# The Lead - Newsletter



# Lindenwood University School of Education



### A Glimpse Into the Future: Preparing for the Class of 2030

On November 1, Dr. Wil Zemp visited campus to present to faculty, staff, students and administrators. Dr. Zemp is Southern New Hampshire University's Executive Vice President and serves as the Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer in SNHU's Innovation Center. He presented a candid overview of the profile of the class of 2030 and how higher education should prepare to meet the needs of this group. His two-day visit was a success, and his unique insight into preparing for the future will be a great asset as we continuously prepare to best serve our students.



### **Springfield Extension Site Gets Updated with New Technology**

The School of Education - Southwest Extended Site in Springfield, Missouri just had a new Hovercam installed! This is a big step in improving student and faculty experience while staying upto-date with the latest technology trends. The wonderful Lindenwood IT team was so helpful while installing and training our faculty and staff on this new innovation.







# Advising, Retention and Certification Center (ARCC) Introduces New Promotional Video

Please take a moment to view the video of our SOE - Advising, Retention & Certification Center (ARCC).... The department was developed late September 2017 specifically for our SOE majors to introduce students to our teacher certification programs and provide students with resources to complete requirements and finalize certification with DESE.



SOE-ARCC - Roemer 115

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm with availability outside of these hours by

appointment.

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### School of Education Recruits at St. Charles Community College Day

St. Charles Community College hosted an Education Night with approximately 200 education major in attendance. Five universities presented their education programs to the students. The focus was for the students to learn about transitions to four-year teacher education programs in the St. Louis area. The presentation went over very well and the students were energetic and enthusiastic about Lindenwood!

To see what was discussed, check out the presentation below:

#### <u>Lindenwood SOE.pptx</u>

### **Progressive Lunch**

Lindenwood School of Education faculty and staff celebrated the approaching holiday season with a Progressive Lunch. Wonderful food was catered and we even were able to give away Blues tickets to two lucky winners, Drs. Jill Hutcheson and Nicole Vaux.





### Counseling, Social Work, and Behavior Analysis

### **Behavioral Analysis Students Present at Missouri Conference**

Congratulations to Rebecca Maschmeyer, Jaime Viviano, and Eunika McDowell! These graduate students in the Behavior Analysis program along with recent program alumnus, Clint Evans, were chosen to present their work at the Missouri Association for Behavior Analysis conference on November 15. Rebecca presented, "Using a Latency Functional Analysis to Determine the Function of Problem Behaviors." Jaime presented her organizational behavior management research titled, "Increasing Verbal Responses in Training Settings." Eunika presented "Using Trial Based Functional Analysis to Determine the Function of Elopement Behaviors." Clint's poster presentation is titled, "The Effect of Social Media Guided Contingency Management on Nutritional Behaviors." As the supervisor of these projects, Dr. Maggie Pavone is extremely proud of the incredible applied research that these students have produced. The students' work shows a wide range of applications of behavior analysis and also demonstrates the high-quality scholar-practitioner skills the students have gained through the Master's Degree in Behavior Analysis program.

### **Social Work Students Volunteer at Community Service Summit**

Social Work practicum students volunteered at the St. Charles Community Service Summit which occurred on October 29. This was the 21st anniversary of the event with over 500 attendees. Social Work students, Nicole Nordwald and Rachel Ratajczyk served as room hosts. Also pictured is Debra Johnson, Associate Professor. Students were able to attend the keynote speaker's address, one workshop, and participate in the vendor display room, as well as perform their volunteer host duties. It was a great collaboration opportunity between students and the community.



# **BCBA Cohort Attends Missouri Associate for Behavior Analysis Conference**

The comradery and connection of our cohort model behavior analysis program was especially obvious the weekend of November 15 at the Missouri Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference. Dr. Pavone was able to share time with students, alumni, community partners, and faculty at the event. Several student and alumni presented their recent research and two of the program's community partners- The Empowered Center and FitLearning STL- gave invited speeches and workshops!





### **Educational Leadership**

#### Adjunct Instructor, Dr. Schwartz, Defended his Dissertation

Dr. Schwartz defended his dissertation Friday, Nov 15. Dr. Schwartz is an adjunct professor who also teaches first grade. For his dissertation, he researched best practices for teaching reading and meeting the needs of students at risk for dyslexia. His chair. Dr. Sherblom and committee members, Dr. Hutcheson, Kim Stuckey and Dr. Kevin Winslow are pictured with Dr. Schwartz.



### Hooding Ceremony for Doctoral Students Will Take Place on December 13

A special graduation ceremony for doctoral students will commence on December 13th at 2:00 the Lindenwood University Cultural Center. This is in addition to the full graduation ceremony taking place at 7:00 at the Family Arena. At the hooding ceremony, doctoral candidates will have their dissertation title read and be "hooded" by a person pivotal in their EdD journey. In addition to receiving hoods, students will enjoy remarks from guest speaker and December 2019 EdD graduate, Jeremy Sullivan, and the Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Anthony Scheffler. Also in attendance will be Provost Marilyn Abbott and President of Lindenwood University, John R. Porter. A reception for graduates, family, friends, and faculty will take place after the ceremony. Congratulations to all of the December 2019 EdD graduates!

# Alpha Chi Honor Society Screens *Screenagers* for Students and the Community

On November 19th the Alpha Chi Honor Society participated in a community service project by screening the documentary *Screenagers*; a film on the ever increasing use of technology among our adolescents. Parents within the community, along with students attended the event.



#### Podcast Feature with Drs. Elder and Leavitt

Drs. Elder and Leavitt host two podcasts, *CapIT!* and *WOW! I Want To Take That Class! CapIT!* aims to offer an alternative platform of communication for Lindenwood University doctoral students, on their journey to earning an Ed.D. degree. The purpose is to provide increased transparency for "all things dissertation" – as students strive to "Cap It!"! The latest episode of CapIT! features a special guest, Dr. Wisdom, as they discuss the final read process. Drs. Elder and Leavitt also developed the WOW! podcast because they believe there are so many great courses here at Lindenwood University, designed by faculty, it's time to share and learn from each other. Elder and Leavitt interview faculty members about their individualized approaches in the classroom, how they apply instructional strategies, and deliver innovative lessons. They recently sat down with Dr. Ayres and discussed the role Human Resources plays in delivering a WOW experience for students. Download both podcasts today!

http://capitlindenwood.blubrry.net/ https://wowtakethatclass.blubrry.net/



#### **Dissertation Defenses**

Tom Dittrich (chair, Dr. Lynda Leavitt) will defend his dissertation on December 6th at 9:00 AM in Roemer 223

Stephen Baker (chair, Dr. Robyne Elder) will defend his dissertation on December 6th at 10:00 AM in Roemer 223

Josh Hanke (chair, Dr. Mitch Nasser) will defend his dissertation on December 6th at 11:00 AM in Roemer 223.

Michelle Sanford (chair, Dr. Mitch Nasser) defended her dissertation on November 8th at 11:00 AM in Roemer 223.

Stefani Schuette (chair, Dr. Robyne Elder) defended her dissertation on November 15th at 11:00 AM in Roemer 223.

Stephen Schwartz (chair, Dr. Stephen Sherblom) defended his dissertation on November 15th at 12:00 PM in Roemer 223.

Greg Wagener (chair, Dr. Robyne Elder) defended his dissertation on November 22nd at 9:00 AM in Roemer 223.

Damien Fay (chair, Dr. Kevin Winslow) defended his dissertation on November 22nd at 10:00 AM in Roemer 223.

#### Ed.D. Redesign

Faculty from multiple schools and departments across campus have been hard at work redesigning and conceptualizing the doctorate program. Using design thinking, these members have been brainstorming creative ways to promote a curriculum that will develop an innovative mindset in our doctoral candidates.





### **Teacher Education**

### Dr. Vanessa Vandergraaf Featured in the International Institute - St. Louis

The School of Education's very own Associate Professor of Teacher Education, Dr. Vanessa Vandergraaf, was recognized in the International Institute - St. Louis. The story features Dr. Vandergraaf's family, who were Laotian refugees. This story is very touching and we are very proud to share this with all of our valued School of Education partners and community stakeholders. You can find the web article here: https://www.iistl.org/laos/



### "I Scream" for Reading Night at Local Elementary School

On November 21, teacher candidates enrolled in EDU 30999 participated in a special night for students at Null Elementary School in St. Charles. The children came to school

in the evening and listened to stories, participated in a Novel Engineering creation activity, and ended the event by making ice cream in a bag. The teacher candidates collaborated with Instructional Coach Kevin Stross to choose texts, collect materials and plan the event. All attendees left Null School with a free book and STEM notepad.

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