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Miracle Bell (Assistant Soccer Coach), Catalina Albarracin, Leigha Gregg, Second Row: Daniel Restrepo, Adalberto Hernandez, Mayor Gregg of Harrisburg, Tim Reintgen, Dan Hogan (Head Soccer Coach), Corey Ellzey, Elias Banuelos

#### Lynx Soccer Team Helps Harrisburg

By Catalina Albarracin

The Lindenwood-Belleville Lynx soccer team continues to make a difference on and off the field. On Saturday, March 10, the team served alongside a number of volunteers to spread hope to the tornadoravaged community of Harrisburg, Ill., through donations and time spent working to meet the needs of Harrisburg residents.

The team spent most of the day unloading donations of toys, shoes, clothes, and, most importantly, happiness and hope for those that lost everything.

It seemed that the Lynx team was called to do this work at the right time; the truck they were unloading was full of Lindenwood University-Belleville donations, along with all of the City of Belleville's donations.

It is so easy to forget about all the blessings we have in life and to take one's time for granted, but these players and coaches stepped out of their comfortable lives to recognize the tremendous need in Harrisburg and to bring hope back to the community.

"It is good to put aside your goals and issues to help those who have bigger issues than us," said Lynx soccer player Corey Elsey.

The Lynx team also has a special connection with Harrisburg in that Lynx soccer player Leigha Gregg is the daughter of Harrisburg's mayor, Eric Gregg.

"It was a comforting experience having my teammates supporting my town and know-

ing that they were all very enthusiastic, full of energy, and ready to work towards the hope of our town," Leigha Gregg said. "I cannot express how thankful I am."

The soccer team members said they had a wonderful experience and were moved by the smiles of many people in Harrisburg. The team plans to return and conduct soccer clinics in the town. Dan Hogan, head men's and women's soccer coach, is tentatively organizing the first clinic for April 21.

"We had a great experience," Hogan said. "We want to come back to keep helping not only the whole community, but also Harrisburg's soccer community."



## LU Belleville Proud of First Student Teachers

By Dr. Stephanie J. Yearian

The School of Education is proud to announce the placement of the first three student teachers from Lindenwood University-Belleville this spring semester. The practicum teachers include undergraduates Julie Sydow and Michelle Hemmer-Schwoebel, along with Samantha Scher, a member of the MAT graduate program. All placed in District 118, and the three women are facing the "intensives" of teaching in the elementary classroom in the coming weeks. This constitutes their last 12 hours at LU before graduation on May 12, 2012.

Sydow is completing her practicum at Union Elementary in Mrs. Schwoebel's fourth grade classroom. "This has been a definite learning experience outside of the teacher education program," Sydow stated. "I am impressed by all of the hands-on experience grading papers, teaching lessons, maintaining classroom management, and supporting the students in any way possible to achieve a successful academic experience. My transition into intensives has begun this week during ISAT testing. Today, I taught science and social studies; later in the week I will pick up reading and language arts. There have been plenty of opportunities in extracurricular activities as well to further my career in education by coaching

the fifth grade girls' basketball team. We had a successful winning season of six wins and two losses. I would like to thank my education peers, professors, advisor, and student teacher coordinator, Professor Suess, for their support through my endeavors. I could not get through without them! The personable relationships that I have built through the Lindenwood University-Belleville education program are a life experience that I will never forget!"

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Hemmer-Schwoebel thrilled to be working with her cooperating teacher and her son's former instructor, Mrs. Schaefer, in third grade at Roosevelt Elementary. "Mrs. Schaefer, along with the rest of the staff at Roosevelt, has been very welcoming," Hemmer-Schwoebel stated. "She even provided me with my own desk. They all treat me like a peer. I chose my host teacher because she had my son two years ago. He was a child that hated school and cried because he had to go. By the end of his year with her, he was crying when he had to leave. Now my son loves school; for that reason,

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# Local Donor Provides Funds for Replacement Sculpture

Garrett Reuter, Lindenwood donor and local attorney at Greensfelder, Hemker, & Gale, presented the university with a Brother Mel Meyer replacement sculpture for the one that was recently stolen from the university.

The sculpture unveiling took place on March 9 at LU-Belleville in the presence of media outlets. Reuter, Vice President Jerry Bladdick, Assistant Vice President Mary Radcliff, and LU staff and students were present.

"The Glass Tower," the Brother Mel sculpture previously on display outside the Welcome Center on campus, was stolen on Jan. 6 by two unidentified men. Although a reward of \$500 was offered for its safe return, no one has yet to come forward.

"Lindenwood University-Belleville has shown a strong commitment to the community, and it makes sense for others to reciprocate," said Reuter.

Former president of the Belleville Chamber Commerce, Reuter describes himself as "embedded in the community" and is currently on a variety of boards for community organizations such as Memorial Hospital. He is also a member of the management committee at Greensfelder, Hemker, & Gale, a law firm that services the Metro East, St. Louis, and the Chicago area.

"The support that we have received from the entire Belleville community after the stolen sculpture has been remarkable," said Bladdick. "Our campus is grateful for the generosity of Mr. Reuter. He has given us

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#### State Approves Offering of Biology Degree

Students at Lindenwood University-Belleville can now earn a bachelor of science degree in biology; the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved the new degree on April 10.

"This new degree is an expansion of our natural science program and has proven popular with students considering advanced degrees in natural sciences and health," said Dr. Todd Mick, dean of academics.

Course requirements for the undergraduate biology degree will be featured in the 2012-13 academic catalog.

"I am excited to welcome the students this fine degree will attract to our campus," said Dr. Angela Wingo, dean of students. "I am certain this program will enhance and diversify our future student population."

In conjunction with the introduction of a biology degree to Linden-wood-Belleville, the campus is also gearing up to begin construction of a state-of-the-art chemistry lab scheduled to be completed in time for students' return in August. Mick says the campus will hire a full-time chemist for the 2012-13 academic year as well.

#### Here We Grow Again; LU-Belleville Expands Degrees and Facilities

On the heels of record student enrollment this spring semester, Lindenwood University's Board of Directors recently approved \$2 million to go towards a new admissions center and communications center, complete with radio and television station, for the Belleville campus.

Along with this, the Illinois Board of Higher Education has approved five new undergraduate degree programs to be offered at LU-Belleville starting in fall 2012. They include bachelor of arts degrees in advertising and public relations: corporate communications; interactive media and web design; mass communications; physical education; and a bachelor of science degree in biology.

The new degrees are expected to bring in between 75 and 125 traditional day students in the fall, and Vice President Jerry Bladdick projects the total day student population to reach 800 during the 2012-2013 academic year

"We've found that there is a great demand for these degree programs," said Bladdick. "Lindenwood University in St. Charles has a high academic reputation for its Communications Department with an impressive list of well-known alumni in the field. We want to duplicate that here in Belleville."

To accommodate the increase in degree programs, nine new full-time faculty members will be hired for the fall, adding to the 51 full- and part-time staff already employed on campus.



Vice President Jerry Bladdick, Mr. Garrett Reuter, and Assistant Vice President Mary Radcliff

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not only another piece of art from an incredibly talented artist but has also restored a sense of wholeness to our campus again after such a despicable incident."

The donation falls on the heels of the university's recent establishment of a Brother Mel Meyer Endowed Scholarship, which will provide one Vianney High School student \$25,000 to use toward tuition at Lindenwood's Belleville or St. Charles campus over a five-year period. The student will be hand-selected by Meyer, who will, in turn, donate several pieces of his artwork to the university.

"I'm very happy to do this for a student who needs it, and I'm glad I have the opportunity through this Lindenwood scholarship," said Meyer.

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Estimated at \$500,000, the university's new admissions center will be located on the lower level of the recently renovated Senator Alan J. Dixon Student Center. With the capacity to hold 28 employees plus a conference room area, the new center will offer a one-stop shop for all new prospective undergraduate and graduate students interested in attending day or evening classes.

To complement the addition of three new degrees in the communications field, the university's \$1.2 million communications center will provide students with access to state-of-the-art radio and television studio equipment, as well as two high-tech classrooms. Scheduled to open in fall 2012, this facility will not only offer students an extracurricular activity in the field of media and broadcast, but it will also serve as a resume builder and opportunity for them to apply what they learn in the classroom.

Although initial radio and television broadcasts will be transmitted internally, Bladdick hopes to eventually make them accessible to the community at large.

In total, the university has spent approximately \$10 million in renovation and expansion of the Belleville campus.

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Starting from back row left: Veronika Stouracova, Cecelia Sanchez. Front Row: Steve Nguyen, David Woo, Jordan Guzma, Catalina Albarracin, Mary Radcliff, Catherine Brady

Lindenwood-Belleville participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Belleville on Saturday, March 17. Participants who marched in the parade wore green lucky Lynx t-shirts and handed out beads.

#### **STUDENT TEACHERS**

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I knew there was something I needed to learn from Mrs. Schaefer. She was good about throwing me right in the mix of things beginning day one. The experience offers a lot of practice in teaching, even though I do not start my intensives until after ISAT testing ends next week. I feel prepared for the task! I have already grown attached to the students at Roosevelt and am sad about having to leave them. I guess that is part of the job for every teacher.

"I am very grateful to Professor Suess and Dr. Yearian at LU because they truly walk education student teachers through each step of the process. I would recommend this program to anyone interested in pursuing a degree in elementary education. Furthermore, I am a non-traditional, returning student and a lifelong resident of Belleville who attended the old Belleville West, which is now the LU campus. I loved being back in the familiar buildings. Lindenwood is doing a great job restoring the campus. As a resident, I am so grateful for their investment in our community. I really loved the small class sizes, especially after previously attending a larger university where I felt like just a number and a face in the crowd. In addition, I appreciate that LU stands by their word of offering the classes that you need in order to achieve your degree. The teachers and advisors really do care that you succeed."

Scher's commitment to Franklin Elementary began years ago as a volunteer for the Belleville AmeriCorps, so she is right at home in Mrs. Odle's second grade classroom. "Becoming a teacher has been a long time dream for me," Scher stated. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from SIUE and assumed she would earn her master's in child psychology. "Little did I know that my experience through the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, along with the faculty and students, would single-handedly change my career goals. It was at Franklin that I fell in love with teaching. Today, I wake up every morning motivated and ready to get to work; I can honestly say that I have never felt this way about another job. The faculty at Lindenwood, along with my cooperating teacher, have done an amazing job in preparing me for the challenges that lie ahead; I am confident that I will be successful in my career because of them. Standing in front of 27 8-year-olds while writing math problems on the white board honestly feels like home to me. I joked with my friends a few weeks ago that I am the most loved person in the world. Who else gets to have 27 valentines? Teaching is challenging and is not as easy as it looks, but watching my students conquer each challenge, no matter how small, is worth it all."

Scher stressed that she is overwhelmed with emotion knowing that she is at the end of the road, and in two short months, she will be a certified teacher. "The feeling is truly indescribable," she said.

Thirteen additional undergraduate elementary education students have applied for student teaching and graduation in the fall 2012. The Lindenwood University-Belleville Education Department could not be more proud.

#### LYNX TALE CONTRIBUTORS

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Sessions will take place in the morning, afternoon, or all day long. These sports camps are run by current LU-Belleville coaches and athletes. Pre-care will be available from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and after care from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., sponsored through the YMCA. Co-sponsors are the LU-Belleville School of Education, the LU-Belleville Athletics Department, and the Belleville YMCA.





K - 4th Grade

June 4-22

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

\* Space is limited.





Session 1 • June 4-8

Reading and/or Volleyball Camp

Session 2 • June 11-15
Reading and/or Soccer Camp

Session 3 • June 18-22

Reading and/or Basketball Camp

(Participants can sign up for one or more camps.)

Camp Lynx Tales contact: Dr. Stephanie Yearian at 618-239-6096. Junior Lynx Sports Camp contact: Stephanie McGovern at 618-239-6161.



Assistant Vice President Mary Radcliff, Rodney Atwaters, Nancy and Saverio Caponi

#### 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, Dr. Cindy 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 certificates.





Professional & School Counseling Continuing Education Program PRESENTS THE WORKSHOP

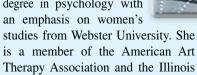
### Art Therapy Background and Use

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Presenter: Molly Jones M.A., LCPC

Molly Jones is a licensed clinical professional counselor in the state of Illinois. She earned her master's degree in art therapy counseling from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology with an emphasis on women's

Counseling Association.



Jones has worked in a variety of clinical settings including outpatient, inpatient psychiatric hospital, juvenile detention center, school, and home. She has developed and presented all-day, art-based team building workshops for both clinical and business settings. Specific client populations with which she has worked include children, family, co-occurring disorders, and eating disorders.

#### **WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES**

- **1.** To gain an understanding of art therapy and its benefits
- **2.** To learn how art therapy interventions apply to evidence-based practices
- **3.** To learn specific interventions for various client populations
- **4.** To learn about the process of an art therapy session and how art therapy can be incorporated into any clinician's practice

#### SCHEDULE

Registration: 8:30 a.m.
Presentation: 9 a.m. - noon
Lunch: noon - 12:45 p.m.
Presentation: 12:45 - 3:45 p.m.
Evaluation/Certificates: 3:45 p.m.

The workshop will be held in the Belleville District 201 Office

For more information, contact Ken Kubicek, PhD 618-239-6083 kkubicek@lindenwood.edu

#### **Lindenwood Celebrates Sibley Day**



#### Planting of the Sibley Tree

In the grassy area behind the Welcome Center, LU-Belleville began the inaugural tradition of meeting at and decorating the Sibley Tree in honor of Lindenwood University founders George and Mary Sibley.



#### **Dance Workshop**

Kari Ann Knoblach Davis (current MAT student) conducted a workshop in dance. It was a "get-up-and-move" activity, and everyone was invited.



#### Informational Career Fair

Each division, and majors within that division, set up tables in the Senator Alan J. Dixon Student Center and spoke with students about the types of career fields available to students with degrees in that major.



Faculty vs. Student Volleyball Game



Belleville Police Chief William Clay III and his wife, Shenita Clay

#### Black History Month Event

Belleville Chief William Clay III spoke on leadership challenges.

### LU-Belleville Football Stadium Renovations

**FOOTBALL** 



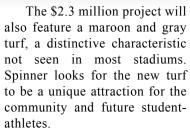


The Lindenwood University - Belleville Lynx football program will have a brand new stadium to call home during its inaugural season this fall. Monday, March 5, marked the groundbreaking for the new football stadium.

The original venue, a staple in the metro-east community, has been around since 1933. Formerly known as Township Stadium, the sports fixture is undergoing significant changes.

"We're really excited to finally see the construction portion of the program begin," said Scott Spinner, director of athletics. "A lot of planning has gone into this project, and it's a big deal for the University and the community." The new stadium will include complete renovations on the field, sideline bleachers, press box, and locker room. The state-of-theart stadium will have a seating capacity of 4,129.





"The field is going to generate a lot of publicity and serve our athletic program well," said Spinner.

The renovated stadium is projected to be completed by July 15. Lynx Football will kick off its inaugural season this fall.

#### Doster Named Women's Lacrosse Head Coach

Lindenwood University-Belleville has named Austen Doster head women's lacrosse coach.

After spending 2012 as assistant coach for the men's squad, Doster will lead the Lady Lynx lacrosse team during its inaugural season in 2013. Doster helped start the women's lacrosse program at Fontbonne, in addition to playing on a first-year team.

"I am thrilled to be starting the women's program at Lindenwood – Belleville," said Doster. "I'm a prime example of where this game can take you, and I'm very excited to be passing that opportunity on to the LU – Belleville women's lacrosse team."

For more information on the women's lacrosse program, contact Coach Doster at adoster@lindenwood.edu.





#### Baseball and Softball

#### Ranked Top-10 in USCAA Coaches Poll

By Beth Miller

The Lindenwood University – Belleville baseball and softball teams are ranked for the fourth-consecutive week in the USCAA Coaches Poll. Baseball comes in a No. 10 this week, while softball was voted in at the No. 4 spot.

Baseball moves into the top-10 after spending the past two weeks in the No. 13 spot. Spalding holds strong at No. 1, while PSU-Greater Allegheny jumps to No. 2 after spending last week in the No. 6 spot. Rochester drops to No. 3, while Apprentice and Selma round out the top-five, respectively. The Lynx are coming off of a 0-3 weekend at NCAA Division II Oakland City, as they prepare to hit the road again. The team will travel to Paragould, Arkansas for back-to-back doubleheaders at Crowley's Ridge.

Softball is ranked No. 4 this week, dropping from last week's No. 3 spot. Carlow remains No. 1, with St. Mary of the Woods close behind in the No. 2 spot, while Spalding, LU – Belleville and PSU-Mont Alto round out the top-five, respectively. The Lady Lynx had an impressive outing at No. 2 St. Mary of the Woods, picking up a doubleheader sweep over the Pomeroys. Game two stretched to 18 innings, with Stephanie Holiday in the circle all 18 of those, before the Lady Lynx earned the 5-1 win.

#### Lindenwood University – Belleville to join NAIA

Lindenwood University – Belleville has been accepted to join the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), following a three-year affiliation with the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). League officials made the announcement Sunday at the NAIA National Convention in Newport Beach, Calif. Lindenwood University - Belleville will compete as a full NAIA member effective August 1, 2012.

"We are honored to have been selected to join the prestigious colleges that are a part of the NAIA," said Lindenwood – Belleville's Vice President, Jerry Bladdick. "We are pleased to be able to carry on the Lindenwood tradition that started 40 years ago with the NAIA."

With the addition of football next year, LU – Belleville's roster grows to 23 sports in just three years of existence. This past fall, the Lynx brought home the first two national titles in program history, with men's golf and men's soccer winning the USCAA National Championship. Rapid growth and proven success led to the decision to take the Lynx's competition to the next level.

"This is a great day in the history of Lindenwood University - Belleville athletics," said Director of Athletics Scott Spinner. "We are committed to offering the best possible athletic experience to our students, and gaining membership to the NAIA signifies that commitment."

Along with Lindenwood – Belleville, three other institutions were approved for membership in to the NAIA. Those institutions are Georgia Gwinnett College, Indiana University, Kokomo and St. Andrews University (N.C.). These four institutions were among the first set of institutions subjected to the NAIA's new, more rigorous, annual membership process.

"We are pleased to accept these quality institutions as NAIA members," said Ted Brown, chair of the NAIA Council of Presidents and president of Martin Methodist College (Tenn.). "This was the first year of a new process put in place to strengthen the review of membership applications, and it has worked well. We are taking a hard look at schools to make sure they are a good fit with the NAIA, so it's more about a good fit than pure numbers."

The NAIA Membership Committee reviewed each institution's application and determined which institutions would move to the next stage of the process. Those institutions then participated in a campus visit by a membership evaluation team. The results of those campus visits were reported to the Membership Committee, which then decided whether to recommend institutions to the Council of Presidents for final approval.

#### Lindenwood Day at Busch Cardinals vs. Braves

**Athletics News online** 

For more detailed information about past Lynx Athletics news, please visit http://belleville.lindenwood.edu/athletics/index.html

Enjoy LU Day at Busch Stadium with your family and Lindenwood alumni as the Cardinals take on the Atlanta Braves on May 13. Proceeds from each ticket sold will go directly to Lindenwood student scholarships.

Tickets are only \$17 and include a free hot dog and soda coupon. Join the LU roster today; we'll see you at the stadium! Follow this special online with the link below for more details and purchasing information.

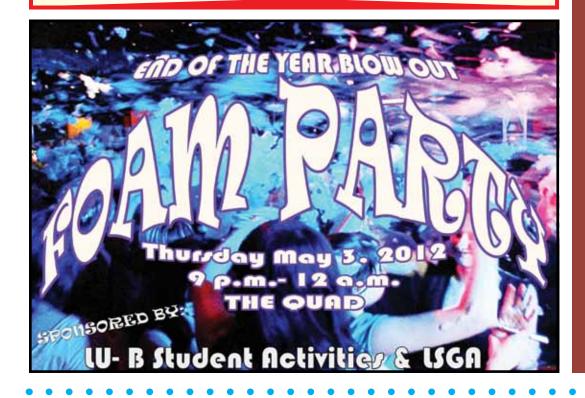


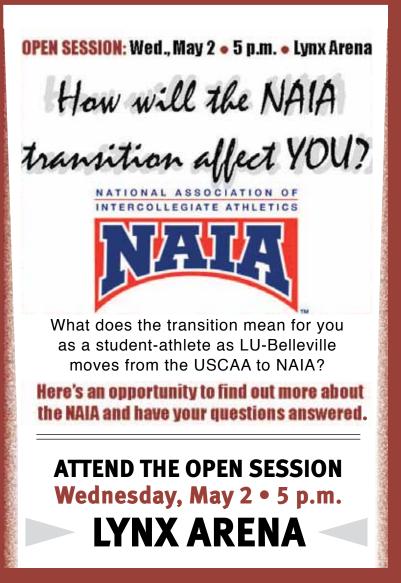
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**TRIVIA NIGHT**May 4, 2012 • 6:30 p.m.

In the regency room at Bel-Air Bowl 200 S. Belt West • Belleville, IL 62220

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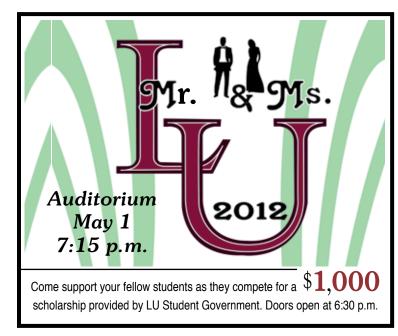




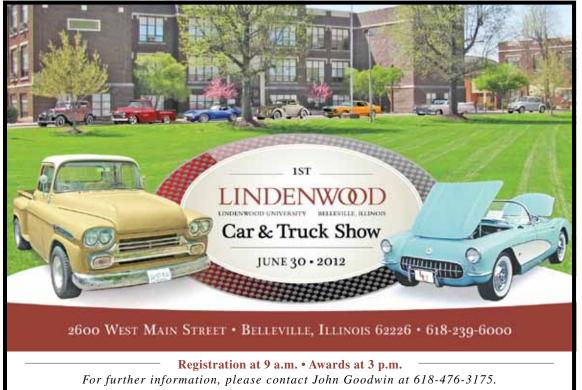
## MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST Need a break from the stress of FINALS?

Monday, May 7, 2012

10 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Senator Alan J. Dixon Student Center







Learn Dining and Networking Etiquette at the Business Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, May 3, from 5 - 7 p.m.

Juniors and seniors are invited to join us in the

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Discuss interviewing expectations • Practice networking

Pre-dinner networking mixer • Learn dining etiquette

Five-course meal • Try out your business attire

There is no charge, but you must make your reservation with Greta King, gking@lindenwood.edu

Deadline is Monday, May 30, at noon.

• student I.D. number • name • contact information •

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