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## A Message From President Evans Doing Good as We Do Well

It sounds ungrammatical, but it is not. “Doing good as we do well” is germane to the fabric of Lindenwood’s mission, and that has been true since Mary and George Sibley founded this distinguished school on the nascent 19th century American frontier. Many of the earliest available notes and monographs about Lindenwood portray a morally sophisticated college that unabashedly aimed at educating the whole person – intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually. The earliest codified statement of mission we have been able to locate comes from the University’s 1853 state charter, which proclaims that Lindenwood shall produce “enlightened, accomplished, useful citizens.” Not only was Mary Sibley a devout servant leader, but also many of Lindenwood’s presidents were ministers with Christian service as a high-priority ideal. By tradition, that lifestyle was instilled in the students. Service to others, then, has always been a cornerstone of the character-development dimension of a Lindenwood education.



Anyone who has followed Lindenwood’s development across the past two decades is aware of advancements we have made during that time in the size and diversity of our student body, number and scope of our programs, and strength and vitality of our facilities and financial base. The fundamental mission, however, has not been altered, and the other-centeredness ethos of the Sibleys governs our culture and direction today. Indeed, in accordance with Luke 12:48, our great blessings of late cause us to feel even more obligated to encourage the values of altruism and civic service campus-wide. The following developments are but a few of the many examples of this institutional trait:

- Each year Lindenwood’s Career Planning and Placement Office enables dozens of our students to satisfy their Work and Learn hours through our Community Work Service Program. In the 2007-08 academic year, 83 of our best protégés worked a total of 17,340 hours rendering service in civic and social service venues in surrounding communities.
- Sponsored by our Campus YMCA, a cadre of our students went on Lindenwood’s Alternative Spring Break: These young leaders spent their traditional March hiatus not on a beach or a cruise but, rather, helping elderly adults with their spring yard work at their homes near the Lake of the Ozarks!
- Led by our Non-Profit professors, Lindenwood students raised more than \$32,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital last fall.
- During the 2007-08 academic year, our students engaged in 848 practicums and 567 internships as a part of their Lindenwood education. Most of these positions were unpaid service appointments in regional community agencies and organizations.

So significant is our commitment to the value of servant leadership that we plan to begin a formal system of logging students’ civic and social service hours via a Web-based database system. Students who compile portfolios of exceptional volunteerism will receive a certification of that accomplishment on their transcripts. We view no other form of human prowess as more worthy of being recorded than that of exemplary service to the human community.

Please accept my best wishes for a beautiful fall season. I hope to see you at the Lindenwood Homecoming.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James D. Evans, Ph.D.  
President

## Catch the Spirit Homecoming Schedule Oct. 17-18

Walk down memory lane with your friends, former classmates and professors. Rekindle friendships, tour the campus, and enjoy an alumni reception. We encourage you to support your alma mater and hope that you will join us in experiencing what we are today. Catch the Spirit and join us for Homecoming & Reunion 2008. This year we will honor the classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003.

### Friday, October 17

- Alumni Museum Tours, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Location: Across from campus on corner of Madison Avenue and Kingshighway.
- Registration, 2 p.m.  
Location: Hyland Performance Arena
- Historic Campus Bus Tours, 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hyland Performance Arena
- Alumni & Friends Reception, 4:30 p.m.  
Includes all honored classes with special seating for each class, heavy hors d’oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks.  
Location: Hyland Performance Arena

### Saturday, October 18

- Alumni & Parents Breakfast with the President, 9 a.m.  
Alumni and parents are invited to join us for breakfast and to meet Dr. James D. Evans, Lindenwood University president.  
Location: Leadership Room in Spellmann Center
- Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 10 a.m.  
All alumni are invited to participate in the annual Alumni Association meeting and meet the Alumni Board.  
Location: Leadership Room in Spellmann Center

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### On The Cover

Lindenwood alums Kate O’Neal, (’07 & ’08), Eric Stuhler (’78), and Barbara Broadfoot (’70), standing, Candace Roberts (’07), Shannon Vines (’03 & ’05), seated, and Luis Basantes (’06), and Kyle Martin (’07), kneeling, invite you to come back for a visit on Homecoming Weekend.

# Faculty Spotlight

## Easy Chair? Professor Bittner Keeps Busy In Retirement

To many, retirement is a time to slow down and enjoy the things they never had time for during their work years. Apparently, somebody forgot to give that message to Groff Bittner.

Bittner spent 41 years teaching piano and “just about every music class you could imagine” at Lindenwood, from jazz history to musical theory. He retired in 2001, but his “retirement” is anything but slow. He still teaches piano part-time at LU, and he just finished an exhausting trip playing piano gigs on the summer horse show circuit.

As soon as he got back into town, Bittner, 78, made a beeline for the new \$32 million Lindenwood Center to “check on things.” The building is where his beloved music department has moved, and it is the new home of some of the finest pianos in the country — Steinways. Lindenwood recently purchased 27 Steinways for the campus and is now one of just 84 schools nationwide known as “all-Steinway.”

“Lindenwood is such a special place,” he said. “There is so much going on. It’s hard not to be involved. This Steinway program is going to be great for the students.”

On his visit, he chats awhile with Peter Bezemes, the executive director of the center. Then he stops to talk to Professor Pam Grooms about a piano tuner working his magic just a couple of days before school starts. And then he has a conversation with an old friend, Jim Fitz, about purchasing tickets to an upcoming show featuring Guy & Ralna of the Lawrence Welk Show. Then he had to “test” the piano tuner’s work by playing the



Bittner plays one of the Steinway pianos in the Lindenwood Center’s new piano lab as his friend and Lindenwood donor Jim Fitz looks on.

Steinways in the Lindenwood Center’s new piano lab.

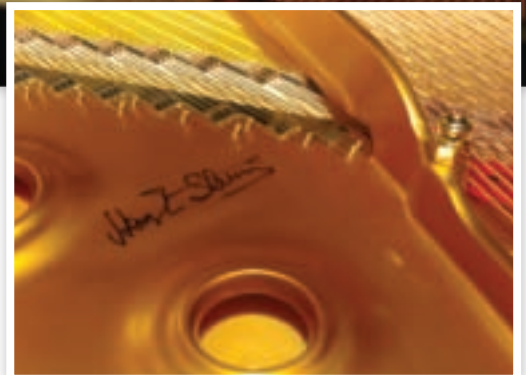
“Marsha (Parker) talked to me about continuing to teach after retirement,” said Bittner of his dean, who was one of the key designers of the Lindenwood Center. “Nobody wants to be left on the sidelines, especially with this new building going up.”

Bittner has fond memories of his students at Lindenwood; they provide a personal connection that will never be broken. He’s proud of them all, including Scottish folk singer Jean Ann Redpath Hagen and jazz pianist Barbara Sutton Curtis. There are many, many more.

In fact, some of the students still write to him. And he and his wife, Fern (who was the director of horsemanship at Lindenwood from 1957 to 1982) can’t seem to maneuver through a local store or a restaurant without a visit from a former student.

“Fern and I are going to Pio’s tonight for dinner and I know I’ll run into someone,” he said. “You can’t help it after 41 years. It makes you feel like you’ve really made a difference and helped a few people instead of trodding along.”

No one could suggest Groff Bittner ever trodded along. Not even in retirement.



### Bittner Steinway Has A Nice Tone

Do you have fond memories of Groff Bittner?

Lindenwood University is seeking donations to name the Lindenwood Center’s new 7-foot Steinway grand piano after our beloved Professor Emeritus. It takes \$65,000 to name this special piano, signed personally by Henry Steinway, the last surviving member of the Steinway family.

Please use the envelope inside *Connection* and designate your contribution to the “Bittner Steinway.”



Dorothy Warner receives an honorary doctorate from then-President Dennis Spellmann in 1993.

# A “Lindenwood Lady”

## Alumna, Board Member Warner Passes Away

Lindenwood University is mourning the passing of longtime supporter, board member and alumna Dorothy DuQuoin Warner, 93, who died on July 14 at her home in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Warner is remembered by fellow board member and alumna Nancy Calvert as “passionate about helping students succeed. She did many, many things behind the scenes to help young people. She was the epitome of what it means to be a Lindenwood lady. And she was tough as nails on the board of directors when she had to be.”

A funeral and memorial service were held Tuesday, July 22, in Clinton, Ill., where she was interred next to her husband, John Warner III, who died in 1984.

“No one has ever been more devoted to Lindenwood than Dorothy was,” said James Evans, Ph.D., president of Lindenwood University, who attended the funeral and memorial service on July 22 in Clinton. “We will miss her greatly.”

The daughter of Andrew E. and Kathryn Smoot DuQuoin, she was born in Petersburg, Ill., May 15, 1915. Her ancestors were among the earliest settlers of Petersburg, arriving from Virginia in the 1830s. They were friends and associates of Abraham Lincoln, Stephen Douglas and other prominent men of the day.

Ms. Warner graduated from high school in Kansas City in 1932, and attended Lindenwood, where she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1936. She also studied French as an undergraduate and remained fluent in the language.

An ardent supporter of the arts and a passionate believer in education, Ms. Warner established and managed the

Clinton, Ill., Fine Arts Center in the 1960s. In the 1970s she joined the Lindenwood board of directors, where she served actively into the 1990s. She was given the title of Director Emeritus.

Ms. Warner also served on the Lindenwood Alumni Board and was the recipient of many honors and awards commemorating her service to the school, including the Alumni Merit Award in 1977, the Sibley Medallion of Honor in 1991 and an honorary doctorate in 1993. She was heavily involved in the efforts to save Lindenwood when it fell on hard times

during the late 1980s.

Ms. Warner’s generosity to her alma mater was well known. She was a founding member of Lindenwood’s Butler Society and funded renovations to the indoor swimming pool in Butler Hall, which is named in her honor, and the chapel in Sibley Hall, which was built in 1856 and is the oldest building on campus.

At the time of her death, plans were in progress to dedicate the Lindenwood University School of Education office building as Warner Hall in her honor.

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In a 1983 photo, Dorothy Warner sits in the grass in front of Sibley Hall talking with students Lori Hasselkus, Cindy McGinley and Maureen Mayer.



# Super Alumna

The ceremony is scheduled to take place October 10.

Ms. Warner was enthusiastic about travel all her life. From childhood, she traveled frequently in the United States, and she visited the former Soviet Union and China shortly after those countries opened their doors to western tourism. She also made numerous trips to Europe and visited much of the Orient and the Middle East.

Ms. Warner was an active member of P.E.O. chapters in Illinois and in New Hampshire. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Ill. She regularly attended the Congregational Church in Laconia, N.H.

Survivors include a son, John Warner IV; a daughter, Kathryn Warner Miller; a son-in-law, James Miller, and seven grandchildren.



Dorothy Warner in an undated photo from the Lindenwood University archives.

## 'She Wore Kid Gloves Over Hands of Steel'

"Dorothy Warner became my friend and a mentor when I was a new member of the Alumni Board in the mid 80s. Her wise counsel was also helpful when I later served as a member of Lindenwood's Board of Directors. Dorothy believed in the power of women and the value of a strong education in a women's college. She also recognized that men deserve equal opportunity and helped pave the way for men to be educated at Lindenwood College. She led the way for their successful integration into campus life.

"Dorothy was a lady who wore kid gloves over hands of steel. Her heart was as large as her intellect and her love encompassed every student she met.

"I value the things I learned from her and the example she set. I am a better person for having known her."

Carol Kellogg Stoub, Class of 1957

## Warner Cared About Her School

*Following is an excerpt of remarks by Lindenwood board member and alumna Nancy Calvert at the memorial service of Dorothy Warner.*

When I became a board member at Lindenwood University, I had a front row seat from which to watch Dorothy, ever the astute businesswoman, as she helped to lead our beloved college from the brink of closure to the successful enterprise it is today. When Dorothy spoke, everyone listened. She said "her school" wasn't going to close and it didn't!

It was the spirit of our founder, Mary Sibley, that inspired Dorothy and she spent decades of dedicated service in helping to make sure that Mary Sibley's dreams would continue to be a reality.

I am sure not many people know that through the years Dorothy quietly helped needy Lindenwood students complete their degrees because she believed so strongly in the benefits of a liberal arts education.

At Lindenwood Commencement ceremonies in 1993, I was asked to present Dorothy with an honorary doctorate of humane letters. How many of you knew that she was Dr. Warner?

My files yielded a sweet handwritten note from Dorothy following the presentation of her honorary degree: "I appreciate all of the kind and thoughtful things done for me this weekend. It all added up to a very important weekend in my life – one I will never forget."

Well, Dorothy, we will never forget you.

You showed the depth of your commitment to the excellence of education at Lindenwood with hard work, style and grace. You were tough but fair and always very much a lady.

Hard worker, style, grace, tough but fair – always a lady.....

Those words describe the Dorothy Warner I was privileged to know and for whom I and her other alumni friends had the deepest respect. Lindenwood University today is better because Dorothy Warner cared about "her school," and we are all richer for having known her.

*Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lindenwood University Office of Institutional Advancement, 209 South Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301.*

# Donor Spotlight

## Naming of Dorm is about Giving Back, Honoring Family

Ralph Pfremer came to work at Lindenwood in 1994 as the school's manager of food service. Today, Pfremer is founder and CEO of Pfoodman, the company that provides food service for Lindenwood University and numerous other clients around the country.

Despite that success, Pfremer says he has not forgotten where it all started. And when Lindenwood's two newest residence halls open this fall, one of them will bear the name Pfremer Hall. Pfremer says the naming is part tribute to his father, part legacy for him and his wife, Janie, and part payback to the place where he started what has turned out to be a very successful business.

When Pfremer was hired to run the food service at Lindenwood, he said his goal was to improve the service and "overdeliver." At that time, Lindenwood's cafeteria was in the lower level of Ayres Hall. He worked at Lindenwood until 1999, at which time he left to take a job with a company that ran the food service at Washington University. Before he left Lindenwood, however, he helped put together the design for the cafeteria planned for the new Spellmann Center.

During the next year, he said he was in regular communication with Lindenwood Vice President Julie Mueller over the cafeteria design as the building was coming together.

"It became apparent how much Lindenwood meant to me," Pfremer said. "My goal, even when I left, was to come back to Lindenwood."

Pfremer did just that. He returned the following year after starting Pfoodman; initially, Lindenwood was his only client.

"We had the support of the school and I was able to start a company conceptualized around Lindenwood and this building (Spellmann Center)," Pfremer said. "It means a lot to me that we don't take the school for granted."

Pfremer has given back in a number of ways since then. He endowed a scholarship in entrepreneurial studies in his father's name, because he said his success is a product of the influence Lindenwood gave him, meshed with the things he learned from his father.



Janie and Ralph Pfremer in front of Pfremer Hall.

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"Other people we admire have named these dorms. They are real-life heroes right here at Lindenwood. They are the reason we want to give back. They set the example for everyone else to follow."

— Ralph Pfremer

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"Pfoodman was born out of those things," Pfremer said.

He also speaks on campus to business classes and he assisted in putting together Lindenwood's cycling team, bringing to bear his passion for the sport.

"It's really like a family to him," said Janie Pfremer. "The school means a great deal to Ralph."

Pfoodman has grown considerably since its early days when Lindenwood was its only client. The company is now a leader in the food service industry, specializing in educational and senior living facilities. Pfoodman has, in fact, branched out beyond food service into the design and building of senior residential facilities. He said his success is based partly on the business values he developed while working with the school.

"The idea is to provide a good work environment for our employees and take care of the things that made us successful," Pfremer said. "We've embraced the vision of the school. You look back on the heritage and do the things you're supposed to do. It is the Sibley values that drive the framework. You learn about the history by being involved in the fabric of it."

As he was with the Spellmann Center cafeteria, Pfremer has also been heavily involved in the planning for the cafeteria in the new Student Commons building to be constructed adjacent to the Hyland Performance Arena.

"The new facility will be the culmination of seven new and exciting national brands developed for first use at Lindenwood," Pfremer said. "This facility will be a nice one, and we will play a hands-on role in putting that together."

On the decision to name a residence hall, as opposed to the various other naming opportunities on campus, Pfremer said it was based on the influences he has had from the leadership of the university.

"Other people we admire have named these dorms," Pfremer said. "They are the reason we want to give back. They set the example for everyone else to follow."

# Alumna Spotlight

## Nelly Don — Dress Designer Has Roots At Lindenwood

One of this country's first female self-made millionaires is a 1909 Lindenwood alum—Nelly Don. She was remembered over the summer at the Missouri River Irish Festival in St. Charles, which paid tribute to the life and work of the great clothing manufacturer by promoting many of her original fashions and showing a documentary of her life.

Nelly Don was a clothing manufacturer and distributor from the 1920s through the 1950s. Her company was named by its founder Ellen Quinlan Donnelly Reed, who split her last name (Don Nelly) and reversed the order (Nelly Don).

The story of Nelly Don is a compelling one. She was one of the first and most successful self-made millionaires in American business; she was an entrepreneur and pioneer in women's ready-to-wear clothing; she designed and sold more women's clothes and dresses in the 20th century than any other single person in the United States.

Nelly grew up in Parsons, Kan., one of 13 children of John and Catherine Quinlan, who had come to America from Ireland shortly before the Civil War. Nelly was the 12th child and the 5th daughter. She was christened Ellen Howard Quinlan, but her older sisters quickly took to calling her Nell. Hating the hand-me-down clothing she had to wear, she began to redesign the clothes without any patterns. It was this talent that led to her famous career as a dress designer and manufacturer.



Nell Donnelly signs paperwork in 1967 with President John A. Brown establishing a professorship in math. She also received an alumni merit award in 1964.



Nell Donnelly Reed receives her LLD degree from Dr. Franc McCluer in 1949 as Dr. James W. Clarke looks on.

At 18, Nell enrolled at Lindenwood College, then a two year women's college, where she studied the arts and humanities. After earning her degree at Lindenwood, Nell moved back to Kansas City and became a housewife — but, as her biographers write, “not for long.” This is where the Nelly Don story takes off.

Nell did not want to wear the everyday Mother Hubbard fashions women were resigned to wearing in those days, so she started making her own dresses. She gave them away to her family, friends and neighbors who soon encouraged her to sell them, which she did. In 1916, Peck's Dry Goods Store in Kansas City ordered 18 dozen of Nell's dresses, and her business was off and running.

By 1923, Nell had 250 employees. By 1931, Nell had more than 1,000 employees and \$3.5 million in sales. Her factory was making 5,000 dresses a day and continued to do so under her leadership for the next 25 years. The company was headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., and had additional factories in Missouri. During World War II they made uniforms for women in the military, uniforms for women in factories and underwear for men in the military. In 1931, she divorced her first husband Paul

Donnelly, and married James A. Reed, a former Kansas City mayor and U.S. senator.

Nelly Don manufactured 75 million dresses from 1916 to 1978, making her company the largest dress manufacturer of the 20th century. Hers was one of the first businesses to apply assembly line techniques to clothing manufacturing. It was reported that she only had to dismiss one employee in the entire history of the company, which was highly recognized for its employee benefits. She was also the first local employer to offer hospitalization, scholarships for the children of her employees and tuition aid for employees themselves. She had the first fully air-conditioned factory, and the employee loyalty was very strong.

Nelly Don was an astute business woman who lived until the age of 102. She was described by *Fortune Magazine* in 1935 as “possibly the most successful businesswoman in the United States.” She supported her alma mater throughout her life. From the 1920s through the 1940s she sponsored fashion shows on the Lindenwood campus; she received an honorary degree in 1949 and later in the 1960s funded a mathematics professorship.

## New Speaker Series Off and Running

Lindenwood University has launched a new series that will bring a diverse selection of speakers to the school in 2008-2009, including authors, humanitarians, a key witness in the trial of Saddam Hussein, the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, and a National Geographic photographer.

The Lindenwood University Speaker Series is completely free and open to the public. It started Sept. 16 and concludes April 14.

"We are very excited about the inaugural year for the Lindenwood University Speaker Series," said Dr. James D. Evans, president of Lindenwood. "With a wide array of speakers and topics, this series is in keeping with our goal to establish this university as a true republic of shared ideas. We hope that the community takes advantage of the opportunity presented by these events that are open to the public."

The schedule started Sept. 16 with an appearance by Josh Shipp, motivational speaker for young people. Shipp has an international reputation as an inspiring youth speaker and author and has appeared on numerous network and cable television shows and has shared the stage with the likes of Bill Cosby. His presentation was titled "Don't Be Average."

The series continued Sept. 30 with an appearance by John Brown, author and Fox 2 News Anchor. Brown wrote *Missouri Legends, Famous People from the Show-Me State*, which offers amusing and informative anecdotes on the state's most famous residents.

The remaining speakers are:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, 7 p.m.,** Spellmann Center—Dr. Peter Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Best known locally for his role at the Botanical Garden, Raven is one of the world's leading botanists and environmentalists. He will discuss environmental issues.
- **Saturday, October 18, 2008, 4 p.m.,** Butler Library—Kristie Wolferman, author. Wolferman has written numerous books, including *The Indomitable Mary Easton Sibley*, which tells the story of Lindenwood's founder. She will discuss her book and Mary Easton Sibley.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008, 8 p.m.,** Lindenwood University Cultural Center—Beat Generation Poets David Meltzer and Michael Rothenberg. These two outstanding and renowned poets and authors will discuss the American cultural phenomenon known as beat poetry.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, 7 p.m.,** Spellmann Center—Ross Terrill, expert

on East Asia. Terrill, the author of nine books and a China specialist and research associate at Harvard's Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies, will speak on the future of China.

- **Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, 7 p.m.,** Lindenwood Center—Dr. Michael Trimble. As an archeologist working on the mass graves project in Iraq, Trimble was the chief U.S. witness in the war crimes trial of Saddam Hussein and other members of his regime. He will talk about his experiences and the war in Iraq. His speech is co-sponsored by Lindenwood and the Greater Saint Charles Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- **Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, 4 p.m.,** Spellmann Center—Fran Noonan, St. Louis' representative for the U.S. Peace Corps. Noonan, who works out of Washington University as a Peace Corps recruiter for the St. Louis area, will speak on helping others abroad.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, 7 p.m.,** Sibley Hall—Dr. Regina Faden, director of the Mark Twain Home and Museum. Faden, who manages the Hannibal home of Missouri's most famous author, will speak on the controversies surrounding one of his best known books, *Huckleberry Finn*.
- **Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 7 p.m.,** Spellmann Center—Courtney Dowdall, doctoral student at Florida International University. Dowdall, who has been working to improve the standard of living for agricultural workers in Guatemala, will speak on fair trade issues and Guatemalan coffee workers.
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7 p.m.,** Spellmann Center—Jodi Cobb, *National Geographic* photographer. Cobb's photographs from around the world have been seen in *National Geographic* and numerous books. She will speak on 21st century slavery.

For more information about any of these events, contact Paul Huffman at 636-949-4823.

## Consider Donating Anheuser-Busch Stock

The changes taking place at Anheuser-Busch have provided an unprecedented opportunity to make mutually beneficial gifts to Lindenwood. Many of you have invested in Anheuser-Busch over the years and the InBev acquisition has greatly changed your ability to make a meaningful donation.

Anheuser-Busch stock has greatly appreciated in value in just the past few months. Charitable deductions for stock are valued as of the date of the gift and not the cost at which you bought the stock. You could receive multiple tax benefits by supporting your university and making a gift of Anheuser-Busch stock to Lindenwood.

Making a gift of appreciated Anheuser-Busch stock gives you the same deduction as giving cash, but you also avoid paying capital gains!

For example, if you paid \$2,500 for your shares 10 years ago and it is now worth \$25,000, you avoid paying \$4,500 in capital gains tax (assuming you are in the 20 percent bracket). Even though you are making a \$25,000 donation, the actual cost to you is now \$11,750 (assuming you are in the 35 percent income tax bracket), which means you are now spending 47 cents for each dollar that you give to Lindenwood.

If you are an owner of Anheuser-Busch stock, you may want to consider giving all or some of your stock as your next gift to Lindenwood. As with all tax planning gifts, it is recommended that you consult your tax adviser regarding your intended gift.

A gift of \$25,000 to Lindenwood makes you a member of the Butler Society, a special group comprised of our major contributors who are recognized each year at a special dinner on campus.

Lindenwood benefits greatly from your generous gifts. Please make donations to the Annual Fund and help us prepare for the future by remembering Lindenwood in your estate plans. At this time a gift of your Anheuser-Busch stock is a unique opportunity to make a significant immediate gift and enjoy tax advantages as well.

For more information, please contact Dr. Lucy Morros, vice president for Institutional Advancement at 636-949-4532.

Visit our online-giving website at  
[www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu) and click on "donate."

Donate \$100 or more to Lindenwood University online and receive a souvenir of your alma mater.  
Contact the alumni office for more information at  
(636) 949-4975 or [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu).



## Crowd Sneaks a Peek at New Lindenwood Center



At left, Vice President Lucy Morros assists Barbara Kern, as Belleville Campus Director of Community Relations Mary Radcliff looks on.

Below, Executive Director Peter Bezemes talks to a group inside the Emerson Black Box Theatre.



A nighttime look at the new Lindenwood Center.

## Alumni Benefits Program Under Way

The Alumni Office recently launched a new alumni benefits program for all Lindenwood graduates. The Lindenwood University Alumni Association has begun working with a number of area businesses to offer special benefits and discounts at no cost to you.

A new alumni card indicating the year of graduation and the name of the alum will be issued to any Lindenwood alumni wishing to participate. Alumni can use the card by presenting it to area participating businesses and retailers to receive special discounts.

Benefits include campus discounts such as half-off admission for regular season games and off season passes, \$1 off admission to the historic Daniel Boone Home, and 10 percent off at the Lindenwood Spirit and Supplies Shoppe. Local business discounts include area dry cleaners, restaurants, hotels, hair salons, fitness facilities, golf courses, jewelry stores, and many more. To find a complete list of participants, please visit the Lindenwood Alumni page and click on the "Alumni Benefits" heading. Additional participants are added regularly to the Alumni Benefits section on the Lindenwood website so make sure to check back often!

The Alumni Association is proud to offer an array of valuable benefits to our members and hope you will participate in this program. To obtain your new alumni card and to begin receiving your special benefits and discounts, please contact Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations, at [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) or by calling 636-949-4975.

## Homecoming Schedule

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- Linden Leaves Recruitment Film Screening, 10:45 a.m.  
The Lindenwood College 1950's recruitment film *Linden Leaves*, starring many of the individuals from the class of 1958, will be shown. All alumni are invited to attend.  
Location: Leadership Room in Spellmann Center
- Student-Led Campus and Dorm Tours, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Dorms will be open during this time. Tour your former residence hall.  
Location: Welcome Center/ Admissions Building
- 1929 Time Capsule Opening, Noon  
The contents of a 1929 time capsule placed inside of the walls of the Butler Library will be unveiled.  
Location: Butler Library
- Homecoming football game, 1:30 p.m.  
The Lions will take on Graceland University (Iowa). Tickets are half price for any alumni presenting an alumni benefits card. Tickets may be purchased at Hunter Stadium, or, for additional information, contact the alumni office at 636-949-4975.  
Location: Hunter Stadium
- Guy & Ralna Performance, 2 p.m.  
Guy & Ralna from the Lawrence Welk Show will be performing in the new Lindenwood Center. Tickets are \$35 and \$45, and alumni will receive preferred seating. To purchase tickets please contact the ticket office at 636-949-4433.  
Location: Lindenwood Center for Fine and Performing Arts

- *The Indomitable Mary Easton Sibley*, 4 p.m.  
Presentation by author Kristie Carlson Wolferman, about the life and history of Lindenwood founder Mary Sibley. Books may be purchased in the Lindenwood University Spirit and Supplies Shoppe.  
Location: Butler Library

Hotel and transportation information may be found by visiting the Alumni and Friends section on our website at [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).

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# FUN

## 125 ATTEND FIRST ALUMNI PICNIC

The alumni of Lindenwood University now have two “must attend” annual events — Homecoming, and now the family-friendly annual Alumni Picnic! The inaugural picnic was Saturday, June 21 at the picnic grounds on the main campus between Hunter Stadium and the Hyland Performance Arena. An estimated 125 alumni, family, and friends attended.

There was no shortage of children’s activities, from pony rides to bowling, sidewalk chalk art, hopscotch, a coloring contest, and monster basketball. Alums could play horseshoes and pitch washers while catching up on old times with friends and family. Children hopped in gunny sacks and competed in the three-legged race. The baby races were real crowd-pleasers and things got sticky during the bubble gum bubble blowing contest. Water balloons filled the air as they were tossed between contestants only to be outdone by the infamous egg toss. A tug of war between alums ended the games and all participants were awarded ribbons.



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# LION ATHLETICS

## Olympic Spotlight — Lindenwood Represented Well in Beijing

The Lindenwood University athletics department had one of the proudest moments of its history this summer when two Lions appeared in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. Sean McLelland, a current student, competed for the United States in the skeet shooting event, while Donald Thomas, an alumnus, represented the Bahamas in the high jump.

McLelland put together one of the top performances of his career at the Olympic



Below, Lindenwood Olympian Sean McLelland is back on campus for his senior year.

Games and came up just one target short of advancing to the finals. During the five-round preliminaries, he hit 118 of 125 targets, tying his best score during an international competition. He was tied for sixth in the 41-person field after the prelims, but did not advance to the finals after missing a target during a sudden death shoot-off.

McLelland, ranked 41st in the world, finished in 11th place. He finished ahead of 13 shooters ranked higher in the world rankings, including five players in the top 10.

“This whole competition was just an unbelievable honor to be here and represent the U.S.,” said McLelland. “The three years of training I’ve done and preparation I’ve done, I’m unbelievably happy with my finish. It’s been great.”

McLelland returned to Lindenwood this fall and is expected to graduate in December with a marketing degree. After taking a few months off from competitive shooting, he will then set his sights on London and the 2012 Olympics.

Thomas had one of the more unique stories of the Olympics, with NBC announcers Bob Costas and Matt Lauer talking during opening ceremonies about how he started his track and field career at Lindenwood University.

Thomas was a junior varsity basketball player less than two years ago at Lindenwood when he tried the high jump on a dare. After discovering his talent for the sport, he joined the Lions track and field team and days later, shattered the school and meet records at a competition at Eastern Illinois. He went on and finished second in the NAIA Indoor Championship during his final year in St. Charles.

After graduating from Lindenwood, Thomas attended grad school at Auburn. With one year of eligibility remaining, he joined the track and field team there and won the 2007 NCAA Division I Indoor Championship. He then burst onto the world stage in Japan last fall by winning the 2007 World Championship with a jump of 2.35m (7’8.5”).

Thomas had high expectations for Beijing after winning the World Championships. However, he suffered an ankle injury early in the year and, while never using that as an excuse, he never seemed quite the same with his best jump of the year being just 2.25m (7’4.5”).

At the Olympics, Thomas cleared 2.15m (7’0.5”) and 2.20m (7’2.5”) on the first try. The next height was his season-high of 2.25m and he came up short on all three of his attempts. He ended up finishing tied for 21st in the high jump preliminaries.

Next for Thomas will be a return to the basketball court. He was recently drafted by the Harlem Globetrotters and will try out for the iconic team later this year.



Lindenwood alumnus Donald Thomas, below, was a high jumper in the Beijing Olympics.

## Fall Sports Home Schedule

### FOOTBALL

|        |                         |           |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Oct 18 | Graceland* <sup>^</sup> | 1:30 p.m. |
| Nov 1  | Evangel*                | 1:30 p.m. |
| Nov 15 | Missouri Valley*        | 1:30 p.m. |

\* - HAAC Game

<sup>^</sup> - Homecoming

### MEN'S SOCCER

|        |                 |        |
|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Oct 14 | Missouri Valley | 8 p.m. |
| Oct 18 | Avila           | 8 p.m. |
| Oct 25 | William Jewell  | 8 p.m. |
| Nov 1  | Graceland (IA)  | 8 p.m. |

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

|        |                 |        |
|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Oct 14 | Missouri Valley | 5 p.m. |
| Oct 18 | Avila           | 6 p.m. |
| Oct 25 | William Jewell  | 6 p.m. |
| Nov 1  | Graceland (IA)  | 6 p.m. |
| Nov 5  | Lyon (AK)       | 2 p.m. |

## Distinguished Hall of Fame Class Being Inducted at Homecoming

Lindenwood is preparing to induct a second class of stars to its Athletic Hall of Fame. Seven former student-athletes, one former head coach, one meritorious service recipient and one team will be recognized on October 18 at the annual Hall of Fame banquet.

The student-athletes in the class of 2008 are Brant Bruner (wrestling), Karen Gaines (softball/women's basketball), Amy Knobloch (women's track and field), Itzel Nieto (women's golf), Becky Stigen (women's soccer), Courtney Thompson (women's basketball), and Shannon Tierney (women's basketball).

Bruner was a four-time All-American wrestler from 2000-03, winning individual national championships in 2000 and 2003 and finishing third in the other two seasons. He was also a key member of the 2002 National Championship team and the 2003 squad which finished runner-up.

Gaines was a multi-sport star for the Lady Lions from 1982-85. In softball, she won 28 games, threw nine no-hitters, struck out 528 batters and had an ERA of 0.63. She was also a basketball star and still ranks in the top-10 in school history in scoring average, rebounding average, assists and steals.

Knobloch won three All-American honors, 18 individual conference championships and helped Lindenwood win eight conference championships during her cross country and track career from 1996-99. Her top honor came when she won the 1998 NAIA Marathon.

Nieto was a four-time All-American in golf from 2000-03. She was just the

second golfer in NAIA history to have four Top-15 national finishes, including winning medalist honors at the 2002 event. She helped Lindenwood win four HAAC championships and individually, she finished third nationally in 2001 and in 2002.

Stigen was a women's soccer player from 1986-89. She collected 58 goals and recorded 20 assists during her career. She was named an honorable mention All-American in 1988 and a first-team All-American in 1989. In her senior season, Stigen led Lindenwood to its first 20-win season and a third-place finish nationally.

Thompson (formerly Austin), was one of the top scorers and rebounders during her career from 1986-90. She averaged 13.9 points and 8.9 rebounds a game and still holds the school record with a career field goal percentage of .624. She also ranks second in career rebounding and third in career scoring.

Tierney (formerly Malek) was a four-time all-conference pick from 1992-96, including being the conference player of the year twice. She is still Lindenwood's career leader with 1,808 points and 855 rebounds. She was an honorable mention All-American selection once and led Lindenwood to three national tournament appearances.

Also included in the hall of fame class are Kevin Kilcullin (former women's soccer head coach), longtime faculty member Glen Cerny (meritorious service), and the 2001-02 Lindenwood wrestling team.

Kilcullin led the women's soccer team from 1996-2002. He compiled a record

of 133-23-9 in that time, won five HAAC Championships and advanced to the national tournament five times. Three times under Kilcullin, Lindenwood advanced to the NAIA semifinals, including the 2000 season when they fell in five overtimes in the national title game.

Cerny, a 1974 graduate of Lindenwood, was the athletic department's faculty athletic representative from 1994-2001. He also was an Associate Professor of Mass Communications and KCLC general manager from 1988-2001. At KCLC, he trained numerous students who entered the sports field.

The 2001-02 wrestling team won the program's first national championship and helped build the foundation for the top wrestling program in the NAIA. Eleven of the team's 12 national members earned All-American honors, including three winning national championships. Lindenwood scored 180 points at the national meet and won by 13 points.

The 2008 class will be introduced during the Lindenwood football game on Hall of Fame weekend and will then be honored at a banquet and induction ceremony later that evening. The banquet is open to everyone. For information on tickets, visit [www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/halloffame](http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/halloffame), or call Charlsie Floyd at 636-949-4909.

The Lindenwood Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2007 to honor those who have helped make the school's athletics department one of the most successful in the nation.

## Harlen Hunter Visiting For Nov. 1 Football Game



A special recognition ceremony will take place prior to the Nov. 1 football game to honor the man after whom Hunter Stadium is named.

It is the 20th anniversary of Dr. Harlen C. Hunter's gift to Lindenwood. Hunter, an Iowa native, founded the St. Louis Orthopedic Sports Medicine Clinic in

Chesterfield in 1979. He came in contact with Lindenwood in 1987 while working a high school sporting event on campus. Hunter noticed that the facility needed an upgrade. Through his commitment to Lindenwood and his generosity to this fine institution, there was a significant renovation in 1988.

Along with other improvements, a new playing surface debuted in 1988 and the stadium was dedicated during a 2-1 men's soccer win over Southeast Missouri State.

During the dedication ceremony at that game, Hunter said, "Aside from my wife and family, the two great loves of my life are medicine and sports. God has blessed me, and this is my way of showing my appreciation to the community."

Hunter and his clinic donated time and services to help out Lindenwood athletes throughout the years until he moved out of the area.

The new turf was the first of many major renovations for what today is one of the top stadiums in the NAIA. Hunter Stadium is home to Lindenwood football, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse, and is used for practice by numerous other squads. It is also used for other community events, such as the High School Gridiron Classic every fall.

"The greatest reward for me is that the field made it possible for President Spellmann to give thousands of students an opportunity to attend Lindenwood University," said Hunter.

Hunter, who now resides in Bedford, Ind., will visit the campus for the Nov. 1 ceremony. The university will announce and display new Hunter Stadium signage that day in recognition of Dr. Hunter.

# ALUMNI

## Class Notes

### '30s

**Mary Agnes Hamacher Bates ('37)** resides in Champaign, IL and after Lindenwood attended the Kansas City Conservatory of Music, and received a master of arts in education and music at the University of Illinois. She currently performs and teaches piano. She is also a proud member of Sigma Alpha Iota Honorary Music Fraternity.

### '40s

**Lynn Jackson McHaney ('45)** resides in Blytheville, AR, with her husband, Joseph, and enjoys spending time with her two daughters, Joanne and Jill, granddaughter Jill, grandson Joel, grandson-in-law Dr. Jeff Netzel, and two great granddaughters, Kate and Caroline.

### '60s

**Ann McNeer McLeod ('61)** has retired after 43 years of teaching humanities and psychology for Polk Community College on the University of South Florida campus. She is currently the curator for Art in Public Places on the main campus of Polk Community College. She is also a docent at Polk Museum of Art, secretary and board member for Ridge Art Association, and a Stephen Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, FL.

**Priscilla Lynne Randall Battershell ('63)** has recently begun a new teaching assignment at St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Omaha, NE, and will be teaching literature to children in grades 6 and 8. She has been enjoying spending time with her grandsons, Brian, Jr., Dustin and Logan, and they keep her and her husband Mike very busy.

**"Kay" Kathryn Klinker Detwiler ('63)** retired from the state of Tennessee in 2001 but serves on several boards, including the County Planning Commission, City Board of Zoning Appeals, and Stonecastle Timeshare Board of Directors. She resides in Cookeville, TN, with her husband and has two children.

**Debbie Dunlap Graham ('67)** is the Director of Scheduling at Vista Staffing in Millersville, PA, where she resides with her husband, William.

**Judy Klosterhoff Northrop ('67)** has retired as the director of student disability

services in New York. She resides in Laguna Woods, CA, with her husband, Richard and has two children, Vanessa and Seth.

**Irene Bonnie Kutsch Gunther ('68)**, an herbalist and Reiki practitioner, has recently received a doctorate in natural health and plans to open a natural health consultancy.

### '70s

**Claudia Klein Zimmermann ('72)** is employed at Progressive Family Care and resides in Waterloo, IL with her husband, William, and children Daniel and Leah Claire.

**Thomas Hergert ('73)** has been promoted to full professor at St. Cloud State University, where he teaches instructional design and technology courses and is the faculty coordinator for the Desire2Learn online course management system.

**Sharron Lee Albrecht ('79)** recently retired as director of recruitment for teachers and administrators for Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, FL. She resides with her husband, Robert, in The Villages, FL, and enjoys spending time with sons Michael and Stephen, daughter-in-laws Lauren and Kate, and grandchildren Alexander, Maggie, John Anderson and Stella Grace.

**Jane Henry Razaq ('79)** was awarded the Texarkana School District's 2008 Teacher of the Year award. Jane is a second-grade teacher at College Hill Elementary in Texarkana, AR.

### '80s

**Edward Meyer ('80)** was recently awarded the 2008 President's Award from the International Dairy-Deli-Bakery Association (IDDBA). This award recognizes distinguished service or contribution to the industry and honors those who have provided support, encouragement, or a helping hand. Ed is the vice president of meat and seafood at Schnuck Markets, Inc. in St. Louis. Ed was an MBA graduate in 1980.

**Douglas Petty ('81)** is a lab superintendent for ADM in Clinton, Iowa, where he resides.

**Forrest Eugene McCoskey ('86)** is currently the group director of site services of North America for Nestle

Purina Pet Care. He is actively involved in many charities and resides with his wife Pamela and two sons, Jeffrey and Jason in O'Fallon, IL.

**Cheryl Baswell-Guthrie ('87)** is currently running for Congress as a Republican candidate for Alabama's fifth congressional district. Cheryl practices law in Huntsville, where she resides with her husband, Rusty, and son Rylan.

**Joan Sandretto Libbra ('89)** resides in Gillespie, IL. She is currently a licensed nail technician and teaches dance classes.

**Mark Watkins ('89)** is employed with Eden Hydrogen as the director of sales, Asia. He graduated from Lindenwood with a master's in marketing and resides in Danville, CA.

### '90s

**Lisa Watkins Dunn ('91)** is currently a program manager at Clark State Community College in Springfield, OH. She resides in Springfield with her husband and three children, Dorian, Roosevelt, and Evelyn.

**Linda Seckel O'Heron ('91 & '92)** is the office manager at Banfield, the Pet Hospital in Chesterfield, MO. She resides with her husband Michael and children Patricia and Megan in Wentzville, MO.

**John McBride ('92)** is the vice president of Loss Prevention at MERS/Goodwill in St. Louis. He graduated with a degree in history and has since received a master's degree at Webster University. John resides in O'Fallon, MO, and enjoys spending time with his child, Riley.

**Kelly Hortiz Kress ('93)** has recently been appointed the Executive Director of the Dutchtown South Community Corporation (DSCC). Since Lindenwood, Kelly has graduated from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University and has been serving in various capacities at DSCC. She resides with her husband John and two daughters Josephine and Elizabeth in St. Louis.

**Michael Jersa ('94)** has recently accepted a position as a sales and leasing associate for Coldwell Banker Commercial CRA LLC in St. Louis. Michael graduated with a master's in business.

**Rebecca Brown Platt ('94)** has earned her master's in English literature from UMSL and has worked several years as an adjunct writing instructor. She is also enjoying being a grandmother to five and is

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celebrating 32 years of marriage.

**Roger Claman ('95)** is the contract coordinator with MetroList, Inc. He resides in Colorado Springs, CO, with his wife, Patricia, and sons Roger, Thomas and Jefferson.

**Jennifer Hammett Patterson ('95 & '99)** has been appointed as the Director of Student Services and Operations for Francis Howell School District in St. Charles, MO.

**Brad Clifton ('96)** is a detective with the Portland Police Bureau in Portland, OR, where he currently resides.

**Heather Moss ('96)** has recently accepted a position as Community Manager at Brookside with T.R. Hughes, Inc., a building company in O'Fallon, MO.

**Eric J. Piper ('96)** USMC has recently been assigned as the air officer for the Special Operations Training Group, Camp Lejeune, NC. He has previously deployed four times as a pilot on the CH-46 helicopter. He is married to **Anna Egan Piper ('97)**, and they reside in Wilmington, NC, with their two children, Jon and Evan.

**Christopher Harrison ('97 & '02)** is a teacher and baseball coach at Collinsville School District in Illinois. He resides in Granite City, IL, with his wife Ginger Henson Harrison ('98).

**Paula Beckmann Kampwerth ('97 & '99)** is a safety manager at Beckmann Distribution Service, Inc., in Carlyle, IL, where she resides with her husband, Scott, and children Gavin, Addison, and Parker.

**Jonathan Stephens ('97)** since graduation played three seasons of minor league baseball and is currently a police officer. He resides in Pleasant Hill, CA, with his wife, Angela, and children Braden, Austin and Molly.

**Beth Hunn Ashmore Kahrs ('99 & '03)** is the director/vocational counselor with MERS Goodwill in St. Charles. She resides with her husband, Mark, in St. Peters, MO.

**Yazir Mendez ('99)** is employed with AutoZone and currently resides in Memphis, TN. She graduated with a BA in Finance.

**Javier Garcia-Vega Rodriguez ('99 & '02)** is a private banking officer with Multibank in Panama City, Panama, where he resides with his wife, Soraya Pulido Mendez.

## '00s

**Chanda Bankhead ('00)** has recently been appointed as the new chief juvenile officer for the 14th district, which includes Randolph and Howard Counties in Missouri. Chanda graduated from Lindenwood with a master of science degree in human resource management.

**Paul Dreher ('00) & Bethany Eshelman Dreher ('00)** Paul is a middle school special education teacher and Bethany has recently been promoted to construction coordinator for Cobb County Habitat for Humanity, and the couple resides in Atlanta, GA.

**Ryan Froehlich ('00 & '02)** is the business development manager for FirsTech Inc. in St. Louis. He resides in Imperial, MO, with his wife Angel.

**Daniel Gieseler ('00)** has been recently hired as the new administrative intern at Ballwin Elementary School in the Rockwood School District.

**Paul Krussel ('01)** has recently been promoted to audit principal at Bergman, Schraier & Co., P.C., a West County-based certified public accounting firm. Paul earned a degree in accounting and resides in Kirkwood, MO.

**Heather Hagen Bell ('02)** has been appointed as the director of annual giving at SSM DePaul Health Center Foundation. Heather graduated with a bachelor's degree in mass communication and resides in St. Charles with her husband Patrick.

**Bruce Dyck ('02)** has joined Midwest BankCentre as senior vice president. He graduated from Lindenwood with a MBA and resides in St. Charles.

**Amy Hopmann Slater ('02)** was commissioned as a minister in the United Methodist Church on May 29, 2008 and formerly served King Hill United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, MO.

**Mason Fischer ('03)** resides in Dacula, GA, with his wife, Lindsey, and two daughters, Maylee and Elaina, and is currently the Branch Manager for Dow Electronics in Duluth, GA.

**Reed Nelson ('03)** has recently been promoted with NSK Corporation in Ann Arbor, MI, a subsidiary of NSK, Ltd. Tokyo as the district sales manager, with aftermarket sales and personnel responsibilities in the states of Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana, and Kentucky.

**Janice Koles Gard, Ph.D. ('04)** is employed as a chemist for Pfizer, Inc. and resides in Kirkwood, MO, with her husband, David.

**Tara Mullen Preston ('04)** resides in Evans, WV, with her husband and three children and is currently working as an IT Specialist for the Department of Treasury.

**Bryon Haverstick ('05)** is the district executive for the Greater St. Louis Council Boy Scouts of America and resides with wife **Elizabeth Haverstick ('06)** in St. Louis.

**Ashley Amer Hibbs ('05)** is currently working as the high school band and choir director at Sweet Springs R-7 High School. She resides in Sweet Springs, MO, with her husband Donovan.

**Patrick Longo ('05 & '08) & Kelly Cross Longo ('05)** Patrick has recently accepted a marketing position as the events and promotions coordinator at the Lumiere Place Casino and Hotels in St. Louis.

Kelly has recently accepted a position at Francis Howell High School in St. Charles where she will be teaching sophomore communication arts and literature and will be the assistant dance coach to the Golden Girls. They reside in St. Peters with their two children, Killian Paige and Patrick.

**Timothy Butler ('06)** is currently pursuing his master of divinity degree at Covenant Theological Seminary. He is the owner of Universal Networks in St. Peters, MO, and graduated with a degree in English and religion.

**Alysia Nichole Craig ('06)** is the lead expense reimbursement coordinator for Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Earth City, MO. She resides in St. Charles.

**Vicky Hostetler Fountain ('06)** is currently a analyst for Sara Lee Corporation. She resides in St. Peters, MO with her husband Alan.

**Beth Knes ('06)** has been recently hired as the new administrative intern at Fairway Elementary School in the Rockwood School District.

**Richard Jennings ('06)** has been awarded the prestigious IABC Gold Quill Award in the category of writing for his piece "A New Paradigm for Crisis Management." The Gold Quill Award is an international competition that is the highest level of professional acknowledgment within business communication. Richard is employed at MasterCard International and resides in St. Ann, MO.

Brad Nowak ('06 & '08) recently won the second annual Intercollegiate Investment Contest sponsored by Principia College and UMB Bank. While attending Lindenwood in Dr. Ed Morris' Investments II class, he was "given" \$1 million to put together a hypothetical investment portfolio and won the contest as his portfolio grew more than 46 percent to almost \$1.47 million. Brad works for Boeing and lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife Kendra.

Beth Hamby ('07 & '08) has accepted a position as high school social studies teacher with the Hazelwood School District.

Steve Carter ('08) & Lauren Carter ('07) Steve is the Office Manger with Sulphur Springs Veterinary Clinic in Ballwin, MO and Lauren is currently employed in Behavior Intervention Services at PCA. The couple resides in St. Louis.

Lane Joplin ('08) has recently accepted a position at the University of Advancing Technology as a National Liaison. She resides in Tempe, AZ.

Nicole Lawrence ('08) has recently accepted a position as a business and planning analyst for the Boeing Company.

## Marriages

Katy Montgomery ('03 & '05) was married to Joseph Hough on August 2, 2008, in Las Vegas, NV. Katy is in the Alumni Relations Department at the University of Tulsa, and her husband, Joseph, is enrolled at the University of Tulsa Petroleum Engineering School. The happy couple resides in Tulsa, OK.

Ryan Guffey ('02 & '03) was married to Laura Feurebacher on July 12, 2008. Ryan is the assistant vice president for student development and special projects at Lindenwood, and he and Laura met on the first day of their doctoral studies at Saint Louis University.

Lori Hutchings ('04) was recently married on October 4, 2008, to Aaron Steinmann. Lori is the Regional Development Director of Children's Foundation of Mid-America in Southeast Missouri, and the newlyweds reside in Farmington, MO.

Amanda Stuhler ('06) and Joe Radi ('06) were married on June 8 at the Saints Joachim and Ann Church with a reception at the Foundry Arts Center. Both hold education degrees from Lindenwood and are teaching at local schools. They have recently moved into their new home in Wentzville, MO.

## In Memoriam

Carrie Ethel Spencer ('27)  
Anna Maria City, FL

Rebecca Carr Wayland ('32)  
Knoxville, TN

Dorothy DuQuoin Warner ('36)  
Laconia, NH

Rosanna Veach Bruere Meyer ('40)  
Willow Park, TX

Marion Berkman Fine ('41)  
Louisville, KY

Celia Louise Tucker Cain ('45)  
Dallas, TX

Helen Sprowl ('45)  
Quincy, MA

Carolyn Spearman Miller ('49)  
Seguin, TX

Nannette Wells Smith ('50)  
Tyler, TX

Sunny Obert ('57)  
Cleveland, OH

Donald Tabone ('79)  
Tampa, FL

Keith Fietsam ('03 & '05)  
Winfield, MO

Dr. Donna Charron ('06)  
St. Louis, MO



Donna Charron at her retirement reception in 2005.

## Professor Emerita Donna Charron Passes Away

Dr. Donna Card Charron, who taught at Lindenwood from 1989 until her retirement in 2005 as full professor of philosophy, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2008. Dr. Charron laid the foundation for the philosophy program at Lindenwood and helped to establish it as a regular major. She also helped found the Honors Program and Honors College, helped establish the Coffee Conversation speaker series and in numerous other ways supported the life and culture of the university. She was granted professor emerita status in 2006.

Dr. Charron received her Ph.D. from Washington University, working as a public relations and public opinion researcher for 20 years before starting her teaching career.

She also established the Atchison Art Association and founded the Midtown Arts Center of Saint Louis. She was president of Card Industries from 1980 until her death. She founded the Ste. Genevieve Convention and Visitors Bureau and was responsible for numerous activities in promoting Ste. Genevieve and its French heritage. She was the author of a book on the St. Louis Woman's Club and a number of scholarly articles on business and economic philosophy.

The philosophy program has decided to honor Dr. Charron by renaming the annual Philosophy Award the Dr. Donna Card Charron Philosophy Award. Interested faculty, staff, and students can make a donation towards the naming of this award by contacting Lucy Morros (636-949-4532).

### Support the Lindenwood Emergency Text Book Fund

A few of our students need your help to cover the rapidly increasing cost of their textbooks.

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# Please Help Us Find Our Lost Alums!

We have lost track of some of our alumni over the years and need your help finding them! If you have any knowledge of the people listed here, please send us a letter or an e-mail. We will publish a new list in each issue of the *Connection*.

Alice Holman Ahrens ('59)  
Nancy Van Allen ('70)  
Gaye Waddell Anderson ('59)  
Shirley Hill Arnold ('59)  
Nancy Joan Ault ('57)  
Cornelia Childs Beach ('59)  
Jane Kobel Biltonen ('59)  
Gail Cunningham Binswanger ('59)  
Patricia Wilborn Busboom ('59)  
Elizabeth Bohn Carlstrom ('59)  
Virginia Chistman Curtis ('59)  
Ahnawake Wilson Dawson ('59)  
Betty Smith Douthett ('59)  
Suzanne Nichols Duffy ('59)  
Carlene Newell Elmore ('59)  
Martha Hard Garske ('59)  
Emma Kayserili Gaser ('59)  
Caroline Bryan Harrell ('59)  
Joanne Jackson Hartfield ('59)  
Jean Haskell ('59)  
Carol Hopkins Hayward ('59)  
Rose Campbell Heine ('59)  
Billie Pryor Heldstab ('59)

Judy Hutchens Henning ('59)  
Laurie McLeod Hetchler ('59)  
Bettie Teasley Hill ('59)  
Diane Floyd Hodges ('59)  
Judith Walker Horn ('59)  
Ann Hamilton Hostetler ('59)  
Susan Freegard Hubbard ('59)  
Martha Latshaw Humphreys ('59)  
Marguerite Colville Ingram ('59)  
Wanda Beard Isbell ('59)  
Janice Kelley ('59)  
Shelley Brooks Kirkland ('59)  
Eleanor Orth Kniker ('59)  
Sarah Tuepker Koelling ('59)  
Carol Pechar Larimer ('59)  
Janet Long Jones ('59)  
Beverly Bates Martin ('59)  
Susan Jewll McBride ('59)  
Anabel Mojonier McDonald ('59)  
Jacqueline McGinnis ('59)  
Helen McIntosh ('59)  
Patsy Meacham McMorris ('59)  
Katherine Morf Morrison ('59)  
Sara Stein Morton ('59)  
Mary Warner Ninker ('59)  
Meral Orgun ('59)  
Jill Kenyon Orr ('59)  
Sally Hedrick Pansire ('59)  
Janie Halk Preuss ('59)  
Alice Wethers Reiser ('59)

Gloria Bagwell Richardson ('59)  
Alberta Roeper ('59)  
Kay Bromley Sanseervino ('59)  
Sally Slyfield ('59)  
Jetta Smith ('59)  
Shirley Smith Speckman ('59)  
Carolyn Gutzler Steigman ('59)  
Martha Leonard Sturges ('59)  
Janet Jackson Thompson ('59)  
Lynda Horne Vick ('59)  
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"Lost Lions."

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Class Year, Degree (BA, MBA, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

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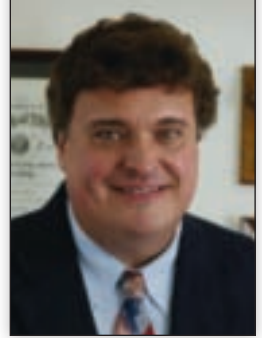
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# GIVING

## Does Your Life Insurance Policy Still Serve Its Original Purpose?



Eric O. Stuhler

Dear Alumni, Constituents and Friends,

As I walked my daughter down the aisle on her wedding day this summer, I thought about the many traditions in play for the ceremony.

In medieval days, when a young man could not find a bride to his liking in his village, he would set out to a neighboring village and forage for a damsel who may have strayed a little too far from town. This abduction usually required help for the groom-to-be, so he would find the “Best Man” for the job. My son-in-law came from the far off village of St. Peters to St. Charles to claim his bride and then absconded to the kingdom of Wentzville to take up residence.

The bride always stands to the left of the groom in order to leave the groom’s right hand free to draw his sword in case the bride’s family catches up with them during the ceremony. Our groom recently started taking fencing lessons, so I guess he was anticipating some trouble. I should have checked under the altar to see if he had his weapon close by for insurance.

Prudence dictates that we spread our risks and procure insurance for situations that can go wrong. We all have many types of insurance and our needs change as our lives go through many phases. When my kids were little, my wife and I had to anticipate a catastrophe that would require money to raise them, get them through college, and all the way to adulthood. We somehow averted such catastrophes and now our insurance needs are changing.

The tradition of carrying the bride over the threshold stems from the necessity to force the bride into the groom’s home as she was usually still kicking and screaming from the abduction and surprise wedding. Our happy couple saved enough money while they were single so that they could take advantage of a buyer’s market and now have their own home. I’m not sure if it was Joe who carried Amanda over the threshold or vice versa. Anyway, they are young and insurance is available to them at extremely reasonable rates, making the premiums very affordable. Life insurance can be a wonderful leveraged gift, and, for a small investment over time, it can serve as a substantial contribution to Lindenwood. With the purchase of an insurance policy,

alumni can help future students with the same type of financial aid they enjoyed while attending Lindenwood.

Honeymoons were different in medieval times also, for a honeymoon was a time for the couple to hide out until the bride’s family got tired of looking for her. Only the “Best Man” knew where they were hiding and he would tell them when the coast was clear. It seems that it was only yesterday that I was celebrating my honeymoon, but that was 29 years ago. Time passes, and it is the passage of that time which allows one to effectively use insurance to fund a legacy to Lindenwood.

### THE CHANGES ARE HERE

My little girl has grown up and is now on her own. My remaining (and still available) daughter will be a junior at LU this year and is not far behind her sister. The insurance policies that I purchased in the early 1980’s have served their purpose and I can now consider using them for a donation.

Those of you in my position have assets that you may not have thought about donating -- “USED” life insurance policies. These are the policies that are no longer necessary to protect you and your loved ones, but can go a long way to meet the needs of deserving students at Lindenwood.

There are other types of policies that may need to be recycled. Those of you with small businesses may have purchased key-man insurance. These types of policies can make a great gift when business relationships change, the business has become stable and mature, or the business is sold. Once the initial risk is gone, it is time to put these used policies to work.

### TAX BENEFITS

The simplest way to make a gift of life insurance is to name Lindenwood as the beneficiary of the policy. Lindenwood would be very grateful for such a designation; however you receive no income tax deduction! There are better tax saving options you should consider.

A donor can make a gift of a fully or partially paid-up policy. If you name Lindenwood as the owner and beneficiary of the policy, you would get a charitable tax deduction for the policy’s replacement value. The deduction can be up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income and can be carried forward up to five years.

If Lindenwood University owns the policy, a donor can make the premium payments either to the university or the insurance company for a deduction. Ownership of a policy can be transferred to the university by endorsing donor forms, supplied by your insurance company, and then delivering the policy to Lindenwood.

### NAMING RIGHTS

A totally paid up policy donated to Lindenwood may be considered an irrevocable gift and used to take advantage of naming rights opportunities at the Lindenwood Center for Fine and Performing Arts or the new Harmon Hall expansion and renovation -- big recognition for a minimal investment. (Very smart)

As I was dancing with my wife to the 30-piece band that she hired for the wedding reception, I wondered what a 30-piece band costs. I asked her using all of my cross-examination skills as a lawyer, and, suffice it to say, I still don’t know. She’s a tough witness and she has been guarding the checkbook roster with her life. My daughter’s wedding was a very special (and expensive) day, but I survived. A wedding is one of the many turning points for a family. A child leaving the nest calls for reassessment of many personal and economic habits which may include addressing the best use of your life insurance.

Please consider using your insurance to insure Lindenwood’s future and contact me at my office at (636) 949-4617 if you need any help or have any questions. Hopefully, someone someday will invent “wedding insurance” and when it happens I suggest you buy some.

Sincerely,

Eric O. Stuhler  
Director of Planned Giving  
Lindenwood In-House Legal Counsel

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## Great Time to Be a LU Alum



Alumni president  
Cortney Lenk, '99

Dear Friends,  
Another fall semester has started at Lindenwood, and the campus is full of activity. It is a wonderful time to be a part of the Lindenwood experience.

One of the highlights of the fall semester is the grand opening of

the Center for Fine and Performing Arts on September 11 and 12. Liza Minnelli was the first performer to celebrate the opening of this spectacular facility.

On behalf of the Lindenwood Alumni Association, I would like to invite you to Reunion and Homecoming Weekend on October 17 and 18. On Friday, October 17, our Alumni Reception sponsored by the St. Charles Club will be held in the Hyland Performance Arena. Don't miss the wonderful Alumni Breakfast with President and Mrs. Evans on Saturday, October 18th. Plan to cheer for the Lions at the Homecoming Football game on Saturday at 1:30 against Graceland!

Please consider making a class gift to Lindenwood. Your gifts are 100 percent designated to scholarship assistance and your generosity makes a real difference to our students. For additional information on Reunion and Homecoming festivities or giving a class gift, please call the director of alumni relations, Whitney Fraier, at 636-949-4975.

Sincerely,

Cortney Lenk, Class of '99

## Trio Plans Entertaining 50th Class Reunion

Each Lindenwood class has its own character, interests, and memories. The class of '58 is certainly no exception. For the past year, the 50th Reunion Planning Committee has been comprised of the chairs Carol Gardner Transou (Tennessee), Beth Devlin Jett (Kentucky), and Carolyn Wood Adamson (California). They have been working hard to reconnect their 50th reunion class with Lindenwood, with memories of their days on campus, classmates, friends, and faculty whom many have not seen in the past 50 years.

With great organization and determination to connect with their classmates, the three have called and contacted every member of their class they could find to invite them to their 50th reunion.

The committee has added a new dimension to the reunion this year: a memory book. The book is being compiled to outline the outstanding memories of the alumnae at Lindenwood College. It will list occupations, hobbies, pastimes, words of wisdom and other elements about which the classmates will be surprised to learn. This

will be a great memento for the honored classmates and is a great way to document the paths the alumnae have taken since graduation.

The reunion schedule for the honored class of 1958 includes events from October 16-19. These events include a historic campus tour, receptions, breakfast with the president, the Alumni Association meeting, screening of the Linden Leaves Film, tours, the opening of the 1929 Butler Library time capsule, lunch at Miss Aimee B's and dinner at Mother-In-Law Restaurant, and much more.

This wonderful process of bringing together the class of '58 will reconnect the class members and bear witness to Lindenwood's important history of educating women. We encourage members of the Class of 1958 and other alumni to attend this year's Homecoming and Reunion celebration. If you are interested in being a class agent or representative for the honored class of 1959 for next year's Reunion, contact Whitney Fraier, Director of Alumni Relations at 636-949-4975.

## Guess Where This Is?



Can you tell us where this object is located on the LU campus? Please email [alumni@lindenwood.edu](mailto:alumni@lindenwood.edu) with your answer. Only Lindenwood alumni are eligible to participate. The first five winners will receive a prize from the Lindenwood University Alumni Association.

Last issue's answer: The clocktower at Spellmann Center.

Winners from Summer Connection 2008:  
Denise Ferber ('00)  
Katy Montgomery Hough ('03 & '05)  
Naniram Pokharel ('08)  
Peter Wainaina ('08)

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