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# A Message From President Evans

## It's a Family Matter

Dear Alumni,

A university must be faithful not only to its present but to its past and future as well, because all three of these spaces of time are vitally interconnected in higher education. You will always be a part of Lindenwood's past, but your earlier days at the Wood helped shape who we are today, and your expectations and participation as alums will continue to influence our present and future direction. We want our graduates to feel that they remain active players in this campus community, not only because the University has an obligation to its alumni but because they are, in fact, members of the Lindenwood nation – we hope proud ones!

Recognizing how fundamentally important alumni engagement and loyalty are to a university, we have started a program aimed at raising the alumnus ethos among both our present students and our graduates from all eras. The program is called "LU for Life," and we actually begin presenting it to our first-year students during the special pre-fall-semester freshman orientation week that we began hosting about three years ago. At a convocation specially designed to kick off the first semester of their lifetime connection with Lindenwood, I make the following pledge to the students:

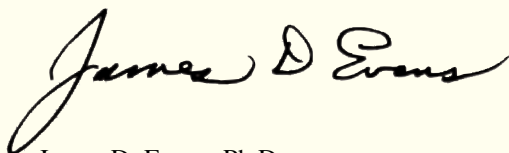
I pledge

- to respect you and promote your education and development according to the Mission of Lindenwood University;
- to be ever aware that Lindenwood exists for the education and future of you, our student;
- to make every decision with your interests foremost in mind;
- to encourage, support, and insist upon your academic and personal success, including graduation from college;
- to encourage, support, and insist upon your developing a mature, responsible character and lifestyle;
- to make a lifetime commitment to you as a Lindenwood student and alum, on behalf of the University;
- to shake your hand with great joy and pride when you go through your graduation ceremony;
- to ensure that you will always feel welcome here and will remain part of this campus community throughout life;
- to ensure that Lindenwood will remain strong and excellent for you, your children, and your grandchildren.

You probably had a Lindenwood president make a similar commitment to your development, at least implicitly. If not, I am making that pledge to you right now.

Please be sure to stop by and chat with me at Homecoming this fall.

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.  
President



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### On The Cover

At the opening convocation, LU's incoming freshmen were invited to embrace the new LU for Life initiative. (See story on page 9). Sporting their LU for Life t-shirts, some members of the new class pose near the crooked tree on the St. Charles campus.

# Lindenwood Helps Single Parents Succeed

Many single parents give up their dreams of attending college based on the costs, lack of social safety nets, and an overwhelming fear of being unsuccessful. The majority of single parents work full time, while 45.5 percent of them work multiple jobs just to meet basic needs. Childcare costs can be a third of their weekly pay. Several years ago Lindenwood University officials saw a need to assist this growing population and began to offer the LU Single Parent Program for Educational Success.

The program provides an opportunity for a single parent to make a college education a reality, addresses single parenting needs, and seeks to lessen financial struggles and hardships. Attaining a college education not only benefits the parent, but a recent study reported that the children of parents with college degrees show higher cognitive learning skills and even begin reading earlier. The overall societal impact of higher education is significant with higher levels of education corresponding to lower unemployment and poverty rates.

Today Lindenwood has 15 full-time students and their children in the program. Thirteen of the participants are women, and two are men. Since its inception in 1990, this program has graduated more than 100 students. One of the graduates of the program is an executive at a local non-profit, another is a lawyer, and one student is pursuing her doctorate.

This year a new component was added to the LU Single Parent Program to better serve the parents and children. In addition to staying in a house owned and maintained by the University and receiving free childcare and meals, the single parents and children are also invited to structured support groups on campus and are provided one-on-one career planning and advising during the academic year. LU is committed to the long-term success of these single parents and to helping them achieve their goals.

One of Lindenwood's single parents, Rebecca Pettit, spoke recently about the impact the program had on her family life.

"I chose LU because it held huge potential for me," she said. "It wasn't like any other school locally. It provided me a place to stay with my 20-month-old son for a reasonable price while pursuing my education. The format of the education program has brought me beyond my hopes for what a university could do. The program has provided me with the perfect atmosphere to raise my son ... where I can feel comfortable about my surroundings and still have the concentration to finish school. The people at Lindenwood have been beyond gracious in helping me pursue my goals, and after graduation I plan to teach locally for a few years while working on my MBA at LU."

**Student Rebecca Pettit and her 20-month-old son, Colten, are among the 15 parents and their children in Lindenwood's Single Parent Program for Educational Success.**



The Single Parent Program continues to help students like Rebecca and is made possible thanks to longtime generous supporters such as The Boeing Company Employees Community Fund and recent supporters such as Ameristar Casino. For more information regarding our Single Parent Program or to help support this program, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 636-949-4903.



# Family, Baseball, Teaching and Volunteering

## Gismegian's Amazing Journey

Education Professor Mary Gismegian



"I'm not the type of person who likes routine," said Mary Gismegian ('80), assistant professor in the Lindenwood University School of Education. "I'm glad that in my life I've had opportunities to capitalize on that."

Though she has been a long-time educator specializing in programs for gifted students, a career was not always at the top of Gismegian's priority list. Her aspiration as a young adult was to become a stay-at-home mom, but because of her grandmother's insistence, she pursued higher education. Mary's grandmother Mrs. Sara Lindsay attended Lindenwood in the early 1900s and always hoped that Mary would follow in her own footsteps.

Gismegian earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, where she initially planned to become a professional baseball coach. The reception she received from her male counterparts in the program was less than enthusiastic. "I met one of my first real mentors at SIU-E, Coach Bob Guelker," said Gismegian. "I was the only girl in my theory of coaching class and as my classmates were snickering at me, Guelker not only preached acceptance but he pulled me aside and said, 'Mary, you have to learn to adjust to meet the situation.' Those words have really stuck with me throughout my life."

Although she never served as a professional baseball coach, Gismegian has

since mentored and coached thousands of children and students. After graduation, Gismegian began to substitute teach in the Francis Howell School District. She excelled in the role and was asked to become a full-

time employee in 1976, eventually rising to the level of administrator and later ending her career in the public schools in 2001 as a facilitator of the gifted program. During her early years as a teacher, Gismegian also enrolled at Lindenwood to pursue a master's degree in education. The program inspired her to take her budding interest in gifted education to the next level. "Dr. Nancy Polette and former Dean of Education Gene Henderson ignited a passion in me to work with gifted youth," she said. "It was wonderful because I was allowed to earn an education but also to be creative and work to my potential."

Gismegian's love for education and for Lindenwood has continued with her teaching career at Lindenwood spanning three decades. Since receiving her master's degree at Lindenwood in 1980, she has continued to teach master's level gifted education and personality style training classes. She continues to be a lifelong learner and is currently pursuing an online doctoral degree. Since her grandmother's time at Lindenwood, Mary has seen three generations of her family graduate from Lindenwood.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, Gismegian was determined to not be slowed down. "You don't let it define you, and remembering the words of Coach Guelker, I adjusted to meet the situation," she said. "During this difficult time in my life, everyone at Lindenwood was very supportive," Gismegian said. "All I asked was to come to work and be innovative, not

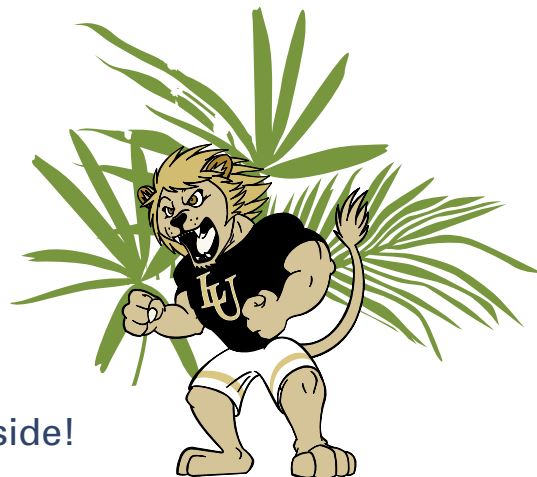
to be viewed as someone with an illness but for the person that I am, someone with vision and things she wants to accomplish."

She has remained true to her word and continues to live life to the fullest. She still teaches part-time at the University and organizes and hosts an annual gifted camp for children each summer that has grown from 15 participants to over 110 this past summer. "I have enjoyed having the opportunity to host the gifted camp, and it gives me great pleasure to work with young people and to provide an opportunity for LU education practicum students to work one-on-one with gifted children." Each year Gismegian graciously donates all proceeds from the camp to Lindenwood and throughout the years has made it her personal goal to provide opportunities for inner-city children who may be financially unable to attend to seek an education.

Gismegian finds importance in giving back to the University and to her community. While involved in numerous charitable organizations, she remains committed to her alma mater and has been an active alum serving for over 10 years in the St. Charles Alumni Club. In January 2010, she took on a new challenge and is now serving a two-year term as President of the St. Charles Club. She spends countless hours devoting her time to helping raise funds for Lindenwood student scholarships and in assisting the Alumni Office at events such as the annual Homecoming and Reunion.

With her cancer now in remission, Gismegian refuses to dwell on past health issues and remains fully committed to her life, her family, baseball, teaching, and volunteering. "You just have to put that other stuff aside and focus on the things you love," said the mother of three with a warm grin. "Like my coach said, 'You have to adjust to meet the situation.' As I continue on my life's journey, I hope to continue to volunteer, to make a difference in my community, to mentor students, to cheer on my St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, and to stay true to the things that matter the most."

# Roaring for Over 183 Years Lindenwood Homecoming & Reunion



Take a walk on the wild side!  
October 15-16, 2010  
Show your Lindenwood Lion Pride!

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, October 15

Alumni House Tours .....	12:00 p.m.	–	1:00 p.m.
Registration .....	1:00 p.m.	–	2:00 p.m.
LU Invitational Volleyball Tournament .....	1:00 p.m.	–	9:00 p.m.
Harmon Hall			
School of Business and Entrepreneurship			
Ribbon Cutting followed by			
Open House and Events .....			
	2:00 p.m.	–	5:00 p.m.
Historic Campus Bus Tours .....	3:30 p.m.	–	4:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	–	4:30 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.	–	5:00 p.m.
Alumni and Friends Reception .....	5:00 p.m.	–	8:00 p.m.
Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner .....	7:30 p.m.		
Lindenwood Parents Ice Cream Social .....	7:00 p.m.	–	8:00 p.m.
Homecoming Pep Rally and Concert .....	8:00 p.m.	–	10:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 16

Alumni Breakfast with the President .....	8:30 a.m.	–	9:30 a.m.
Race to be King 5K Run and Walk .....	9:00 a.m.	–	10:00 a.m.
Alumni Association Annual Meeting .....	9:30 a.m.	–	10:00 a.m.
Tail of the Lion Homecoming and Reunion Parade .....	10:00 a.m.	–	11:00 a.m.
Student- Led Campus and Dorm Walking Tours .....	11:30 a.m.	–	12:30 p.m.
Alumni Barbecue Luncheon and Pregame Festivities .....	11:30 a.m.	–	1:30 p.m.
Homecoming Football Game .....	1:00 p.m.		
Swimming and Diving Intrasquad Meet .....	1:00 p.m.		
LU Invitational Volleyball Tournament .....	1:00 p.m.	–	9:00 p.m.
Class of 1960 Dinner .....	6:00 p.m.	–	9:00 p.m.
Class of 1980 Dinner .....	6:00 p.m.	–	9:00 p.m.
Marvin Hamlisch's Broadway Production .....	8:00 p.m.		

### Sunday, October 17

Alumni Soccer Game .....	2:00 p.m.
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## Special Class Reunion Events Include:

Class of 1960 Reunion Dinner  
Saturday, October 16  
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Grappa Grill Restaurant  
St. Charles, MO  
RSVP online or to  
classof1960@lindenwood.edu.

## Reunion Round-UP

This year's Homecoming, Reunion, and Parent's Weekend is right around the corner and as you can see from this year's schedule of events, we are offering a variety of activities for our alumni and friends, including special events specifically for the honored classes of 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005. This is a reunion celebration you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars and plan to join us for the fun.

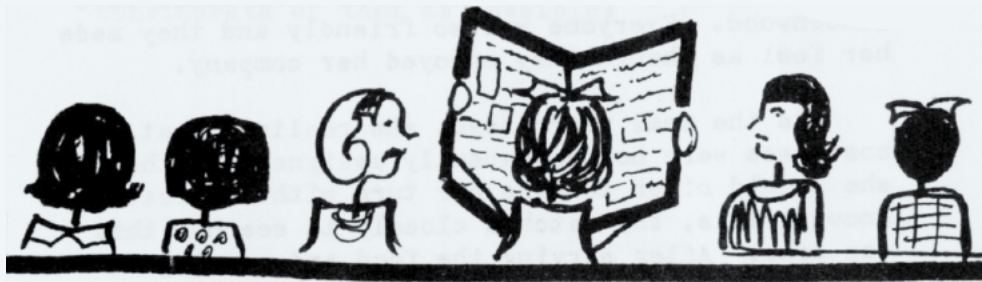
This year, the University will be providing a number of complimentary events and complimentary transportation, which includes shuttles to and from the festivities on campus and St. Louis' Lambert International Airport, the St. Charles Hampton Inn and Fairfield Inn, and Historic Main Street in St. Charles. to and from the festivities on the Lindenwood campus.

Visit our website, [www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming](http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming), to see a complete list of Homecoming and Reunion events, to view a transportation schedule, and to make your reservation. RSVP today! We would like your reservation by October 8. For additional questions, please call the Alumni Office at 636-949-4420 or email [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).

This is one roaring time you don't want to miss!

**View complete  
schedule and  
RSVP today at  
[www.  
lindenwood.edu/  
homecoming](http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming)**

Class of 1980 Reunion Dinner  
Saturday, October 16  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Spiro's Restaurant  
St. Charles, MO  
RSVP online or to  
[alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).



## Don't Forget Your ETTA-KETT

By Whitney Fraier  
Director of Alumni Relations

Managing the Lindenwood archives in the Margaret Leggett Butler Library is a challenging job, but every once in a while the University Archivist, Paul Huffman, comes across a piece of Lindenwood history that has to be shared. He recently found an ETTA-KETT booklet designed for students in the late 1950s. He shared his find with the Alumni Office, and we spoke with one of our alums who was part of the project.

This etiquette guide, cleverly titled *Don't Forget ETTA-KETT*, was written from the perspective of an incoming freshman girl named ETTA KETT. The purpose of this guide written by the Social Skills Council was to serve as a student guidebook of rules and regulations for incoming Lindenwood girls. The booklet was used to promote good character, teach the best manners, and to help the new students become acquainted with the social "rules" of the Lindenwood campus.

This Lindenwood treasure had chapters titled: "Getting Acquainted," "Dress," "Classes," "Studying," "Chapel," "Vespers, and Convocations," "Meals" and "Dating." Written by the Social Skill Council, the masterminds behind the guide were 20 upperclass Lindenwood girls.

The chairman of the Social Skills Council during the time was Mary Fletcher Cox Branch ('60), and members included: Carolyn Baue Eaton ('60), Sara Cook Lewis ('61), Carole Cordill Burke ('60),



Peggy Crane Meriwether ('59), Ann Dierking Kelly ('60), Barbara Dale Dunlap Crafton ('61), Connie Ellis ('61), Fran Givens Kee ('61), Charlotte Kinnard Alsup ('61), Dorothy Langridge Baumann ('60), Gretchen Lent Osborne ('61), Joan Meyer Wolfe ('60), Sherral Musgrove Eshleman ('60), Peggy Newell Fridley ('60), Carol Pechar Larimer ('59), Cynthia Richards ('59), Sally Seifert ('61), Mary Elizabeth Taylor ('61), Mary Dee Williams Jackson ('61), and Ahnawake Wilson Dawson ('59).

The alumni office sent a copy of *ETTA-KETT* to Fletcher Cox

Branch, and she said it brought back memories of how things were on the Lindenwood campus in the late 50s. She offered some background:

"Mrs. Edna Steger, the Council Advisor, was, without a doubt one of the loveliest ladies at the school. She was gentle, soft-spoken, very prim and proper, firm but fair, and we all adored her. She was a great mother away from home.

"As for trench coats or raincoats over pajamas, we did say that they were not proper attire even for the Tea Hole in Cobbs Hall – BUT – many of us did it anyway and just hoped we wouldn't get caught.

"The dress rules were strict by today's standards (I have taught school for 40 years and I DO see the difference). None of us were disturbed by the rules because we all grew up toeing the same line. We even dressed up when we went into St. Louis or when riding the trains home. When we finally got to have cars on campus, we thought that was the greatest thing the

school did. Of course, there were rules concerning the use of them, also.

"There were other things that we considered putting in our 'helpful' booklet, such as always using proper language, writing thank you notes, and hollering, 'men on 2<sup>nd</sup>' when our fathers or brothers came to our dorms to help with our luggage. I do remember that the "green men" who came to empty the trash barrels on each floor would yell 'man on the floor' when they arrived each day.

"I do not EVER remember a student being asked to leave class because of bad behavior, lack of homework, or inappropriate dress."

Although the dress, mannerisms, and times have changed since the days of the white glove dinner service, bobby socks, Bermuda shorts, and typewriters, the basic social skills "rules" in the *ETTA-KETT* book are still relevant for the students of today. Here are a few of our favorite examples taken from the *ETTA-KETT* guide:

### GETTING ACQUAINTED

*As we all know when introducing a woman to a man we are to mention the woman's name first. For example, "Mrs.*

*Green, I would like for you to meet Bill Jones." Before Etta goes out on her date, she always remembers to introduce her date to her head resident. When she was in her own home, Etta would never leave on a first date without first introducing her parents.*

*When you come to a closed door, Always Knock! Don't let your appearance come as a shock!*



### DRESS

*That best-dressed feeling's great for a girl – And she'll fit in fine to the Lindenwood whirl!*

*The casualness of Saturdays was something to look forward to. Etta soon learned that there is a difference between casualness and sloppiness. Bermudas and slacks may be worn to the dining*



room on Saturday's breakfast and lunch. However, neatness is still the rule, and Levis and sloppy shirts are not considered appropriate. Even Etta didn't need to be told twice that pajamas (or Bermudas on Sunday) under a raincoat are not permitted!

We are going down to St. Charles, bobby socks are all right, but never bermudas or slacks.



## CLASSES

No gum in your mouth; your hair nice and straight, and with the professors you'll surely rate!

Naturally, the girls gave their complete attention to the professor. No one is chewing gum, squirming in her chair, writing letters, talking to her neighbors, knitting, or doing anything else that would distract others. Etta was really pleased to have spent such a pleasant hour in a class.

## STUDYING

When you want to study alone, place a towel across your door-knob. This is

an L.C. symbol which means "DO NOT DISTURB."

Etta learned quickly that it was a courteous gesture to place a towel or rubber pad under her typewriter when she was typing. The girl living below her surely did appreciate it.

Don't barge in on friends when study time's a needed, the towel on the door should not go unheeded.

## CHAPEL, VESPERS, AND CONVOCATIONS

Chapel had been so interesting that Etta began to think of Sunday evening when there would be a guest speaker at Vesper Service. She had only been told it would be a lot like Chapel, only longer and just a little more like a regular church service. Of course they would be dressed, too, and that would be nice. It seemed to Etta that everything was nice at Lindenwood.

In Chapel or Convocation we all have a hunch, it's better to save mail till closer to lunch. Etta knew the post office would be closed, as it always was at eleven thirty on Wednesday.

The main thing to remember was to have respect for the speaker, whether at Chapel or Convocation. It was so nice the way everyone at Lindenwood stood up when a speaker entered and left. Another thing that pleased Etta is that there was no letter reading or writing during Convocation or Chapel.

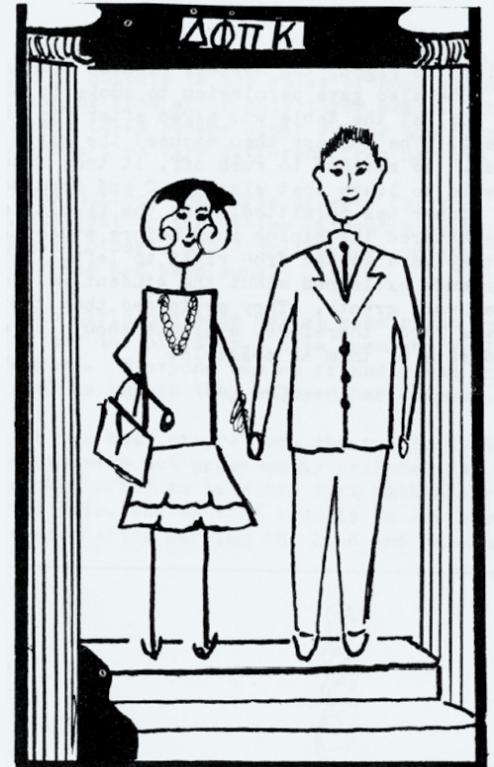
## MEALS

It took Etta a few meals to learn that singing at LC and dorm songs after dinner was permitted, that the faculty and guests entered the dining room before students, and that they were seated from right to left. Later, her friends explained about

the student waitresses who had work grants. They explained that their work was hard, therefore, everyone should be as considerate of them as possible.

To smoke at the table—ask the hostess's ok, remember, the dining room is not where to play.

Etta noticed the girls dressed for the occasion, went straight to the tables without stopping to chat with others, and didn't nibble on the "goodies" until grace had been sung.



## DATING

A lady at all times—it's not hard to do, just watch the dates pile up for you!

Etta was pleased to find when doubling to a fraternity party that all Lindenwood girls were mature enough to behave with grace and discretion by dressing properly, by being interesting, and by not chewing gum.

Etta found that the Lindenwood girls never forgot their college, and did not disgrace its name or reputation among the men's colleges and universities.

Have any Lindenwood memories to share with your alumni friends? Please let us know at [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).





(Left) A.J. Thouvenot works on a challenge for the show *Project Runway*. (Right) One of Thouvenot's completed designs on the runway for the show.

## LU Alum A.J. Thouvenot is Contestant on Project Runway

Fans of the Lifetime series *Project Runway* this season have been watching one of Lindenwood University's own compete with other fashion designers from around the country for the top prize. A.J. Thouvenot graduated from Lindenwood in spring 2008 with a B.F.A. in fashion; he was one of 17 designers selected for the 2010 season of the show out of approximately 12,000 hopefuls.

In the show, which airs at 8 p.m. Thursdays on the Lifetime channel, the designers compete for a top prize that includes \$100,000 from L'Oréal Paris to start a new fashion line, a fashion spread in *Marie Claire* magazine, a design technology suite, and other prizes. The eighth season of the show, which is filmed in New York, premiered on July 29 and will run for 13 weeks.

The 13-week show was filmed over a six-week period as contestants went from one challenge to the next.

The designers compete in challenges each week for host/judge Heidi Klum and mentor Tim Gunn and judges Michael Kors and Nina Garcia, facing elimination until a winner is determined. Thouvenot, 26, is one of two contestants from Missouri. For his part, the show was strenuous but a good learning opportunity.

"There was not a lot of time for sleep," Thouvenot said. "We would finish one challenge then go directly into another one. It was physically and creatively strenuous, but it was a good opportunity to grow and learn more about myself."

Thouvenot said he has been a fan of the show since it premiered, which was right around the time he became interested in fashion design.

"I started out at Lindenwood doing theatre," Thouvenot said. "I had already been making my own clothes and became aware of Lindenwood's Fashion Design Department. I met with Florence Dewan (the department chair) and it turned out to be something I really loved."

Since graduation two years ago, Thouvenot has been working with collaborator Ryan Coin to develop their TrashBiscuit fashion label and market it everywhere from trade shows to flea markets.

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Thouvenot said their apparel includes avant garde party and event wear.

"A lot of people want to find something unique and special and don't know where to get it," Thouvenot said.

Trying out for the show, Thouvenot said, "came out of left field." After seeing on the Internet that the show was casting, he decided to send in his portfolio, thinking it was a one-in-a-million shot. A week later, he received a call asking him to a meeting, where he received a critique of the work he had submitted.

"They seemed interested," Thouvenot said. "After that, I went through some more screening and was told in early spring that I was on the show. It was kind of a dream come true."

Ultimately, Thouvenot was eliminated from the show on episode five, but he stresses that the whole experience was a very positive one for him.

"Every step that I made it further was an amazing and wonderful process," Thouvenot said. "It was a good opportunity to grow and learn more about myself."

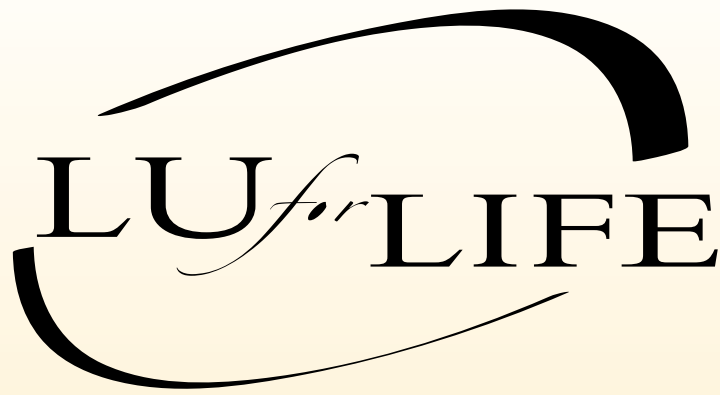
Thouvenot said he has been contacted by several current and former fashion design students, who have offered encouragement and support, and he said Lindenwood played a critical role in preparing him for the challenge.

"If it hadn't been for Lindenwood, I wouldn't have had any of these opportunities," Thouvenot said. "I was encouraged to think outside the box and pursue my own goals, and Lindenwood provided me a lot of confidence in my work and myself."

Thouvenot is the son of Frank Thouvenot, of the Lindenwood School of Education faculty, who with his wife Rosie is justifiably excited to see his son on the show each week.

"We hope that ... the opportunity to be on *Project Runway* will lead to a great job in the fashion industry for him," Frank Thouvenot said. "Andy is a hard worker and has really committed to being a fashion designer."





## No Matter What You Call It – *It is ‘Your’ Alma Mater*

By Whitney Fraier ('09)  
*Lindenwood Director of Alumni Relations*

What do you call your alma mater? Do you refer to it as Lindenwood College, LC, Lindenwood College for Women, Lindenwood College II for Men, Lindenwood IV for Individualized Education, Lindenwood-Belleville, Lindenwood University, LU, or just plain Lindenwood? No matter what you call or called Lindenwood, rest assured that many of your alma mater's traditions, the academic excellence, and the mission remain the same.

With another school year in full swing, we kicked off this fall semester by welcoming over 850 new freshman and their parents to campus on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The Alumni Office and alumni volunteers helped at the annual President's Coffee with Parents and the Welcome Barbecue Dinner. Alums were able to mingle with the parents and new LU students and welcome them to our beautiful campus.

In an effort to enhance the Alumni Association presence on campus, the Lindenwood Alumni Office and Student Development Office have begun an LU for Life initiative. The new program seeks to establish lifelong relationships with our students, build relationships between our alums and the students, and teach our students the traditions of Lindenwood. We want students to know that once

they graduate from Lindenwood, their relationship with the University doesn't end. When you see the LU for Life logo, we hope that you will be proud of the time you spent at Lindenwood and for being a part of the rich history and tradition that has continued for over 183 years.

From one alumna to another, I would like to personally welcome you back to become a part of the Lindenwood of today. We encourage you to become involved in your alma mater by attending our alumni events, reading and contributing to our alumni publications, attending University athletic events, keeping up with us through Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter, and by volunteering in a variety of capacities at the

campus. There is always a way to give back with your time, talent, and treasures, and we welcome your continued support. Don't hesitate to become involved.

Come back to visit us and explore the place that was once an integral part of your life. We invite you to join us this Oct. 15-17 as we celebrate our annual Homecoming, Reunion, and Parents weekend. This Lindenwood tradition is a time for you to come "home," visit our beautiful campus, reconnect with former classmates and faculty, and meet today's students. Don't forget to RSVP today and to remember the importance of LU in your life.

We hope to see you in October!

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**Kayla Strathman helps Matt Bebee with his new LU pin at the recent Freshman Convocation.**



## Belleville Makes its Mark – In a Hurry!

Lindenwood University-Belleville continued its trend of steady growth in 2010 by welcoming more than 300 daytime undergraduate students at the start of the fall semester. The number is a dramatic increase from the 100 students enrolled on the first day of classes last year.

In just its second year as a full-service day college, Lindenwood's Belleville Campus now offers seven undergraduate degree programs. They include business administration, human resource management, health management, elementary education, corporate communication, criminal justice (with four different emphases options), and pre-nursing.

The creation of additional degree programs has led to an influx of students and a noticeable jump in the number of University athletic programs, which consisted of men's and women's soccer and volleyball teams and a co-ed cheerleading squad in 2009. Since then, the school has added men's and women's volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, and cross-country teams, as well as a spirit squad.

"It's really exciting to see the University growing and to see our students flourishing," said Vice President Jerry Bladdick. "We are determined to meet Belleville's need for a four-year university, and it's a great feeling to have our efforts embraced by those in the community and surrounding areas."

The adult evening program has also experienced significant growth since its humble beginnings in Belleville seven years ago. The University initially offered a small group of evening classes primarily aimed at educators but now boasts more than 800 students across 10 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Several full-time faculty members and department chairs have also been hired to accommodate the growing student population, and the University continues to invest in campus renovation



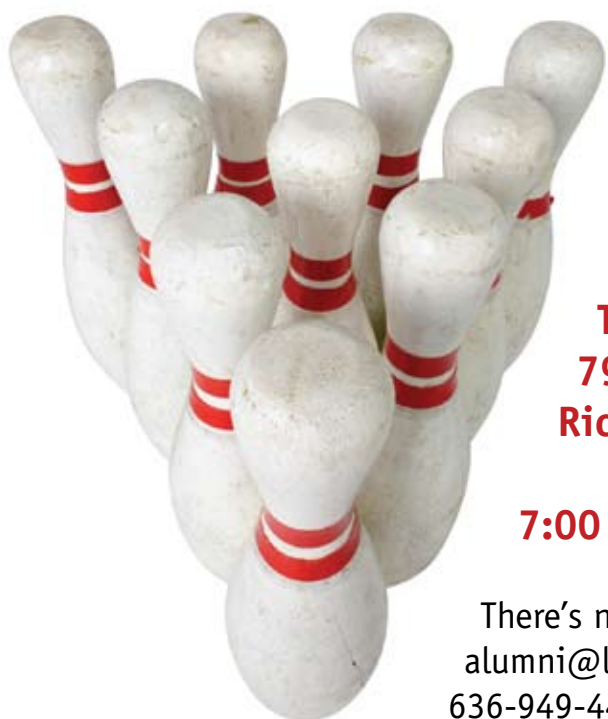
**Contractors at Lindenwood-Belleville work on one of the many recent construction projects on the campus.**

and expansion projects. To date, the school has refurbished its auditorium, added a new welcome center and new fitness center, restored its fitness and recreational gymnasiums, and created housing for more than 100 residential students.

Lindenwood-Belleville's more than \$19 million in facility investments has not only contributed to an impressive enrollment increase but also to a rise in student retention rates. For the 2010-2011 academic year, the University reported that 85 percent of students who enrolled in courses returned the following semester.

Bladdick said the school's future is bright and the continued expansion of degree and athletic programs is expected. The hiring of additional staff, the continuation of campus renovations, and the creation of more residential housing will also be priorities for Lindenwood-Belleville in the future.

## Let the Good Times Roll!



Young Alumni are invited to join us for a night of good old fashioned bowling fun. Mix and mingle with other young alums, compete to win Lindenwood alumni prizes and enjoy drink specials, appetizers, and much more!

**Tropicana Lanes  
7960 Clayton Road  
Richmond Heights, MO 63105**

**7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

There's no time to spare, so RSVP by October 29 to [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) or by calling the Alumni Office at 636-949-4420.



# Hamlisch Homecoming Show is Fall 2010 Highlight



Marvin Hamlisch will return to the stage of the Bezemes Family Theater at 8 p.m. on Oct. 16 with his show, *Marvin Hamlisch's Broadway*, which promises to be one of the highlights of Homecoming Weekend.

Tickets, which range from \$48.50 for balcony seating to \$64.50 for "Platinum" seating, are available at the Lindenwood Box Office, 636-949-4433, or online at [www.lindenwood.edu/center](http://www.lindenwood.edu/center). The Bezemes Family Theater and the Lindenwood Box Office are located in the University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts at 2300 West Clay St., just west of First Capitol Drive in St. Charles.

Along with acclaimed Broadway performers Anne Runolfsson and J. Mark McVey, Hamlisch will perform a tribute to Broadway's most iconic composers, including Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Irving Berlin, and Jule Styne. The trio will also perform a number of works from Hamlisch's body of work, including pieces from *A Chorus Line*, *Sweet Smell of Success*, *The Way We Were*, *The Sting*, and others.

Hamlisch is one of the industry's most decorated composers with three Oscars, four Grammys, four Emmys, a Tony, three Golden Globes, and a Pulitzer Prize for *A Chorus Line*.

Other professional shows slated for the Bezemes Family Theater this fall include the following:

## ***Grease: The National Broadway Tour***

Oct. 8, 8 p.m.; Oct. 9, 1 p.m.

Danny, Sandy, the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies return to St. Louis with Eddie Mekka (who portrayed Carmine in the hit show *Laverne and Shirley*) in the role of Vince Fontaine. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$48.50.

## Check Your Local Listings

On March 17 of this year, Lindenwood's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts hosted the taping of "Marvin Hamlisch Presents the '70s: The Way We Were," a PBS television special featuring performers re-creating their big hits of the 1970s. In addition to live stage performances by '70s artists, the program, which played to a sold out house, looks back at warm memories of that decade. The special is now being shown on PBS stations across the country.

## **The Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company • Oct. 22, 8 p.m.**

Experience the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines with this internationally acclaimed dance company as it presents an added dimension to the country's dance tradition. Tickets range from \$28.50 to \$54.50.

## ***CATS: The National Broadway Tour***

Nov. 2, 8 p.m.; Nov. 3, 1 p.m.

The magic and spectacle of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *CATS* returns to the Scheidegger Center with the National Broadway Tour of this classic musical. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$48.50.

## ***Legally Blonde: The National Broadway Tour* • Dec. 8, 8 p.m.**

The hilarious movie is now a smash Broadway hit, and it is coming to Lindenwood. Elle Woods is a popular sorority girl who decides to attend law school after her boyfriend dumps her in search of someone more "serious." The results are hilarious with a host of memorable song and dance numbers. Tickets range from \$28.50 to \$54.50.

## Student Productions Fall 2010 J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

### *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*

Oct. 7-9, 14-16; 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Black Box Theater

### Student-Directed One-Acts

Oct. 21-23; 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Black Box Theater

### LU Jazz Band Concert

Nov. 3; 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Black Box Theater

### LU Orchestra Concert

Nov. 4; 7:30 p.m.

Bezemes Family Theater

### LU Choral Concert

Nov. 5; 7:30 p.m.

Bezemes Family Theater

### Improv Show

Nov. 5-6; 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Black Box Theater

### Fall Dance Concert

Nov. 11-13; 7:30 p.m.

Bezemes Family Theater

### *A Christmas Carol*

Nov. 18-20, Dec. 2-4; 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5; 2 p.m.

Bezemes Family Theater

### Improv Show

Dec. 7; 7:30 p.m.

Emerson Black Box Theater

**Visit [www.lindenwoodcenter.com](http://www.lindenwoodcenter.com) for tickets and show information.**

### *Christmas with the Osmond Brothers*

Dec. 17, 8 p.m.

The Osmond Brothers have been performing for audiences around the world for 50 years, and now they are coming to Lindenwood to help celebrate the holidays. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$42.50.

### *Christmas with Roger Williams*

Dec. 18, 8 p.m.

Roger Williams' name is synonymous with piano virtuosity. His 1955 hit, *Autumn Leaves*, is still the top selling piano recording of all time, and he has a long list of other hits to his credit as well. Mr. Williams returns to the Bezemes Family Theater stage with a program filled with Christmas favorites and selections from his expansive list of hits as well. Tickets range from \$24.50 to \$42.50.



**Dr. Pam Sloan, superintendent of the Francis Howell School District in St. Charles County.**



**Dr. Ken Weissflug, acting superintendent of the Affton School District in St. Louis County.**

## Two Lindenwood Ed.D. Grads Earn Superintendent Title

Lindenwood University launched its first doctoral program, the Doctor of Education, just a few short years ago in the spring of 2007. Now, two St. Louis-area school districts have turned to graduates of that program to fill their top administrative role, superintendent.

Dr. Pam Sloan and Dr. Ken Weissflug began the 2010 academic year as superintendent in the Francis Howell and Affton School Districts, respectively.

Sloan has 17 years of experience with the Francis Howell School District, where she served as a teacher, administrator, and chief academic officer, before being selected superintendent this year. She received her doctorate from Lindenwood in the first class of Lindenwood doctoral grads in spring of 2008.

She said her coursework at Lindenwood has proven useful to her as she works in her new role at Francis Howell, and she gave high marks to her LU instructors.

“The instructors were practicing practitioners or recent practitioners, which meant they either were living or had recently lived the real world application of the content we as students were learning,” Sloan said. “All coursework was built around authentic problem-solving. The diversity of students enrolled in the coursework broadened my perspective on educational issues that different school systems face, thereby increasing my educational knowledge. Each day I use some of what I learned at LU, including how to problem solve, how to be resourceful, how to network, how to design and create collaboratively.”

Weissflug has worked at the Affton School District for 18 years, starting out as a middle school teacher and high school coach. He has also served as an assistant principal and principal and has for the last five years been assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. He currently holds the title of acting superintendent.

He received his Ed.D. from Lindenwood in 2009 and said his time in the program helped him on the practical and philosophical fronts.

“The doctoral program at Lindenwood University helped him understand the important aspect of principle-centered leadership in an organization,” Weissflug said. “Principles such as fairness, honesty, integrity, human dignity, and trust guide my decisions daily when determining the future of our school district. Relying on these principles helps me become a better communicator, gain trust, and be open to new ideas and change.”

In addition to Sloan and Weissflug, Lindenwood grads fill dozens of administrative posts in schools throughout the region; in fact, Lindenwood has the largest school administrator program in the state of Missouri, which includes a thriving program in southwest Missouri. Graduate students and graduates in that program currently hold 171 administrative positions in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas, including 24 superintendent positions.



## We've Got Mail

The Alumni Office receives hundreds of e-mails each month. In this and future editions of the *Connection* we will answer some of your questions.



## Question:

What is the Alumni Association? How can I become a member? What does the Alumni Board do?

## Answer:

Your Lindenwood Alumni Association has been keeping alumni connected to the University and to each other for nearly 140 years. Founded in 1872, the association is comprised of all individuals who attended Lindenwood for one year of academic study, and there is no charge for membership. Although the Alumni Association's roots lie in St. Charles, its branches extend across the world. Alumni Association members live in every state in the United States and in numerous countries around the world.

Under the stewardship of Director of Alumni Relations, Whitney Fraier ('09) and the office of Institutional Advancement, the Association sponsors and helps to coordinate programs and events designed to involve the alumni population of the University. Some of the activities include: sponsoring the new LU for Life Program, planning Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, organizing alumni volunteer activities, and holding fundraisers to support student scholarships.

The day-to-day business of the Alumni Association is overseen by a Board of Directors that reports to the Alumni Director. The Board serves as

a communications network between the University and its alumni in seeking ways to preserve the history of the University and maintain its traditions, promote and sustain alumni interest in the University, aid in the recruitment of students, and create a broad base of alumni financial support.

The Alumni Board of Directors, which meets three times annually to discuss alumni issues and to plan and facilitate alumni events, is comprised of 15 Lindenwood alums in three classes of five members each. These dedicated alums span years of attendance from the 1950s to the late 2000s and serve three-year terms on the Board.

There are four officers, each of whom serves two-year terms on a rotating basis. The current officers are: President Janet Lewien ('85, '04, and '07), First Vice President Judith Forstmann Brown ('67), Second Vice President Peter Cohen ('98), and Secretary Mary Ellen Kantz ('77 and '91). The officers are also elected at the annual meeting of the Lindenwood Alumni Association held each October during reunion.

The Alumni Association President serves as an ex-officio voting member of the Lindenwood Board of Directors and members of the University's Board who are alumni are considered members of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

## Upcoming Alumni and Campus-Wide Special Events

### Lindenwood Day at St. Louis Cardinals Game

Sunday, October 3, 2010 • Game Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: Busch Stadium

For more information or to purchase tickets visit

[www.stlcardinals.com/lindenwood](http://www.stlcardinals.com/lindenwood)

### Homecoming, Reunion & Parent's Weekend

Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, 2010

Location: St. Charles Campus

For more information please visit [www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming](http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming)

### Alumni Soccer Player Scrimmage

Sunday, October 17, 2010 • 2:00 p.m.

Location: St. Charles Campus

### Spirits of the Past-Halloween Event

Saturday, October 23, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village

Admission: \$7 adult, \$6 senior, \$4 child

### Lone Wolf Coffee Shop Event

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Lone Wolf Coffee Shop, Ballwin, Mo.

### LU-Belleville Alumni Fan Night- Basketball Game and Happy Hour

Monday, November 1, 2010 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Shenanigans Restaurant and Sports Bar and Belleville Campus Gymnasium

### Young Alumni Bowling Night

Friday, November 5, 2010 • 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Tropicana Lanes, Richmond Heights, Mo.

### Annual Candlelight Tour

Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4 and 10-11 • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village

Admission: \$15 Adult, \$10 Children

### A Christmas Carol Production-LU Alumni Night

Friday, December 3, 2010 • 7:30 p.m.

Location: J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts- St. Charles Campus

Admission: Alums receive discounted tickets for \$5 per person.

Call the J. Scheidegger Center Box Office at 636-949-4433 to purchase tickets. Ask for Lindenwood Alumni section.

### Lindenwood Holiday Walk

Sunday, December 5, 2010 • 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Lindenwood St. Charles Campus

# WHY NOT NAME SOMETHING?

## Sibley Hall, Roemer Hall, Young Hall, (Your Name Here) Hall

By Eric Stuhler

Director of Planned Giving and In-House Legal Counsel

My office is located in Roemer Hall. Every day I pass a huge photograph (40" x 60") that depicts Rev. Dr. John Lincoln Roemer with his two dogs sitting in front of the building named for him. Lin is the small Terrier, and Kurt von Linderholz is the large German shepherd. Both of these dogs are buried on campus in a small cemetery near Hunter Stadium. John Roemer passed away in 1940, but I say his name everyday as I give directions to my office and teach classes in the building that reminds us of his legacy.

I never met Franc "Bullet" McCluer. He served as Lindenwood's President from 1947 to 1966. Bullet was the person responsible for persuading Winston Churchill to come to Missouri and give his famous "Iron Curtain Speech." He earned the name "Bullet" many years prior, while he was still in college, for his machine-gun style of debating.

Now I get to sit in the Shandi Finnessey Parlor (Miss U.S.A. 2004) of McCluer Hall each December as Santa (the diet did not go as well as planned) along with my trusty elf, Julebug, (VP Julie Mueller). When I show the 1954 movie Linden Leaf, there are actual scenes of Franc McCluer working in his garden and giving lectures to students on campus. "McCluer" is not just a residence

hall, it is the name of a very important person to this campus who will always be remembered—an important person just like you.

We all have vivid memories of Dennis Spellmann, but the incoming freshman will know and equate "Spellmann" as the place where they eat lunch and use computers. Although they will never get to meet the man, President Spellmann will always be remembered. His bust in the hallway of the Spellmann Center reminds us of his accomplishments on a daily basis.

Naming rights to buildings, rooms, offices, and athletic sites bring you posterity. We name university streets, lecture halls, and entire schools for special persons and donors who give to the University. We have naming opportunities available throughout the campus for every type of activity we provide here. There are opportunities now available at the remodeled Harmon Hall, the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, the new Student Commons, and the Hyland Performance Arena, to name a few.

Naming rights do not adversely affect the deductibility of your donation. Although you receive recognition in perpetuity, it does not offset your ability to deduct the gift from your taxable income. I urge you to consider associating your name with our campus. There are many opportunities, and naming rights do not adversely affect the deductibility of your donation.

A legacy is a terrible thing to waste. Be remembered at Lindenwood. Name something!

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## Lone Wolf Coffee Shop Alumni Event Hosted by the Lindenwood St. Charles Alumni Club

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

15480 Clayton Road

Ballwin, MO 63011

Alumni are invited to join us in this cozy, eclectic, and family friendly coffee shop for an evening with fellow Lindenwood alums and friends.

Wolf down complimentary appetizers, enjoy adult beverage drink specials, and be entertained by Jimmyleg and the Browndogs Blues Band.

Seating is limited, so RSVP by October 22 to [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) or call the Alumni Office at 636-949-4420.

Don't miss this  
howling night  
of good fun!





**Your support of Lindenwood University benefits students by providing additional scholarship opportunities, enhanced academic programs, various sports programs, and maintenance and expansion of facilities. Your gifts help equip the leaders of tomorrow!**

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

### Student Scholarships

Donations for scholarships in any amount are greatly appreciated by students needing help to achieve their dreams. Endowed scholarships, requiring a gift of \$25,000, provide scholarship assistance to thousands of students every year who might not otherwise attend Lindenwood.

### Student Honors Awards

This fund named for an individual, family, business, or other organization recognizes deserving students on their outstanding achievements at the University's Honors Convocation each spring. Honor awards start at gifts of \$10,000.

### Student Emergency Textbook Fund

The increasing cost of books, the tools of a student's trade, sometimes requires help from the Emergency Textbook Fund. Gifts in any amount help this important program.

### Annual Fund

Gifts to the Annual Fund help cover the operating costs of the University so tuition and room and board can be kept affordable for the students. These gifts are unrestricted, which means they are available to be used where the need is the greatest.

### Capital Projects

Gifts can be designated to go toward various capital campaigns currently in progress. Naming opportunities are available to recognize contributions at various levels.

### Athletics Boosters

The Lindenwood University Athletics Department has grown significantly over the past two decades, going from just a few sports to having one of the largest and most successful athletics departments in the nation. Lindenwood currently sponsors 46 varsity teams and continues to thrive thanks in part to our athletics boosters program.

### Brick Paver Stones

If you haven't purchased a Lindenwood brick, now is your chance to help more of the best and brightest students attend Lindenwood while leaving your mark on Lindenwood history. Leave a lasting impression by purchasing a brick paver stone on our campus walkways. For a donation of \$100, the personalized brick will be seen by thousands of students and visitors each year.

### Plant a Tree

Lindenwood University was named for the grove of linden trees on our main campus. Linden trees can last for more than 100 years and can commemorate your foresight; all types of trees, along with a special brass plaque, are available for purchase.

## WAYS TO GIVE:

### Gifts of Cash

Gifts of cash can be made to the Annual Fund, Capital Fund, or the Endowment.

### Matching Gifts

Many companies encourage philanthropy by matching your gift. Simply contact your personnel or payroll department for your matching gift form, complete your portion of the form, and mail in with your gift.

### Real Estate

An outright gift of appreciated property or a bargain sale agreement produces a current tax deduction for you and a wonderful way to donate to the University.

### Gifts of Stock and Other Securities

Transfer of appreciated stock or other appreciated securities can result in a substantial tax savings. Donors receive an income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift — thus reducing your capital gains.

### Tax-Qualified Retirement Plan Gifts

With careful planning, gifts of tax-qualified retirement plans assets, such as IRA's, can reduce your taxes and allow for a charitable gift.

### Estate Planning

Your will or trust allows you to distribute a percentage of your estate or a fixed dollar amount to Lindenwood. If you already have a will in place, amendment by a simple and inexpensive codicil allows you make a gift and assure your legacy.

### Life Insurance

Either the donation of a fully or partially paid policy or the purchase of a new policy naming Lindenwood University as the beneficiary can lead to a substantial deduction for you and a generous and enhanced gift.

### Other Planned Gifts

Gift annuities and certain recognized trust vehicles allow you to generate income while realizing tax savings. You can discuss such financial instruments as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and others with our director of planned giving.

### Lindenwood Giving Societies

The Butler Society, recognizing lifetime giving levels over \$25,000, and the Sibley Heritage Society, recognizing individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans beginning at \$1,000 are two special groups of donors who exemplify the giving spirit of those who seek to assure Lindenwood's future.

For information regarding any of these giving opportunities please contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 636-949-4903 or by mail:

Institutional Advancement Office  
Lindenwood University  
209 S. Kingshighway  
St. Charles, Missouri 63301

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

## Class Notes

### '60s

**Nancy Rector-Douglas ('60)** is a retired associate professor of physics from State University of New York. She received her B.A. in chemistry from Lindenwood and went on to obtain her M.S. in engineering technology from the Rochester Institute of Technology. She resides in Morrisville, N.Y., with her husband, Henry, and has two daughters, Susan and Carol.

### '70s

**Roberto Ruiz, Jr. ('71)** is a clinical social worker for a psychotherapy private practice in Las Vegas, Nev., where he currently resides. He received his B.A. in sociology from Lindenwood and went on to obtain his M.S.W. at the University of Chicago. As an LU student he was a part of the *Linden Bark* and the Spanish Club. He has three children, Alma Celeste, Cristina, and Victor Manuel.

**Glenn Michaels ('75)** is the director of marketing and community engagement for Volunteers of America. He graduated from Lindenwood with a B.F.A. in art and went on to receive his M.F.A. at the Parson's School of Design. He is very active in numerous sports and coaches and enjoys playing ice hockey as the goalie for his teams. He also is very active with the United Way and American Red Cross and has served on numerous nonprofit boards. He currently resides in Brunswick, Maine, with his wife Alice, children Allen and Megan, and his grandson.

### '80s

**Dr. Steven Roodman ('81)** is an anesthesiologist with the Anesthesia Associates of Southern Illinois, LLC, in Marion, Ill., where he currently resides. He graduated with a degree in biology from Lindenwood and then went on to receive his M.D. and D.P.M. at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and Des Moines University College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery, respectively.

**Dr. Patrice Komoroski ('84)** has been appointed by the governor of Missouri to the Missouri Board of Respiratory Care. She is the president of SSM DePaul Health Center and previously served as president of SSM St. Joseph Hospital West. She holds a B.S.N. from Lindenwood and a master's in nursing administration and a doctor of philosophy from St. Louis University. She currently resides in Saint Charles, Mo.

**Bob Gower ('88)** was recently named vice president for Boeing Military Aircraft India and Growth Adjacencies. Prior to this assignment, Gower managed several businesses within BMA and served as vice president of the F/A-18 and EA-18 programs. He is a graduate from the Lindenwood M.B.A. program. He previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, attaining the rank of sergeant. He also currently serves on the Executive Board of the Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America. He resides in St. Louis, Mo.

### '90s

**Maurice Vick ('95 and '05)** is a social studies teacher in the Fort Zumwalt School District in Missouri. He received his B.A. in history and his M.A. in educational administration from Lindenwood. As a student, he was also a member of the Lions football team. He resides in St. Peters, Mo., with his wife Jacqueline.

**Stacy Snyder Harris ('98 and '06)** is employed as the assistant costume shop manager for the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis. She received her B.A. in theatre and her M.A. in musical theatre. She resides in O'Fallon, Mo., with her husband, James ('09), and her son, William David.

### '00s

**Luca Squinzani ('02-'03)** is the soccer coach for the Torino Football Club Serie B-2<sup>nd</sup> Division in Italy. While attending Lindenwood he was a member of the soccer team, and since his days at LU, he has played professionally from 2003-2005 for AC Bellinzona, FC Stabio, AC Cuneo in Italy, and Switzerland. He recently received his bachelor's in physical education and sport sciences from SUISM in Italy, where he currently resides in Leini.

**Jason A. Spurgeon ('03)** and his wife Rachel welcomed their first child, Charlotte Elizabeth, on May 30, 2010. Charlotte weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Jason received his M.A.T. in education, and the happy family resides in St. Charles, Mo.

**Rebekah A. Wood ('03 and '05)** has recently been promoted to general manager of the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Wood formerly was director of sales for the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, Mo. She is also planning her wedding to Mark Sillman, which will take place on Nov. 27, 2010.

### Jessica Johnston Fohey ('04)

recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary to Brett Fohey on July 31, 2010. Brett and Jessica are also proud parents of Tristan Michael Fohey, born on January 4, 2010. Jessica received her B.F.A. in fashion design and she currently resides in Hannibal, Mo.

**Amanda Hearn Gary ('04)** and husband Thomas welcomed twin boys on July 21, 2010. Carter Andrew weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long, and Cameron Allen weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. They joined big brother Caiden, who is 3 years old. Amanda received her B.A. in biology and is a stay-at-home mother. The family resides in Maryville, Ill.

**Amanda (Stuhler) and Joseph Radi ('06)** welcomed their first child, Ethan Jeffrey, on July 4, 2010. Ethan weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Amanda received her B.A. in elementary education and music, and Joseph received his B.A. in English from Lindenwood. The happy family resides in O'Fallon, Mo.

**Kevin Dunn ('08)** has recently been hired as assistant volleyball coach at the University of Alabama. Dunn spent one season as a volunteer on the Alabama volleyball staff and previously held a graduate assistant position at Southern Arkansas University. While at Lindenwood, he was a member of the Lindenwood Lions Men's Volleyball team, and he received a B.A. in history and business administration.

**Kim Bear ('09 and '10)** is employed as a sales consultant for Ed Napleton Honda in Saint Peters, Mo., where she currently resides. She graduated with a B.A. in human resource management and criminal justice and recently completed her M.B.A. from LU.

**Eugene Dokes ('09)** was recently elected vice chairman of the St. Charles County Republican Central Committee. A U.S. Navy veteran and former real estate broker, Dokes received an M.B.A. from Lindenwood and is currently pursuing a doctorate in business management from Capella University. He resides in St. Peters, Mo., with his wife and three children.

**Margaret (Meg) Gibson ('09)** was recently promoted to customer service/authorized provider specialist for the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter. She has been working for the American Red Cross for over a year. She graduated with a B.A. in nonprofit administration and currently resides in St. Charles, Mo.



# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

## In Memoriam Alumni

### Correction:

In the last *Connection* we incorrectly listed Elva Beth Allen ('62) as deceased and would like to apologize for this error. We are happy to report that she is very much alive and resides in New York City as a cook book author/producer.

*In an effort to keep contact information for our valued alums current, the Alumni Office does periodic checks on alumni addresses. A recent database study indicated that a number of our alumni had passed away and that we had not acknowledged their passing in the Connection. Please be aware that the names listed in the In Memoriam section are of alums who may have passed within recent months or within the past couple of years.*

**Kathryn Mayer Lynn ('40)**

Indianapolis, Ind.

**Florence Biebel Dahm ('46)**

Freeburg, Ill.

**Mary Trimble Maier ('49)**

Fayetteville, Ark.

**Edith Bruning ('56-'58)**

Wright City, Mo.

**Virginia Natho ('59)**

Chester, Ill.

**Milou Fernandez ('60)**

Sherman, Texas

**Darlene Biles Peterson ('60)**

Wichita, Kan.

**Marion Bradford Battreall ('69)**

Phoenix, Ariz.

**Ollican Abrams ('70)**

Claremont, Calif.

**Thomas H. Pinnell ('75)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**Wahnez "Nez" Walton Smith ('77)**

Encino, Calif.

**Peggy Gillette ('78)**

Saint Peters, Mo.

**Ronald Crouther ('83)**

Camarillo, Calif.

**Richard L. Cannon ('90)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**James Lawrence ('90)**

Florissant, Mo.

**David Michalik ('90)**

Warren, Mich.

**Vincent Plescica ('90)**

Kildeer, Ill.

**Martin Kyle, Jr. ('91)**

Lake Orion, Mich.

**Carol Wilson ('91)**

Saint Louis, Mo.

**George Zidzik, Jr. ('91)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**Frank Dyer ('92)**

Houston, Texas

**Richard Banahan ('93)**

Saint Louis, Mo.

**Barry Bryant ('94)**

Florissant, Mo.

**Christy Heritage ('94)**

Bridgeton, Mo.

**John Peel ('94)**

Springhill, Fla.

**Paul Stevens ('97)**

Saint Louis, Mo.

**Julie Babb ('98)**

Wentzville, Mo.

**Robert Bevans ('98)**

Saint Charles, Mo.

**Tracie Beckerman ('99)**

Saint Peters, Mo.

**Leo Kelly ('99)**

Wright City, Mo.

**David Balcom ('01)**

O'Fallon, Mo.

**Sondra Hollingsworth ('01)**

O'Fallon, Mo.

**John Bauer ('02)**

Wentzville, Mo.

**Michael Diani ('02)**

Saint Peters, Mo.

**Joyce Pease ('02)**

Old Monroe, Mo.

**Carolee Walker ('04)**

Berryville, Ark.

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LINDENWOOD 

# Lindenwood Accepted into NCAA Division II Candidacy

The reward for a year's worth of work came to Lindenwood University on July 12 when it received word that it has been accepted into NCAA Division II candidacy.

Lindenwood officials, led by Athletics Director John Creer and Associate Athletics Director Scott Queen, formed a campus-wide committee in the summer of 2009 to examine whether the school should remain in the NAIA or apply for NCAA membership. The committee, which included alumnus Bob Ramsey, recommended Lindenwood should move to the NCAA Division II level, and that recommendation received the full support of President James D. Evans, Ph.D., and the Board of Directors. In May, Lindenwood formally applied for membership and received approval of that application in July.

"This is wonderful news for our institution," said Evans. "It is an exciting time. We've made many changes in athletics over the past year, and there are many more to come. We're all very proud, but there is much work yet to be done."

Lindenwood will remain a member of the NAIA during the first two years

of its NCAA candidacy. In 2012-13, Lindenwood will enter a provisional year in the NCAA in which it must follow all NCAA regulations but will not be eligible for postseason competition. Assuming all expectations have been met, Lindenwood will become a full member of the NCAA in 2013-14.

Lindenwood plans to have 26 sports programs when it begins play at the NCAA level. These include all 21 sports that currently compete in the NAIA, as well as field hockey, women's ice hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's volleyball. Every sport will compete at the NCAA Division II level except for women's ice hockey and men's volleyball, which will compete at the National Collegiate level, which includes NCAA Division I schools.

After being accepted into NCAA candidacy, Lindenwood applied for membership in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA). The school is expected to learn by the end of this month if it has been accepted into one of the top NCAA Division II conferences.



## Hall of Fame Induction October 15

The Lindenwood University Athletic Hall of Fame committee announced its 2010 class over the summer. Thirteen plaques will be added to the Hall of Fame display in the fall after the induction ceremony on Oct. 15 during Homecoming Weekend.

Highlighting the 2010 class is the addition of three teams. The most successful program during the early years of the Lindenwood athletics department, the 1977-78 men's basketball team, will be honored. That squad fell just a point shy of advancing to the national tournament. The first women's team to receive recognition is the 1999-2000 women's basketball team. The Lady Lions went 30-6 and advanced to the NAIA quarterfinals. The final team to be inducted is the 2004 men's soccer squad, which won the NAIA National Championship.

Eight student-athletes were selected this year, including six All-Americans and at least one player from each decade since the 1970s. The inductees in this category are: Dawn Cameron (softball), Jenifer Dykes (women's soccer), Matt Hopkins (men's golf), Debbie Johnson (women's soccer), Jason Micek (men's golf), Daniel Odom (men's basketball), Michelle Patrico (softball), and Katie Pizzardi (women's basketball).

Rounding out the class of 2010 are Fern Bittner and Dr. Harlen C. Hunter. Bittner served as the Director of Horsemanship from 1954 to 1980 and oversaw Lindenwood's successful equestrian program. Hunter was a major contributor of both his time and money to Lindenwood, and the school's stadium is named in his honor.

The 2010 inductees will be honored at three events on Oct. 15-16. After the induction ceremony on Friday evening, the inductees will receive recognition on Saturday during the Homecoming parade and at the football game.

For information about the induction ceremony and tickets, please contact Jane Baum at [jbaum@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jbaum@lindenwood.edu) or 636-949-4427.

## LU Signs Adidas Agreement; Johnny Mac's to Carry Lindenwood Gear

Lindenwood University entered into an agreement in July with Adidas and Johnny Mac's Sporting Goods that will benefit not only Lindenwood student-athletes but the 17,000 alumni who live in the St. Louis area.

As part of the agreement, Johnny Mac's will begin carrying Lindenwood merchandise in its six St. Louis area stores, giving Lindenwood alumni more choices about where to purchase their Lindenwood merchandise. Johnny Mac's has locations in St. Charles, St. Peters, St. Louis, Ballwin, Florissant, and Belleville.

The three-year deal with Adidas makes that company the official provider of apparel, uniforms, footwear, and equipment for the Lindenwood Athletics Department.

Johnny Mac's will be the primary supplier of sporting goods.

"We are excited to align Lindenwood Athletics with two highly recognized organizations like Adidas and Johnny Mac's Sporting Goods," said Chanda Jackson, Associate Athletic Director at Lindenwood's main campus in St. Charles. "We look forward to cultivating this partnership as our athletics department transitions into a future full of new opportunities."

The agreement will bring all of the Lindenwood sports under the same brand for the first time. Several of Lindenwood's teams have been utilizing Adidas apparel and equipment, but there has never been an across-the-board agreement for all teams.



**Four Lindenwood University alumni gathered together in July in Cooperstown, N.Y. The four sports media members were covering the Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which included former St. Louis Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog. From left to right are Jeff Abel (Channel 4 KMOV), Bob Ramsey (101.1 ESPN), Greg Amsinger (MLB Network), and Randy Karraker (101.1 ESPN).**





A large crowd waited out a four-hour lightning delay for the Football Lions' season opener on Sept. 2 and was rewarded by a 68-7 victory.

## Fall Sports Confident Beginning 2010-11 Season

### Football

The excitement over last year's run to the national championship game has carried over to 2010 as the Lions look for a return trip to Rome, Ga. The team has high expectations after returning many of the keys players from that 2009 squad.

The Lions opened their 2010 season with a convincing 68-7 home victory over Evangel and solidly defeated Central Methodist 69-7 on the road.

Offensively, Lindenwood had one of the highest scoring offenses in college football history last year and returns the three main skill players: Denodus O'Bryant, Philip Staback, and Matt Bramow. O'Bryant is one of the top returning players in the NAIA after rushing for 9.6 yards per carry last year and scoring 24 touchdowns. Staback threw for 36 touchdowns and nearly 3,400 yards last year. Bramow caught a school record 12 touchdown receptions.

Defensively, the squad is coming off one of its top performances in years when it allowed just one offensive touchdown to a high-scoring Sioux Falls team—the national championship game. Three players on defense were selected among the top 72 NAIA players in the nation in linebackers

Parks Peterson and Dan Carlisle, and cornerback Hakim Thomas.

### Volleyball

The Lady Lions volleyball squad is aiming for its sixth straight HAAC Championship title in 2010. Lindenwood is again the favorite after returning all six starters plus its libero from last year's 29-12 squad.

Two honorable mention All-Americans will lead the way for Lindenwood this season. Junior outside hitter Ellen Fandry was selected last year after leading the team with 501 kills. Senior middle hitter Krista Yoder, a two-time All-American selection, was the team's leading blocker last year with 151 blocks and was second with 365 kills.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer program finished 2009 on a high note when it recorded three straight upsets to win the HAAC Tournament and advance to the NAIA National Tournament.

The squad returns three all-conference performers from a defense that allowed just 10 goals in 12 HAAC regular season and tournament games. The leader is sophomore

goalkeeper Victor Francoz. Last season, he was an honorable mention All-American after posting a 1.24 GAA and recording five shutouts.

Also back are second-team all-HAAC players junior Igor Inic and Mauricio Medina. Inic is a defender who appeared in 19 games last year and Medina is a midfielder who scored one goal and had one assist.

### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team was nearly unbeatable at Hunter Stadium last year as it outscored opponents 21-10 at home. If that continues this year and the Lady Lions improve away from St. Charles, the team should be right there for a HAAC championship.

The Lady Lions return much of their scoring power from 2009 in the duo of junior Lindsay Shea and senior Kendall Kravec. They accounted for nearly 60 percent of the team's goals last year. Shea was a second-team all-HAAC selection after leading the team with 12 goals. Kravec was second with six goals and led the squad with five assists.

## Welcome New Lindenwood Alums!



Lindenwood's St. Charles campus recently welcomed 4,000 residential students for the fall semester. I marvel at the continued growth of our enrollment and the expansion of the campus itself. When you visit the campus, make sure to check out the Harmon Hall School of Business and Entrepreneurship, which is located in the former Fine and Performing Arts building. The new section of the building and renovations to the old building are amazing.

The University's Alumni Office and Alumni Association are planning a number of events in the coming months (see the calendar in this edition) and all of our alums are encouraged to participate. Our biggest event of the year, Homecoming and Reunion, is scheduled for October 15-16. Kicking off the Reunion weekend will be a special reception at the Hyland Performance Arena on Friday, October 15. This is an opportunity to visit with your former classmates and professors and help us recognize our honored classes.

On Saturday morning we welcome you to join us for the Lindenwood tradition of Breakfast with the President and our annual Alumni Association meeting.

Reunion Weekend wouldn't be complete without the Lions' football game, the Homecoming parade, and tours of the campus. This year, we have a special treat with a Marvin Hamlisch performance at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts scheduled for Saturday night.

I am pleased to report that the Lindenwood St. Charles Alumni Club Chapter is growing in numbers. Our Alumni Office is working hard on outreach and expanding opportunities for local alumni to participate in on-campus activities. We invite you to join this dynamic group and to get involved in your alma mater. We also hope to improve in our efforts to reach out to our regional alums and look forward to visit an area near you.

I would like to thank those of you who responded to the Alumni Association Board's request to increase the level of alumni financial support. In fiscal year 2010, we were able to increase our participation by almost five percent. Our goal for this year is to increase by an additional ten percent. Your continued support will help to strengthen our student scholarship program and to secure the growth of our educational services.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events, and encourage you to stay in touch with the Alumni office. See you in October!

Jan Lewien ('85, '04, & '07)  
President  
Lindenwood Alumni Association

## LINDEN BARK

Receive the *Linden Bark* today! Sign up for LU's monthly e-newsletter

Keep up-to-date with the latest alumni news, campus events, and more by registering to receive the *Linden Bark*, Lindenwood's monthly e-newsletter for alums.

If you are not receiving the *Linden Bark* and would like to be added to our mailing list, please email the Alumni Office at [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) and include in the subject line: *Linden Bark*.



## Guess Who This Is

Can you name the former Lindenwood professor pictured above? If so, please email your answer and your favorite memory of this professor to [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu). Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. Five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

In last issue's "Guess What This Is," the picture was of the distinctive brick pattern located on Ayres Hall. The winners from the summer 2010 *Connection* are Kay Dunham Wilkinson ('60), Claudia Davis ('08), and Kevin Winkelman ('08).