and sustainable. The Lindenwood students were able to examine various ecosystems, such as wetlands and a prairie, along with fruit trees, nut trees, and soybean fields. Tours of demonstration vegetable gardens, native and wild flowers, and planting methods are also available at various times of the year.

BELLEVILLE ALUMNI CLUB

Welcome alumni and soon-to-be graduates to the Belleville Alumni Club! The Belleville Alumni Club's mission is to maximize the Lindenwood-Belleville experience outside the classroom in a coordinated effort to raise scholarship money for current Lindenwood students. This will be accomplished through charitable work and donations made on behalf of Lindenwood alumni. Dues for the Belleville Alumni Club are \$25 for all alumni

except those who are within a year of their graduation and students. New grads and student dues are \$10. The next alumni meeting will be held on March 8, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Lindenwood-Belleville Administration Building, room





Come check out the Lynx Campus Store to get all your back-to-school gear! We've got everything you need, from office supplies and spirit items to sportswear. We even have a new Facebook page; become a fan today! Interested in being a model? Stop in while wearing your Lindenwood-Belleville gear, and you could end up on our Facebook page! Keep an eye on your lionmail for more specials and promotions throughout the semester!

Belleville Educators Attend Conference on Dyslexia



Dyslexia causes "profound and persistent difficulties experienced by some very bright people in learning to read," according to Dr. Sally Shaywitz. On November 1, 2011, Assistant Professors Andrea Frazier and Dr. Stephanie J. Yearian of Lindenwood University-Belleville, along with Tammy Gramlich, Union Elementary School Reading Specialist, were VIP guests of Dr. Michael Heggerty of Literacy Resources, Inc. to meet Dr. Sally Shaywitz from Yale University. Dr. Shaywitz is a neuroscientist, a professor of pediatrics at Yale University, and the co-director of the Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity at the Yale University School of Medicine. She was also a contributor to the National Reading Panel (2000) and is the author of Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level.

Illinois State Representatives Pam Roth and Linda Chapa LaVia invited Drs. Bennett and Shaywitz to the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., for an informational discussion on dyslexia. The conference entitled, "Dyslexia: Translating Scientific Process into Legislative Action - It's Time," included information on the symptoms of dyslexia and suggested treatments and promoted legislative action necessary to address this topic of concern. Frazier, Gramlich, and Yearian were fortunate to personally meet Dr. Shaywitz, receive an autographed copy of her book, and gain knowledge on this frustrating disorder.

Dyslexia causes reading difficulties, although those who are plagued with symptoms also have strengths. One may be dyslexic if he or she does the following: reads slowly with much effort, is often the one to solve a problem, cannot spell and has messy handwriting, writes with terrific imagination, has trouble remembering dates and names, thinks out-of-the-box in grasping the big picture, has difficulty retrieving and pronouncing spoken words, or has excellent vocabulary and ideas. Dr. Shaywitz finds it important to stress the strengths because there is often a tendency to underestimate the abilities of those with dyslexia.

Dr. Shaywtiz reports that one out of every five children suffers from dyslexia and 80 percent go undiagnosed. Dyslexia is a lifelong ailment. Victims include Albert Einstein, Whoopi Goldberg, Henry Winkler ("The Fonz" and author of the Hank Zipzer series), Tom Cruise, Cher, and Steven Spielberg. The Shaywitz couple has researched brain imaging and believes careful planning and hard work can overcome the effects of dyslexia. This is important information for parents, teachers, and tutors, along with a means to build self-esteem for those who suffer with dyslexia.

Book-X-Change

Book-X-Change now has a permanent location on the Belleville campus inside the Lynx Campus Store. Make sure to pick up books for the semester on location to eliminate shipping fees and time delays! The Book-X-Change rents, buys, sells, and trades textbooks all year round!

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The Brass Rail Players will perform *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in the LU-Belleville Auditorium on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. (opening night reception follows performance); Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the box office at 618-767-6016 or e-mail tickets@brassrailplayers.org. *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (revised) opened on Broadway in 1999. It is a fresh approach to the 1967 classic. Sally Brown joins Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy,

Schroeder and Snoopy in this version. Two new songs, *Beethoven Day* and *My New Philosophy*, have been added to the twelve wonderful numbers of the original version, such as *My Blanket and Me, The Kite, The Baseball Game, Little Known Facts, Suppertime,* and *Happiness*.

ON THE **PROWL**

Lindenwood University – Belleville's inaugural football team is shaping up with more 40 players currently signed to play for the Lindenwood Lynx. The coaching staff, led by Head Coach Jeff Fisher, is excited about the foundation being built for the first football season at LU – Belleville.

"All of these young men have the pioneering spirit that we're looking for as we build this program," said Fisher. "They're committed to the mentality of being a student-athlete, student first."

The Lynx are set to begin competition this fall with renovations underway for a new stadium on the Lindenwood – Belleville campus. With the foundation of the team in place, the Lynx look forward to the future of LU – Belleville football and what the student-athletes will bring to the field and the university.

"We want individuals who are here to get an education and build something special," said Fisher. "These are guys that all exhibit those qualities."



Chevy Sonic Event at Men's Basketball Game

Dr. Judy Eberhart's marketing class put on an event at the Belleville men's basketball game on Saturday, November 5. Students in Dr. Eberhart's class competed against each other in teams, creating local and national marketing campaigns featuring the new Chevy Sonic. Chevy provided funds for the winning teams in Belleville and St. Charles to put on events at university games, and students on the winning teams at both locations will present their campaigns to dealers representing the local Chevy Dealer's Association the first week of December. Last year, the winning team's television spot was used on local channels to promote the Chevy Cruze, and two Lindenwood students from the winning team spent the summer working for Chevy as members of the Chevy Street Team.



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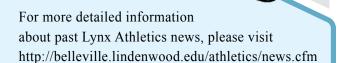
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Will Named USCAA Player of the Week; Starks Named Co-Player

By Beth Miller

Ashley Will and Todd Starks helped Lindenwood - Belleville go undefeated at the MLK Classic, January 12-15. The women's basketball team went 2-0 over the weekend with wins over Rhema Bible and RMU – Springfield. The men's basketball team posted a 3-0 tournament record after defeating Indiana Northwest, Rhema Bible,



and RMU – Springfield. Both Will and Starks were named to the All-Classic team for their performances at the MLK Classic. The weekly honors are the first of the season for the LU – Belleville men's and women's basketball teams.

In three victories, two against USCAA opponents, Will had a total of 60 points and 30 rebounds. In a 65-49 win over John Wood, Will scored a career-high 29 points and added 11 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the year. She also recorded three blocks and one steal. In a 71-48 win over Rhema Bible, Will had 18 points and 11 rebounds, recording her eighth double-double of the season. She also had one block and two steals. In a 59-55 win over USCAA opponent Robert Morris, Will had 13 points and eight rebounds in only 19 minutes of play. In addition, Will was selected to the MLK All-Classic team.

Starks earned USCAA Co-Player of the Week honors after helping the Lynx team to a 3-0 finish. The junior guard tallied 62 points, averaging 20.7 points per game over the weekend.

Starks also had a team-high 16 assists at the MLK Classic and went 6-for-11



from 3-point range. He was perfect from the free throw line, going 22-for-22. Starks put up a game-high 26 points against Robert Morris University to hand the Eagles their only loss on the weekend, and was named to the MLK All-Classic team. In an early-week matchup against Hannibal LaGrange prior to the tournament, Starks recorded 11 points and six assists, going 2-for-2 from the free throw line, making him a perfect 24-for-24 in free throws on the week.



Men's and Women's Basketball Ranked in USCAA Top-10 for Second Consecutive Week

The Lindenwood University Men's and Women's Basketball teams are ranked in the USCAA Coaches Poll for the ninth-consecutive week. For the second week in a row, both teams are ranked in the top-10.

Following a seven-game win-streak, the men moved up to No. 4 from the No. 5 spot, passing Apprentice School by two points. No. 3 Southern Virginia is two points ahead of the Lynx, while Ave Maria takes the No. 2 spot and Rochester College holds strong at No. 1. The Lynx have won eight of their last nine contests, posting a 15-10 record so far this season.

The women remain in the top-10 for the second-consecutive week, coming in at No. 9 in the ninth poll of the season. Ave Maria, Apprentice School, and Rochester College remain steady in the top-three spots, respectively. Briarcliffe and Cincinnati-Clermont are tied at No. 4 to round out the top-five spots. The Lady Lynx have won six of their last nine competitions, sitting at 12-14 on the season.

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The Nancy and Saverio Caponi Scholarship

Lindenwood University Student Government Association presents The Nancy and Saverio Caponi Scholarship. This scholarship was established on January 23. Nancy Caponi, a Belleville West Alumna, was awarded a scholarship when she attended nursing school. She always wanted to return the favor and give back to someone to help with his or her college expenses. Nancy and Saverio were so impressed with their campus tour from Student Body President Rodney Atwaters that they decided to give \$500 scholarships to two LU-Belleville students.

Criteria: Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. The awards will be presented to two undergraduate students, male or female. The scholarships are open to all majors. Students are required to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above to exhibit a standard of academic excellence. Students are required to write a 2-3 page essay regarding their service to the community, personal and professional achievements, and future plans after their education is completed. Please submit all essays to Dr. Cindy Manjounes at cmanjounes@lindenwood.edu. Nancy Caponi, Rodney Atwaters, Manjounes, and Mary Radcliff will choose the recipients. Once the recipients are chosen, their pictures and essays will be published in the Lynx Tale. Students will meet Nancy and Saverio at the LU-Belleville Honors Convocation in April, during which they will receive their award certificate.







GREEK INFORMATIONAL FAIR -

Informational Fair Wednesday, February 22, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Senator Alan J. Dixon Student Center. Students will get a chance to meet members of different Greek-lettered organizations, ask questions, and get information. Come out and show your interest in bringing Greek life to campus. The following organizations have been invited: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Zeta, Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Phi Lambda Phi, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Sigma Gamma Rho, Sigma Sigma, and Zeta Phi Beta.

Please check your lionmail regarding further information about this upcoming fair for a list of confirmed attendees. If you have any questions, please contact Tiare' Vaughn at tlv760@liomail.lindenwood.edu or stop by Student Services and leave your name and contact information, and she will contact you at her earliest convenience.





This picture is me and my husband on Lake Mead after visiting the Hoover Dam and Suspension Bridge. We love to travel, and my best friend got married in Las Vegas on 11/11/11. It was an amazing trip!

Monet Webster Graduate Assistant • Financial Aid and Business Office

How did you become involved with LU-Belleville?

I started at Lindenwood to pursue a master of arts in teaching so that I can finally achieve my lifelong dream of having my own classroom.

Why did you choose to go to school at Lindenwood?

One of my best friends went to Lindenwood-St. Charles, and she had a great experience. Since it grew to have a campus seven blocks away from my home, I decided to begin my journey on the Belleville campus. The classes were also so convenient with my schedule, and the recruiting staff gave me the confidence to take the plunge.

How has Lindenwood played a part in developing your professional career?

Not only have I received excellent instruction, I have also been provided a practical education to ensure that this career path is what I want to do. I have been pushed to change my views of education and how I perceive various things. I have been challenged, and I am glad that I made the decision I did.

Lindenwood University-Belleville is hosting a Greek

Did you go to high school here at the old BWTHS campus?

I went to Belleville East, the cross-town rival, but being here does make me feel at home. We played quite a few tournaments and close games (with East prevailing of course) in the old gym. One of my best friends even hurt her face on the old gym floor in a bad volleyball fall, but she is OK now. It makes me feel comfortable to know my surroundings and have history here.

What are you most looking forward to in terms of LU-Belleville expansion?

I am looking forward to it being a fully functioning campus with all the services and amenities of any other campus. I know the student growth will continue to skyrocket, and I cannot wait to finish my master's and come back to see what kind of legacy my class left behind.



LU-Belleville 2011 Ugly Sweater Contest

"Where Ugly is Better"

Judging the contest to determine the ugliest sweater was a very arduous task. The duty and responsibility of being a judge was not taken lightly. The three judges, Drs. Ken Kubicek, Todd Mick, and Mike Wiggins, have years of experience both observing and wearing goshawful sweaters.

1st Place • Greta King 2nd Place • Kaylle Marsh 3rd Place • Jenny Baudendistel Honorable Mention • Shannon Vallowe



