

Friday, December 18, 2015

- The **Guth Foundation** has awarded a **\$50,000** grant to Lindenwood University in honor of John Hammond for the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise.
- Enrollment Management actively participates in the Western St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and was recently notified by Tony Matthews, CEO/President of the Chamber, that Lindenwood won Best University! Any member of the Western St. Charles Chamber of Commerce is eligible to be nominated regardless of the city their business may reside in, so it's quite an honor.
- The **United Way Fundraising Campaign** in which Lindenwood University participated, raised \$74,352,108.
- On January 9, Enrollment Management is expecting to enroll 240 new undergraduate adult students for the **Winter Quarter** in the School of Accelerated Degree Programs.
- A selfie done with the **Vinyl Wrap-Logo Designs** of one of the Belleville vehicles.



- The Daniel Boone Home and Heritage Center **Candlelight Tour** was a great success. The four night total of visitors was 2,744 with a total income (including gift shop sales) of \$39,194.64 making this the highest attendance and income on record.
- Approximately 90 faculty and staff from the St. Charles and Belleville Campuses participated in the first **Leadership Like No Other** seminars this week. The purpose of the new program is to increase leadership capacity across the University System. The participants will engage in virtual learning sessions and collegial conversations until the next seminar in mid-February.
- The **Belleville Men's Soccer** team went on an historic run to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Final Four in Delray Beach, FL. This was the best NAIA finish in Belleville campus history.
- Kassidy Gengenbacher has been nominated for the 2016 Allstate Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Good Works Team one of the most prestigious off-the-court honors in women's college basketball. Allstate and the WBCA are recognizing a select group of women's college basketball student athletes for their remarkable community service achievements.
- Enrollment Management hosted a **Graduate School Fair** for our current graduating seniors that produced over 50 new student leads.

- **Dr. Cynthia Bice**, Dean of the School of Education has been trained to be an evaluator and based on her work she was recently selected as a team leader and assessment specialist for the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This new accrediting agency only has a small number of people trained nationwide to serve in these roles.
- The Lindenwood community has raised over 3,500 diapers as part of the Chaplain's Office **"Wrap A Bottom"** Lindenwood University drive. Diapers will go to Harvester Christian Church for distribution to crisis nurseries and other organizations that give to needy parents around St. Louis.
- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row **Honor Society** students volunteered their time at the Scholastic Warehouse in Fenton where they were allowed to select a large number of books for donation. This year their donation went to Blackhurst Elementary School in St. Charles, Missouri.
- Lindenwood alumni and former **Shotgun Sports** athlete Morgan Craft accomplished her lifelong goal in Lonato, Italy. Morgan secured her win as a World Championship gold medalist and as a competitor at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- President Michael Shonrock was a course monitor for the **Santa's North Pole Dash**, a fundraiser for the Greater St. Charles County Chamber. Money raised is used to help support their operations.
- Lindenwood University has won the **Chevy Marketing Challenge** for the fifth time in six years. Students from area colleges compete to produce promotional campaigns for St. Louis Chevy dealers.
- Lindenwood St. Charles has a new cable system that is now up and running on campus. Students can now access over a hundred thirty different channels, with **LUTV** now digital on channel 53.
- Three topics of discussion at the December 12, **Presidents Cabinet Retreat** were: What's on your radar screen? (things that cabinet

members would like to see accomplished by Spring 2016), the 2016-2020 academic calendars and the 2017 fiscal year budget.

- Mary Reuter, Assistant Vice President Community Relations Belleville campus, was recently nominated as a **Citizen of Character** for her dedication to the Belleville community. Mary has served over 180 volunteer hours a year giving back selflessly of her time and talent to her community.
- The **Student Success Center** (SSC) in the School of Accelerated Degree programs has assisted with enrollment efforts since they opened on July 1, 2015. They have expanded outreach efforts by calling students who have not enrolled for the upcoming term. The staff enrolls the student during the telephone calls or directs them to resources (e.g. business office, financial aid) to enable them to enroll. Approximately 1,340 students are currently enrolled in Winter Quarter 2016 out of 1,949 eligible students.
- Lindenwood University's "Like No Other" television commercial (targeting 17-18 year-olds) will debut in late December and run through January. It will air in various college bowl games, as well as American Idol, Family Guy, and several other cable television shows. The commercial will also have significant frequency on Hulu.
- The City of St. Charles is completing the design phase of the **Droste Road Reconstruction Project**. The project encompasses the roadway reconstruction of Droste Road from West Clay Street to Duchesne Drive. The improvement will include complete pavement reconstruction, sidewalk improvements, utility adjustments, driveway access improvements for the Lindenwood owned houses by constructing parking behind the houses and a turn lane at the intersection of Droste Road and West Clay Street.
- Enrollment Management recently held a traditional 'Day College' Enrollment day and had 114 new students enroll for the Spring Semester 2016.

- **President Michael Shonrock** and **Mike Myers** the Fire Chief for the City of St. Charles recently met to discuss ways that Lindenwood students could get involved in community projects that would not only benefit the community needs, but also provide opportunities for the students to give back to the community in a tangible way.
- Dr. Cynthia Bice, Dean of the School of Education and Beth Kania-Gosche, Associate Professor have been asked to present at the spring national **Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation** (CAEP) conference for the Research Educational Laboratory.
- The **Belleville** men's and women's ice hockey teams are both nationally ranked in the top 10 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA); the men's team is #1.
- Lindenwood study abroad student Laine Johnson (Art History major/French minor) is currently studying in Caen, France and had an article titled *Hesitant to study abroad? Here's why the study broad experience is arguably the most valuable of your college career*, published online on a site called *Odyssey*. Here is the link to her article: <u>http://theodysseyonline.com/lindenwood-</u> <u>university/study-abroad-the-world-awaits-you/234834</u>.
- This spring the City of St. Charles will begin the **Kingshighway Improvement Project** to improve traffic flow along Kingshighway from Watson Street to Elm Street. The corridor will be changed to a 3-lane section while upgrading and interconnecting signals.
- Lindenwood University is working with the City of St. Charles if an effort to have the two City owned water towers painted so they resemble a brick building.
- President Michael Shonrock has appointed a leadership committee to prepare Lindenwood for its **Higher Learning Commission** accreditation site visit in November 2017.

- In the new issue of *The Confluence*, an article was written by one of our students, **Sarah Hinds**. *In Defense of the Faith: The Catholic Response to Anti-Catholicism in Early Nineteenth-Century St. Louis.*
- Lindenwood Rugby senior Lunaile Tshuma, recently competed for his home country of Zimbabwe in the Cup of Nations at the Hong Kong Football Club in Hong Kong, China.
- The **Student Athlete Leadership Team** (S.A.L.T.) in Belleville just completed their Christmas on Campus event. The teams competed in a canned food drive and many teams sponsored Christmas for a family at the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.
- The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II Field Hockey League has announced its 2015 All-Academic Team; 13 Lindenwood students made the team. In order to be eligible for the All-Academic Team, student athletes must carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher and have completed at least one full year at their current institution.
- Dr. Stanley Coker, an Air Force Academy graduate, has agreed to fill the position of Chair of the Department of Military Science. Dr. Coker will coordinate our Air Force and Army **ROTC** programs.
- The **Event Management** class organizes and runs the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship golf tournament. This year the class will be presenting a \$1000 each to the Gateway Wounded Warrior Project and to the St. Charles Boys and Girls Club.
- President Michael Shonrock serves on the Board of the St. Louis Regional Chamber; during the December 17 meeting the chamber stated that 2016 would focus on a "People First Economy".
- The **RN to BSN Program** has received official notice that we have received National Accreditation in Nursing through the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a specialized/professional nursing accrediting agency that evaluates and makes judgments about the quality of baccalaureate and graduate programs in nursing nationally. We were accredited for 5 years with no

recommendations which is the best possible outcome. This program is the first nursing program at Lindenwood to become nationally accredited.

- The initial teacher education programs at Lindenwood were recently accredited for seven years by the **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation** (CAEP) through a legacy visit of the old accreditation agency, the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).
- Tom Godar Assistant Professor, St. Charles and Bill Dill Instructor, Belleville serve as an "Eye in the Sky" at the Rams football games. They are also referred to as independent certified trainers (ATC spotters). The ATC spotter's primary role is to observe play on the field and monitor the broadcast feed of that game to identify players who may potentially be injured on a play, with an emphasis on concussions and other head and neck injuries.
- The nursing program was awarded an **\$8,800** grant to pay for travel to simulation/skills labs in other parts of the country. This will allow us to see how other labs are set up and receive advice on what works and what doesn't work so we can plan our lab to be functional and efficient.
- The Student Success Center (SSC) in the **School of Accelerated Degree Programs** assists with retention efforts by contacting students who had a D or F at midterms. Students with a D at midterm, receive an email with resource information. Students with an F at midterm, receive both an email and phone call to offer assistance to create a success plan to improve their academic performance.
- Check out the new and improved Lindenwood specialty License Plate design!



- Deion Mikesell, Lorenzo Thomas, Dustin Dowers, Cristian Rodriguez, Chance Wenglewski, Travis Heer & Malon Aljiboori were picked in the initial 55 man squad for the USA under 20's age group National Side. They will face Canada in February for a spot in the World Rugby Junior World Trophy that will be played in Zimbabwe. JD Stephenson, Head Coach Student Life Sports, was recently appointed as the Head Coach of this program.
- Janet Barnes, Assistant Professor in the School of Education was selected as post-secondary educator of the year from the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE).
- **Church on the Rock** in St. Peters, Missouri showed a 3 minute video to their 5,000 members highlighting Lindenwood University as a school with a faith-friendly environment.
- Rugby player **Shenal Dias** played for Sri Lanka in Rugby 7's in the Asian Qualifying Leg for the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Every semester, at the Late Night breakfast, students engage in a waffle eating contest. For the first time, six brave employees challenged a group of students and the reigning champion. Unfortunately, this year yielded a loss for the employees. Maybe the employees will have better luck next year!



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