



Friday, May 20, 2016

- It is with great sadness that we announce the recent passing of Lindenwood University employee **Dale Lauer**. Dale worked in Public Safety and Security for the last 5 years. His family would like to extend an invitation to a Celebration of Life Ceremony. Details of the event will be released as soon as they are finalized.
- Dr. Chad Kersick, Assistant Professor, Exercise Science recently published a paper that he will be submitting abstract to present at the **International Society of Sports Nutrition** this June in Tampa, Florida.
- Dr. Howard J. Wall, director of the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise at Lindenwood University, recently announced that the institute has launched a **Criminal Justice Reform Initiative** with Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Jeanie Thies as research fellow guiding the effort.  
[Read more](#)
- **Phi Delta Theta's first Soberfest** raised \$420.00 for the ALS Foundation. This was the first time this event occurred on campus

and brought 90 people to the event. This was an event where students had pizza, played games, and danced to show our campus they can have fun without the use of alcohol. Phi Delta Theta has a strong history of non-alcohol use.

- President and Mrs. Shonrock hosted 95 Student Life Sports athletes Tuesday evening May 10, for another “**Champions Night**” at the Lindenwood House. Food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all!
- Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Student Life and Leadership held the second **Late Night Breakfast** of the year to kick off finals week. Over 20 faculty and staff supported the event, serving food, drinks, and all around good cheer. This event saw over 1,000 attendants! Also, Chris Reed, a member of the men’s rugby team, retained his title as the undefeated champion of the timed eating competition for the 7<sup>th</sup> semester in a row!
- The Lindenwood **Softball** team had 15 players earn academic honors in the MIAA.
- Lindenwood **Student Athletes** were well represented throughout the class of 2016. Fifty-eight NCAA athletes earned their degrees after the spring semester, and numerous other athletes also walked and will receive their degrees after the summer or fall semesters.
- **Student Life and Leadership** held 1,953 events and meetings on campus this past year for students to participate in. There were 10 new student organizations that were added, bringing the total up to 79 organizations, with approximately 1,600 involved students. We are proud to announce that the student organizations completed just under 6,500 hours of community service for the year.
- Seven members of the Lindenwood **Women's Lacrosse** team received Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) all-region honors.
- Congratulations to the 2015-2016 **Lindenwood Student Government Association (LSGA)** Professor of the Year, Dr. Mary

Ruettgers, assistant professor in the School of Education and department chair, Initial Teacher Education Program.

- Three Lindenwood student athletes earned **College Sports Information Directors of America** (CoSIDA) Academic All-District honors. Hockey player [Nicole Hensley](#) earned the award for the second straight season on the women's side, while golfer [Ryan Dyck](#) and tennis player [Filip Bogic](#) earned the honor on the men's side.
- Lindenwood recently received a thank you note from **Dr. Bob Boerigter Commissioner, MIAA** for hosting the 2016 MIAA tournament on campus. He wrote, *“The response from our schools to this experience has been very positive. I am convinced we were able to provide a quality championship experience for eight (8) participating baseball teams – something the MIAA has not been able to do in the past”*.
- Two Lindenwood student-athletes were recently selected to represent the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) at the upcoming **Career in Sports Forum** in Indianapolis, Indiana. The selected players from Lindenwood are football's [DJ Hicks](#) and women's lacrosse's [Maddi Ossello](#).
- Lindenwood **Olympic Weightlifting** coach [Jianping Ma](#) recently traveled to Portugal on a combination teaching and recruiting trip.
- In addition to succeeding in competitions, Lindenwood student-athletes success continued into the classroom. Grades for the Spring semester are still coming in so some team GPA's are not finalized, but initial results are positive for NCAA student-athletes. Several teams have posted over a **3.0 team GPA** again this semester, but none were better than the women's golf team. Coach Weber's team finished 10<sup>th</sup> at NCAA Regionals last month and finished the Spring semester with an outstanding **3.91 team GPA**
- Lindenwood University has partnered with the **Gallup** organization on a three year project to survey alumni and study graduate experiences and long term outcomes as they pursue great jobs and

great lives. The first web survey shows Lindenwood graduates are more likely than other college graduates to be working full time for an employer and engaged on the job.

- **Men's Ice Hockey** head coach [Rick Zombo](#) recently received his award for being named American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division I National Coach-of-the-Year.
- Lindenwood University held a grand opening for its newest location in St. Louis' **Old Post Office** building at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. The event included remarks by a distinguished collection of speakers, a ceremonial ribbon cutting, and tours of the facility led by Lindenwood student ambassadors.
- [Stephen Bopp](#) and [Brandon Rumble](#) have been named **American Collegiate Hockey League** (ACHA) Men's Division I Second Team All-Americans for the 2015-16 season.
- Lindenwood University Belleville students can earn scholarship funding through the "**Get to know M.E campaign**". The campaign is funding six individual \$2,000 scholarships to be awarded to six students, two from each of the host sponsor Universities of the "Get to know M.E." campaign: [Read more](#)
- [Morgan Judd](#) of the No. 3 ranked Lindenwood **Women's Lacrosse** team will be the recipient of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Summit Award.
- The MIAA announced its **2016 All-MIAA Tennis Team** which it awarded the Lindenwood tennis programs two honorable mentions and a sportsmanship accolade.
- **Circle K International** (CKI) is the premier collegiate and university community service, leadership development and friendship organization in the world. With more than 12,600 members in 17 nations. Circle K clubs are organized and sponsored by a Kiwanis club on a college or university campus. Recently our Circle K students cheered and encouraged "Girls on the Run" (a positive self-esteem building running group for elementary and

middle school aged girls) during a 5K run. KSDK produced a wonderful photo gallery of the event that you can view [here](#).

- Lindenwood's new **Barnes and Noble College Bookstore** is now open on the St. Charles campus.
- On May 13-15, the **United States Junior Nationals Organization** hosted their annual Gateway Challenge Girls Basketball Tournament here at Lindenwood. This year the event was sold out with 128 teams attending from throughout the Midwest region. In the span of two days, we hosted approximately 1,512 student-athletes, their families, and their coaches for unofficial visits, allowing us the opportunity to showcase our great institution.
- **artCONVERSATIONS**, a St. Louis based art curator of exhibits that address human behavior and societal concerns, announced today that its inaugural exhibit, *Freedom Imagined; Freedom Lived*, will be on view May 22 – June 17 at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts' Boyle Family Gallery at Lindenwood University's St. Charles campus.
- The following Lindenwood students are Gateway Battalion ROTC participants: **Cadet Emma Hupp** is a freshman, majoring in Computer Science, **Cadet John Martinez** is a junior, majoring in Criminal Justice, **Cadet Keyana Mapp** is a junior Political Science Major. Upon graduation, CDT Mapp is hoping to attend Law School and become an Army Judge Advocate General Officer.
- **Lindenwood University Belleville** unveiled a new alma mater for our campus at this year's commencement ceremony. The music and lyrics were created by **Nick Moramarco**, Assistant Professor and **Marsha Parker**, Professor in Belleville.
- Eleven members of the Lindenwood **Men's Volleyball** team were named to the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Academic All-Conference team.
- The Lindenwood **Baseball** team placed eight players on the all-MIAA squad including [Wes Degener](#), who earned first team honors.

- **Student Life and Leadership** is in the final preparations for the fall recruitment cycle. We are anticipating substantial growth in our fraternity/sorority community during the fall. We ended the year with 285 affiliated men and women.
- We invite you to attend the **Gateway Science Academy's** first graduation ceremony. The Gateway Science Academy is a charter school sponsored by the Lindenwood School of Education. Their graduation will be held in the Hyland Arena at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, followed by a short reception at 8:00 p.m. in the VIP room.
- **Belleville Faculty/Staff**, had the great pleasure of serving eggs, biscuits and gravy, potatoes, waffles, and other breakfast treats to over 700 students who momentarily pried themselves from their studies to have some fun and heavy breakfast food. **Renee and Dan Porter** actually celebrated their wedding anniversary in the serving line.  
The Happy Serving Team was: Renee and Dan Porter, Reeta Piirala-Skoglund, Chris Dussold, Steve Suess, Bill Chaffin, Paige Mettler-Cherry, Pat Clifton, Caitlin Erickson, Terry Glenn, Ashleigh Goedereis, Charis Gourdine, Jason Reifek, Taras Odushkin, Kelly Prince, and Scott Spinner.
- [Jonah Mead-VanCort](#) won the **Men's Division I Criterium** title while the cycling team finished fourth overall in the team Omnium at the 2016 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships May 13-15 in Marshall and Burnsville, North Carolina.
- **SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**  
The Lindenwood Alumni Friends and Family Picnic and Movie Night is coming up!!  
This year, we will be showing ZOOTOPIA on the big outdoor screen!!  
Join us again this year for good food, good times, and lots of laughs!  
And...it's all free!!

Tell your fellow alums and get a group together! If you don't want to wait, RSVP now!

Email [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu), and tell me your name and how many will be in your group.

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