



Friday, March 11, 2016

- President Michael Shonrock is pleased to announce that **Brad Wachler** has been selected to be the new **Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics** for Lindenwood University beginning July 1, 2016.
- **Under Armour's** growth has been exploding worldwide and it continues in the Midwest. The Lindenwood University system has signed a five-year agreement with Under Armour to be the exclusive outfitter of its sports teams on the St. Charles, Missouri, and Belleville, Illinois campuses.
- **Lindenwood University's Under Armour Partnership** received national media earlier this week. Besides local attention in the St. Louis Business Journal and other publications, news monitoring services reported coverage of the Lindenwood Under Armour agreement in San Diego, California, New Haven/Stamford, Connecticut, and San Antonio, Texas.
- The Lindenwood University System has entered into a partnership with **Barnes & Noble College** to bring a new book store and apparel experience to its campuses in St. Charles, Missouri and Belleville, Illinois. The agreement takes effect April 18, 2016.

- HR and IT are **EXCITED** to announce that **Workday** is almost here! Months of work has gone on behind the scenes in our departments to provide 21st century technology to our employees. Over the next few weeks and months, employees will receive emails and training opportunities so that they can utilize the capabilities of this exceptional software to the fullest. We will start with the basics and add enhancements over time. Stay tuned!
- Just as a reminder, **Friday, March 25** (Good Friday) is a holiday, and the Lindenwood campuses will be closed.
- President Michael Shonrock, Vice President Development Dan Grigg, Vice President Enrollment Management Joe Parisi and Vice President Information Technology TJ Rains, attended the **Arcus Awards 3**, celebrating the achievement of companies and honoring leaders who inspire a greater St. Louis.
- The Lindenwood **Softball** team opened the season in style when **Madison Huot** hit a walk-off homer in a 5-4 win over McKendree in the team's season opener.
- The **Alumni Board Meeting** was held February 26, President Michael Shonrock presented the State of the University, Vice President Development Dan Grigg presented the Advancement Report and the Dean of Library Services Liz MacDonald presented information on the Academic Resource Center.
- **Lindenwood Gymnasts** had nine routines that scored a 9.800 or higher on Sunday at Hyland Arena against Illinois. Among those scores was **Katey Oswalt** tying a school record in the beam. Katey had the team's best moment when she scored a 9.900 on the beam, including a 9.95 from one of the judges.
- For the second year in a row, Lindenwood **Table Tennis** has won the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Regional tournament that was held February 20-21 at Hyland Arena on the St. Charles, Missouri campus

- The **Department of Education** (DOE) issued our 2013 draft 3-year Cohort Default Rate (official final rates are issued in September 2016) for financial aid. The report indicates that our 2012 official 3-year rate was 3.4% and our 2013 draft rate is 2.7%, which indicates that our financial literacy program is doing a great job in educating our students. This is great news!

Draft rates are not public since schools have the right to appeal.

Below represents research from the 2012, 3-year official rates issued in September 2015.

Lindenwood University	3.4%
Maryville University	5.5%
MO Baptist	5.9%
SLU	4.3%
Webster University	5.1%
Fontbonne University	6.1%

- **Christie Rodgers** and **Caryn McFerren** from the St. Charles campus and **Michelle Sanford** from the Belleville campus attended the 35th Annual First Year Experience (FYE) Conference, February 20-23.
- The men's and women's **Track and Field Teams** finished competition at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Indoor Championships on Sunday, February 28 and both the men and women placed ninth as a team.
- The **Men's Lacrosse** team opened the season ranked in the top 10 in NCAA Division II, and was also picked second in the preseason conference poll. The **Women's Lacrosse** team opened the year ranked No. 3 in the nation and is off to a 3-0 start.

- The **Annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon** was held March 2. Chaplain Michael Mason performed the invocation, President Michael Shonrock and Mr. Dan Grigg welcomed the many guest in attendance. Dr. Betty T. Osiek presented **Bryan Stone** with the 2016 Scholarship. The closing remarks were presented by Dr. Joseph Parisi.
- The Lindenwood **Wrestling** team placed third at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Championships after also coming in third during the MIAA regular season. Four Lions placed second at the conference event.
- Francis Howell School District has named Lindenwood University Alumna, **Brandy Patterson** as the **2016 Teacher of the Year**.
- The **Women's Swimming and Diving** team finished second at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Championships, while the men's team came in third. **Alicia McGillivray** was the women's swimmer of the meet, while **Cristian Vasquez** was the men's freshman of the year and head coach **Jason Owen** was the co-coach of the year.
- On Thursday, March 3 the **Kansas City Marriott Downtown** hosted Lindenwood Alumni for a time to reminisce with fellow Alumni and get the news on all of the great things happening at Lindenwood.
- **Men's Field** athlete **Akintunde Akinyemi** won the MIAA Indoor High Jump Championship. Both the Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field teams finished ninth at the event.
- The **Lions Baseball** team is off to a 6-4 start in February, which includes two wins over top teams in the region in Augustana and Missouri Southern.
- The **Women's Basketball** team earned a spot in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament with a win

over Lincoln in the final game of the season. In the tournament, the Lady Lions led after three quarters, but couldn't hold on in a loss to Central Oklahoma.

- The **Doors to the Future** initiative, also referred to as the “Library of the Future,” has raised/pledged, as of March 1, 2016, a total of \$4,979,577 of the \$7,000,000 campaign goal.
- Lindenwood **Men’s Basketball** player **Cory Arentsen** had one of the top scoring months in program history, including setting a school record with 46 points against Northwest Missouri. He is on pace to set the school’s single-season scoring average record.
- **Women’s Swimmer Trisha Ishikawa** was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Summit Award winner for the conference’s swimming and diving championships. That award goes to the student-athlete with the highest GPA who is participating in the event.
- **Women’s Basketball** player **Kassidy Gengenbacher** was named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District team. It is her second straight season earning academic all-district honors, and her first as a first-team selection. She is the first Lindenwood women’s basketball player to earned first-team honors in this academic awards program.
- Four wrestlers placed in the top-four at the NCAA Super Regionals which earned each of them a spot at the **NCAA Division II Wrestling National Championships**. The wrestlers going to nationals are **Danny Swan, Terrel Wilbourn, Kyle Jolas, and Dillon Archer**.
- The **Art and Design Department** is proud to present an exhibition of the work of its two newest faculty members, **Audra Hubbell** and **Nasheli Ortiz**. “Intersections” showcases the graphic design work of Hubbell and the fashion design work of Ortiz in the Boyle Family Gallery through April 3, 2016.

- The **Lindenwood Belleville Black Student Union** partnered with Project Compassion (Rachel R. Jackson-Bramwell – Executive Director) to collect more than 10,000 cases of bottled water on Saturday, February 27 to be shipped to Flint, Mich. for families dealing with the contaminated water crisis.
- Lindenwood University **Belleville** Junior **Erick Flores** just accepted a summer internship as an Athletic Training Student at Disney's Wide World of Sports.
- Lindenwood University School of Education adjunct faculty member **Dr. Patrick Brown** recently had two publications published in prominent educational research journals: *The International Journals of Science Education* and the *Royal Society of Chemistry*.
- Lindenwood **Lutheran Student Union** welcomes all who would like to attend Bible study on Mondays from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- For those who are interested in attending mass, it is held every Sunday evening in the **Sibley Chapel** at 8:00 p.m.
- The **Canada Geese** are back on campus in different areas, including one area with a mate protecting the mother, nest, and eggs. Canada Geese are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Act of 1918. This Act makes it illegal to harm or injure a goose and damage or move its eggs and nest. Non-compliance with the federal act can result in fines ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- The **St. Charles** campus Faculty and Student Government have recommend the following Commencement speakers for the May Graduation ceremonies:

Dr. Billi Patzius has been on the faculty at Lindenwood since 2007, when she was hired as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in what was then the LCIE program. She has since transferred to the day undergraduate program where she has been the chair of the Criminal Justice department since 2014. She has recently accepted

the role of Interim Dean of the School of Human Services In 2014, Dr. Patzius was selected by the LSGA as the Professor of the Year.

Dr. Travis McMaken joined the faculty in the Religion department in 2011. Since that time he has taught a variety of Religion courses and has garnered excellent student evaluations. He has also worked closely with his colleagues to revise and update the religion curriculum. In 2014 the Lindenwood faculty selected Travis as the Scholar of the Year for outstanding scholarship in his field.

On the **Belleville** campus, President Brett Barger has announced that Dr. Christopher Dussold has been selected as the Belleville Commencement Speaker. Dr. Dussold began his career with Lindenwood University Belleville as an Associate Professor of Finance in 2011 and has served as Faculty Council President for the last two years. Dr. Dussold has a PhD in finance from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

- **Samuel Rudloff**, president of the **Student Government Association** has reported that students appreciate the University's effort to keep tuition cost under control and invest student fees into improvement they sought. "We asked about this in student focus groups in the fall," Rudloff said. "And Lindenwood University is delivering. President Shonrock may be a freshman president, but his passion to connect with the students at Lindenwood has made a great impact on our lives."
- Fashion and Design teams up with Women's Basketball for the second "**Hoops n' Heels**" event at the Lindenwood Cultural Center April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Fashion design students have created clothing that will be modeled by the women's basketball team in an event that combines fashion and athletics.
- The office of the **General Counsel** now has access to **Westlaw Next** – a legal research database that gives us access to court decisions across the country as well as various legal forms, practice guides, and law review articles and journals. You can read a little more about it here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westlaw>

- **Dr. Jason Lively** accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs for the School of Arts, Media, and Communications on March 3, 2016. The position begins in August, when the official merger of the School of Communications and School of Fine and Performing Arts begins.
- Dean Roger Ellis in the Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship has selected **Carol Felzien** to serve in the capacity of director of Hammond Institute Administration in the school. In her new role, Felzien will provide marketing, special event planning and administrative support for directors overseeing the Hammond Institute's three focus centers.
- Belleville **Lynx Swimming** finished the 2016 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championships this past weekend with unbelievable results. In the program's second season, both the men's and women's teams flooded the top 16 in every event and moved into the top ten in team rankings. The Lady Lynx finished ninth overall, while the Lynx Men finished third. In addition, Lynx Swimming crowned **Daniel Buijs** its first ever National Champion in the men's 200 Backstroke!
- During Go Red week in February, the Residential Life Department teamed up with Professor, Dr. Jack Beckerle in supporting the **Red Cross Blood Drive**. The goal for the two day event was to receive 75 pints of blood. The end number was 95 pints, which was the most blood donations received to date. We received blood donations from 88 students and many were first time donors!
- Please help Leo the Lion welcome his new sibling, a Lion that the **Lindenwood University Student Ambassadors** adopted from the St. Louis Zoo!
- Join us for an informative exchange of ideas at **"Free Speech & Inclusion - Friends or Foes?"** on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spellmann Center in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room. Hosted by the Hammond Institute the event is provided in partnership with the Lindenwood's Diversity, Inclusion

and Equity Task Force at Lindenwood and the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce.

- **Leo the Lion Devoured the Northwest Missouri Mascot** during the halftime of the Lindenwood/Northwest Missouri State Conference Tournament game in Kansas City on Friday, March 4, 2016. A friendly competition between the mascots from the two competing institutions took place. Leo's antics, twists, turns, and splits grabbed the attention of everyone in the Municipal Auditorium, and all four judges gave a unanimous thumbs up for Leo as the winner of the face-off. Although the team failed to win the basketball game, Lindenwood came home victorious with another well fought battle on the hardwoods.
- **Men's Ice Hockey** was crowned the 2016 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division 1 National Champion with a 2-1 victory over Iowa State at the Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Illinois. The Lions fell behind early, but rallied in the final 21 minutes of game action to take the title, the third overall for the program and the first since 2010.
- **Lindenwood Admissions** hosted 65 students for a Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship 'Future Student Business Day'. This event included an admissions overview, campus tour, presentations from faculty, and a student panel for discussion.
- **Dr. Joe Parisi**, Vice President for Enrollment Management, sent over 800 emails to admitted students to congratulate them on their recent admission to Lindenwood and a personal invitation to meet with them on campus.
- The 3rd annual **Student-Athlete Talent Show** will be held Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 in the Hyland Arena. Cost: \$2 (All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation). Hosted by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
- **[You Are Invited!](#)**

Coffee, Cookies, and Assessment:

“Retention and First-Year Students: New Assessment Initiatives in Partnership with Ruffalo Noel Levitz”



Presenter: Dr. Christie Rodgers, Associate Vice President for
Student and Academic Support Services
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Location: Harmon Hall, Room 136

Lindenwood University has entered into a partnership with the consulting firm, Ruffalo Noel Levitz, to assist us in our efforts to improve student retention (Ruffalo Noel Levitz). In her presentation, Dr. Rodgers will describe several assessment initiatives to be undertaken, including the Student Retention Predictor, the College Student Inventory (CSI), and the Mid-Year Student Assessment (a follow-up post-test for the CSI). These initiatives have great significance for the entire campus so we encourage your attendance!

Refreshments will be provided!

*Sponsored by the Office of Assessment and IR and the Assessment
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