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Lindenwood University-Belleville Receives Recognition for Diversity and Community Excellence

By Stephanie Dulaney

Lindenwood University-Belleville was recently recognized by Belleville Sister Cities, Inc. and the Center for Racial Harmony for supporting the community and encouraging diversity.

On October 5, Belleville Sister Cities, Inc. presented Lindenwood Belleville with the German Award for supporting the organization's activities and hosting a symphonic concert by a youth orchestra from Heide, Germany. Mary Reuter, assistant vice president and executive director for community relations at LU-Belleville, accepted the award. Belleville Sister Cities, Inc. promotes the cultural, social, and business exchanges with the citizens of Paderborn, Germany, Belleville's "sister city," and serves as a proponent of the area's rich German heritage.

On October 19, the Center for Racial Harmony honored Lindenwood University-Belleville with the ELITE Award for making significant contributions to the community. ELITE stands for Extraordinary Leaders Impacting Today's Environment, and the award is given to citizens and organizations in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area that demonstrate a commitment to improving their community.

In addition to LU-Belleville, the ELITE award was also presented to eight



other organizations, including Ameren Illinois, Eckerts Orchards, and Walmart Corporation.

The Center for Racial Harmony works in partnership with community leaders, area schools, churches, and neighborhood associations in an effort to offer services that promote understanding, cooperation, and communication among all races and ethnic groups.

"Lindenwood University-Belleville is honored to have been recognized by both Belleville Sister Cities and the Center for Racial Harmony," said Jerry Bladdick, Belleville Campus President. "With students and faculty from more than 40 different countries, we take great pride in the diversity and cultural appreciation that exists on our campus. Encouraging community volunteerism and involvement is very important to us."

LU-Belleville Theatre Program to Perform A Christmas Carol

By Alexis Keller

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a part of the performing arts? I talked with Lindenwood-Belleville's cast and crew of "A Christmas Carol" to find out what the theatre program is planning this semester.

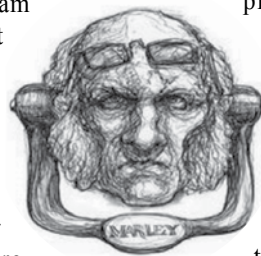
Freshman, Brady Whitehouse, who is also a member of the swim team at LU-Belleville, talked about his experience.

"It is different being in college theatre than high school because more is expected," he said.

Brenda Bass, another student involved in theatre as well as cheerleading added, "Being a part of theatre productions is an indescribable experience. It allows you to be a completely different person when up on stage, and people of all ages enjoy it. Plus, you make life long friends in theatre."

As for this year's production of "A Christmas Carol", the students involved have been working very hard, not only on their parts, but also on the costumes and scenery.

"We went through every detail with a fine tooth comb; the costumes, the sets, the hair, the hats, the dialogue, everything. I



truly believe people will feel like they are in the 1800s in London, seeing a magical classic story of Scrooge and the Ghosts of the Christmases," said Bass, who is a narrator/Ghost of Christmas Future.

"We've been doing a different version for the last three years," said Director of Theatre, Marsha Parker. "The story is generally the same, but the adaptation might be different. It might not be the same show with the same people."

Parker pointed out that the theatre program at Lindenwood University-Belleville, much like the university itself, has been growing over the years.

"The program is really taking off, there are seven majors and equal as many minors. Athletes are involved in the theatre, including swimmers, football players, track athletes, cheerleaders, and volleyball players. We work around a lot of practices."

If you have ever considered performing in the theatre, whether it is your major or not, Parker encouraged students to join. "We operate under the principle of blind-casting, we are all about diversity. We won't cut anybody out and welcome everyone."

"A Christmas Carol" will be showing in the Auditorium on December 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m. and December 7 at 2 p.m. Come on out and get into the Christmas spirit!

President Bladdick Announces Name Changes for Campus Buildings

The Belleville Executive Council was recently given permission by Dr. Evans and the Board of Directors to change the name of certain campus buildings for greater clarity and identity purposes, as well as to better commemorate our Belleville roots. Several of our building names no longer adequately describe the offices and services now housed in them; therefore, below is the list of names that have been approved and which will be effective immediately.

The Administration Building has been changed to **Old Main Hall**. This will provide greater clarification for students who may have a class in M205. The "M" will stand for Main in the name Old Main Hall.



The L-Building (formally known as the LCIE Building) has been changed to **Linden Hall**. With the increasing number of day classes held in this building, in addition to LCIE and graduate classes, the name LCIE Building is no longer appropriate. Linden Hall allows us to showcase the University's connection to the linden tree while keeping the room number abbreviations the same (such as L102).

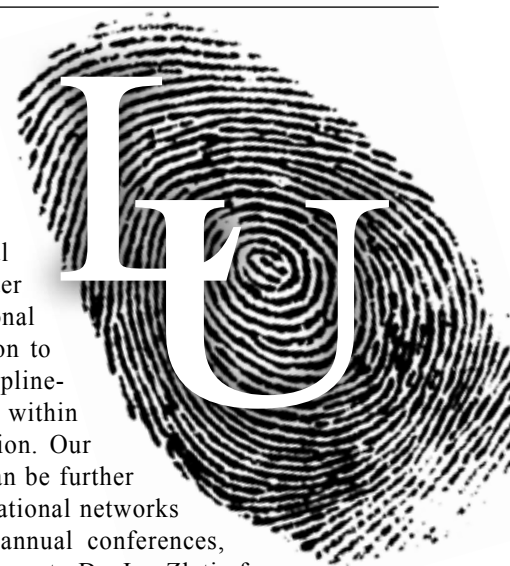
The hallway that was formerly the Belleville District 201 space, in which the Business Office, Academic Services, the VA Center, and the LCIE Advising Office is now located, has been changed to the **West Wing**. This name will describe the hallway that lies between the Library and Communications Center, and includes the above mentioned offices. It was chosen to commemorate the old Belleville West High School that occupied this campus for so many years.

The Girls' Gym Building has been changed to the **Fitness and Training Center** to better describe the facilities now housed there.

The small Conference Room located within the Library (formerly District 201 space) has been named the **President's Conference Room**.

National Honor Society for Criminal Justice

Division Chair for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Andrea Boyles is proud to announce that LU-Belleville's criminal justice program is officially the 471st chapter (Pi Epsilon) of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. In addition to psychology, this now makes the second discipline-specific chapter of National Honor Society within the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division. Our excelling CJ students (day and evening) can be further linked in and tremendously benefit from national networks and opportunities, such as scholarships, annual conferences, networking, and employment. Many thanks go to Dr. Joe Zlatic for taking the lead on this venture, Dr. Anna Young for getting the evening CJ students on board, and President Bladdick for his continued support! Stay tuned for more news as we prepare for our first induction ceremony.



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LU-Belleville 3rd Annual Car and Truck Show

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Physical Geology Course Takes to the Field

By Mattie Hulse

Lindenwood University-Belleville's Physical Geology course recently took part in a daylong field trip to study several geological sites in Missouri. During the Oct. 24th trip, the students explored locations in Farmington, Silver Mines Recreation area, and Elephant Rocks State Park.

"We viewed several rock formations that showed the rich mineral deposits present in the area we live in," said adjunct faculty member Dr. Imad Yousif, who led the trip. "This allowed the students to receive hands-on experience with the concepts learned within their coursework and to know something about the geology of Illinois and Missouri."

The hands-on approach was used to apply in classroom learning in the outside environment. For example, identifying

the large granite boulders at Elephant Rocks State Park, which is named for its resemblance to a train of circus elephants in mid act, allowed students to see many different types of minerals and rocks firsthand and for students to not only know the geology of rocks but to be able to identify the different rocks in the area.

Student Cameron Holtz said, "What rock is this?" was the most frequently asked question on the trip but added, "Seeing these natural features firsthand shows the difference between a tiny rock in class or in a textbook compared to a huge structure right in your face."

These students didn't just have a fun experience on this exciting field trip but they also got the chance to see beautiful fall colors atop massive geologic structures, which they now have the capability to identify themselves. Dr. Yousif hopes that interested students will join him for future field trips as part of the Physical Geology course at LU-Belleville.



Education Students Present Research at Illinois Reading Council Conference

By Justin Edgren

This year's Illinois Reading Council Conference included research conducted and presented by LU-Belleville junior Savannah Dill and recent graduate Courtney Forsyth.

The project has been relatively lengthy, beginning in fall 2012 as part of the Education Department's course, Children's Literature. Analysis of the data began during the fall semester of 2013 and culminated in a presentation titled, "Teacher Candidates as Researchers in a Children's Literature Course." Dill and Forsyth's research examined the issues of language, behaviors, and manners present in children's books.

"We worked in groups in our Children's Lit classes with Dr. Yearian," Dill said. "Our group's topic was finding bad behaviors in children's books. We conducted the research by reading children's books and recording the data that we found."

"The main purpose was to bring to light how these types of traits could affect young readers," Forsyth added. "We wanted to see how many books contained 'bad' examples of these traits and we compared and contrasted these findings to our own hypotheses."

The IRC conference, held in Springfield on October 3, received a record number of proposals this year and included 36 nationally recognized and award winning speakers and authors. Dill and Forsyth were certainly in esteemed company, rubbing shoulders with

several respected authors and educators including Andrew Clements, author of the 2.5 million copy bestselling children's novel "Frindle," as well as author Daniel Handler. Handler is perhaps better known under his pen name of Lemony Snicket for his series of children's novels, "A Series of Unfortunate Events."

Forsyth said the conference was amazing. "It was so great to be surrounded by so many passionate educators that shared the same values!"

Dr. Stephanie Yearian, assistant professor of education and project facilitator, said that the two teacher candidates did LU-Belleville proud. "Participating in the conference was a wonderful opportunity for these two young women to actually hear the wisdom of literary gurus, witness the experts' passion for instruction of literacy strategies, and network with teachers and teacher candidates in a variety of sessions."

Dill plans to graduate from LU-Belleville in 2016 with a major in elementary education. She will continue to take advantage of the school's opportunities outside the classroom by participating in a January study abroad trip to Costa Rica.

Congratulations are in order for Forsyth who just accepted her first teaching position as a paraprofessional at Smithton Grade School in Smithton, Illinois. "The kids are great, and it truly makes me feel like I chose the right path," she said.

Do you love Lindenwood-Belleville and want to earn additional funds toward your tuition?

Become a Student Ambassador

Lindenwood-Belleville is currently interviewing for Student Ambassadors. Multiple positions are available for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Job Description: Provide animated and energetic guided tours to prospective students and/or their families. Work at the Admission Office front desk to greet visitors, answer phone calls, and send out communications to prospective students and families.

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED

Preferred skills:

Students who are enthusiastic, personable, professional, knowledgeable of Lindenwood-Belleville history, possess strong communication skills, and display exuberant school spirit.

Requirements:

Must be a sophomore, junior, or senior, a resident student, must LOVE Lindenwood University and be able to show it!

Compensation:

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Lindenwood University-Belleville doesn't have a long history on the sports side of things, but in the short time it's been around the Men's Hockey Team is starting to make some.

In just their first season in the American Collegiate Hockey Association D2 league, LU-B is playing at an unreal pace. Their record shows 15-0-0, with wins against the likes of The University of Oklahoma, Missouri, and Northern and Central Michigan University, a pretty tough schedule for a first year team.

They are at the top of the Central Region standings and it doesn't look like they're willing to give that position up anytime soon. Their success isn't just random. This brand new culture might have something to do with their coach Lindsay Middlebrook, who is a former goaltender in the NHL and has played with the likes of Wayne Gretzky, Paul

Coffey, Jari Kurri, and Grant Fuhr. "Expectations were high" says Middlebrook, "I wasn't ready to wait four years to become good". As a former goal tender Middlebrook likes his team to play from the net out. "The goaltending has been tremendous, and as good as our forwards have been, we have six dynamite defense men that can move the puck and generate some offense."

This shows prominently in the best goal differential in all of college hockey. That's including D1 teams as well. It isn't easy to accomplish all these things but Middlebrook and his staff are doing it. The future is bright for men's hockey here at LU-B. The program has been given the go ahead to start recruiting for a men's D1 team next year along with continuing the D2 team. They are quite literally making history.



Men's Basketball Team Visits Roosevelt Elementary

By Eric Sharon

Earlier in the fall semester, members of the Lynx Men's Basketball team and coaching staff made a visit to Roosevelt Elementary School in Belleville. Team members presented the school's "Word of the Month," by describing the role that "Respect" plays in their everyday lives, followed by competition in a number of activities against the students.

The assembly was capped off with a dunk contest put on by the players that brought huge cheers from the K-5th grade crowd. Following the assembly, the team spent time in the classrooms, reading, taking pictures, signing autographs, and interacting with the students.

It was the first of many community outreach events put on by the LU-B men's basketball program for the 2014-15 school year. Assistant coach Allen Siedle had this to say about the team's efforts in the Belleville community, "Opportunities to get out and give back to the community like this are extremely important to our program.

The guys love it and seeing the kids' faces light up when they walk in is great." The Lynx return home to Lynx Arena for games on 12/4 vs Harris Stowe, and 12/20 vs Columbia College before the semester end. Come out and support your team!



Lynx Capture First AMC Championship in School History

By Matt Ankenbrandt

For the first time in program history, the Lindenwood-Belleville Lynx received an automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament after beating Columbia College 4-0 in the American Midwest Conference championship. The Lynx went through the regular season conference schedule undefeated, and continued their dominance in the post-season beating Hannibal-LaGrange 2-0 before defeating Columbia College in the championship.

The #21 Lynx (16-1-1) dominated the game in seemingly all aspects, outshooting the Cougars (11-6-2) 15-2 on the game, including a 7-3 shots on goal advantage. Earlier this season, the Lynx defeated the Cougars 1-0 at Lynx Field, but today, the Lynx offense was relentless, scoring three second half goals to secure the victory.

The Lynx came out firing early, recording the first six shots of the game. Leonardo Ferri had the best look early, but as he kicked the ball from inside the box, Columbia defender Lakin Kehde leaped

and blocked the shot, as he was the last line of defense. Cesar Acosta had another great look 12 minutes into the game, but his shot narrowly missed, running just wide of the goal.

After a couple more missed opportunities for the Lynx, Ferri capitalized on a rebound on an Enrique Garcia shot and put the Lynx up 1-0 with 6:41 remaining in the half.

The score remained 1-0 at the half, but the Lynx were dominating ball control as they held a 10-2 shot advantage.

In the second half, the Cougars put a shot on goal in the 54th minute, but Nicolas Nicolaci was there for the save. Ferri then notched his second goal of the game in the 59th minute on a feed from Acosta. That marked the second time this season that Ferri recorded two goals in one game.

With a two goal lead late in the game, the Lynx kept putting pressure on the Cougar defense, not allowing any chance for a comeback. Johan Sundberg gave the Lynx a three goal cushion when he netted his first goal of the post-season with 4:41 remaining. The assist came from Jose Silva as he crossed it to Sundberg and he ripped it into the upper right corner of the net.

With just over a minute remaining in the game, Acosta put the final touches on the 4-0 victory as he took a pass from Garcia and chipped it over the Cougar goalie for his third goal this post-season.

With the victory, the Lynx captured the first AMC conference championship for any Lindenwood-Belleville athletic team and will receive an automatic bid to the 32 team national tournament.

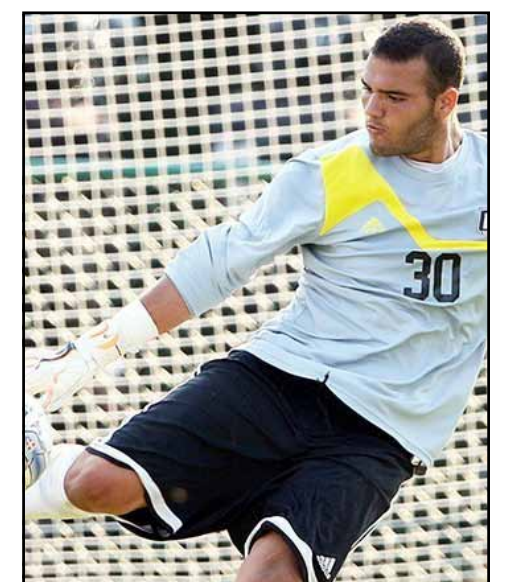
Coach Hogan was asked what it means to win the conference tournament in the first season, "It means a lot, and this game was similar to the last 6 or 7 except we were leading at half time. I told the guys to be ready the first 15 minutes and they are a really focused group and our back four were solid. They had trouble getting through and then to get that second goal and third goal, the guys could really enjoy the last four minutes of the match."

Columbia College is a very experienced team with the post-season and have had success in the past in the AMC, and Coach Hogan realized this, "I have a lot of respect for Columbia College and they have been to the national tournament a lot more than we have. I've watched them over the years and they are a good model for us to replicate because they are strong during the regular and postseason."

With the National Tournament now a week away, Coach Hogan and the team can

enjoy what they have earned throughout the season, "We haven't really talked about it all season, the guys just keep their heads down and just win games and I think the most exciting part about the postseason is going to be when we figure out who we play."

The NAIA national seeding's was announced on Monday, November 17th with 32 teams making the National Tournament at 16 host sites. The winners of those 16 games will travel to Delray Beach, Florida to complete in the single elimination tournament.





The tenth annual meeting of the Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) took place in Lindenwood's Spellmann Center on November 14 and 15. Lindenwood University-Belleville students who participated are featured above from left to right: Michelle Votrain, Lacey Underwood-Bauer, Codi Schaller, Cyara Coleman, and Mariana Martinez. This scholarly conference featured presentations on students' research and practicums in psychology. The participants numbered well over 150 and represented 28 colleges and universities from five Midwestern states. Lindenwood students accounted for more than 40 of the presentations. Cyara Coleman received first place in her session, and Michelle Voltrain and Codi Schaller received second place in their sessions.



On October 22 Lindenwood Student Government Association and some members of the Women's Softball team as well as graduate assistant Katye Elbert and a couple of her friends painted houses for the City of Belleville Christmas downtown celebration.



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LU-Belleville's 3rd Annual Car and Truck Show
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Lynx Tale Student Newspaper

Have you ever thought about a career in journalism? Do you want to leave a legacy at Lindenwood? If your answer is yes, then the Lynx Tale Student Newspaper is for you. This organization allows you to be creative and a part of the action at LU-Belleville.

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Students in Physiology of Exercise Lab use the new exercise science laboratory for measurements of blood pressure, flexibility, skinfolds for percent body fat estimation, strength testing, and various anaerobic and aerobic power assessments on the treadmill, steps, and cycle ergometers. The star of the lab currently is the brand new ParvoMedics metabolic cart system which allows us to perform VO₂max (aerobic capacity) tests as well as measure resting metabolic rate and respiratory function. A "Bodpod," a large egg-shaped chamber used to assess body composition, should arrive next semester.