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Evans Named 21st Lindenwood University President

James D. Evans, Ph.D. has been selected by the Lindenwood University Board of Directors as the 21st president of the 180-year-old liberal arts university.

The announcement was made by Board of Directors Chairman Jim J. Shoemake after Lindenwood's February 9, 2007, board meeting.

"The board overwhelmingly approves of the job Dr. Evans has done as acting president," said Shoemake. "He is committed to educational excellence and to our values-based mission. We are confident that, under his leadership, Lindenwood will continue to prosper and expand its academic reputation across the country and around the world."

Evans became acting president in August 2006 upon the death Dennis C. Spellmann, who had served as Lindenwood president since 1990. Evans has been employed at Lindenwood for 33 years. He was a psychology professor for 21 years before becoming dean of social sciences. He was later appointed dean of sciences, dean of faculty and provost.

"I am pleased and honored that the board has given me this great responsibility," said Evans. "I have dedicated my professional life to Lindenwood, and the university has become an integral part of my life. I cannot imagine doing anything but continuing to serve this outstanding institution."

Evans said his presidency will place a strong emphasis on academics, technology and community partnerships, as well as the university's mission.

"Throughout its growth and maturation process, Lindenwood has never abandoned its original mission," said Evans. "At the heart of today's Lindenwood University is the gracious personality of the small college that helped shape the American frontier."

Since becoming president, Evans has placed a heavy emphasis on communicating the success of Lindenwood's strong academics. He has also taken steps to improve campus life for resident students and increase Lindenwood's profile in the community. He is currently overseeing the final stages of implementing new information technology degrees and installing high-tech equipment at Lindenwood's main campus and extended sites.

In addition, Lindenwood has begun construction of two new residence halls on Evans' watch as president. Construction should take about a year and will allow students living in houses across First Capitol Drive to move to the dorms. Those houses are being considered for demolition to make way for a new shopping center.

Evans earned his Ph.D. in research psychology in 1974 from Iowa State University. He received a master's degree in psychology from Iowa State and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Geneva College in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the St. Charles Optimist Club and serves on the education committee of Partners for Progress.



Dr. James D. Evans presided over his first commencement exercises as president of Lindenwood University on May 18 and 19. He was named president by the Board of Directors on Feb. 9, 2007.

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Dr. Evans chats with students at the start of the semester.



Lindenwood University's Annual Honors Convocation is *on the Move*

The formal springtime academic award ceremony has outgrown Lindenwood's Cultural Center on North Kingshighway. LU's academic administration plans to move the event to the new 1,200-seat auditorium inside Lindenwood's Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. The 138,000 square foot facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 2008.

Honors Convocation is an event that each year spotlights top students for exemplary scholarship and service. Besides recognizing students involved in an assortment of academic and service societies, more than 50 students are recognized with individual honors awards.

In addition to the growth in the number of participants at Honors Convocation, the seating capacity at the Cultural Center was reduced recently due to construction of a larger stage. The Cultural Center now seats 600, and President James D. Evans says next year's Honors Convocation crowd could easily surpass 800.

"Moving to our new fine and performing arts building will give the Honors Convocation room to grow," said Evans. "Next to commencement, this is about the most important event we hold at Lindenwood. We want family members and friends to be able to attend and support our students."

Want to leave a lasting impression in the Lindenwood "Walk of Honor"?

Please consider an engraved brick paver that will remain a part of the campus walkways and commemorate an exceptional accomplishment. Contact Alumni Director Katy Montgomery at (636) 949-4975 with inquiries.



Julie Mueller, Lindenwood's vice president for operations and finance, speaks at the Honors Convocation prior to presenting the Mueller Graduate Award in Health Management to Jaenoini Castillo for her achievements in the study of health management.



Rebecca Panagos, a professor in the Education Division at Lindenwood, presented the Richard and Karen Boyle Special Education Award to student Jana Nolan. The award was established by Richard Boyle, vice president for human resources and dean of faculty, and his wife Karen, who is a former special education teacher.

New Booklet Stresses Quality Academics

This spring, the university published a booklet highlighting its many strong academic programs. Titled "Academics: Good Theories for Life," the booklet has a wide distribution and will be printed annually.

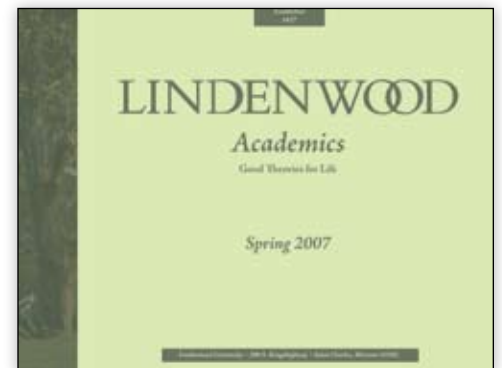
"Good Theories for Life" was developed by President James D. Evans to showcase the quality academics at Lindenwood. Evans said the university "has always done a good job telling everyone about its growth and new construction, but needed a stronger emphasis placed on core academics."

The booklet has an introductory page addressing general education, class sizes and qualified faculty and devotes two pages to each academic division, highlighting successful students as well as faculty members.

"Good Theories for Life" is being distributed to key friends, donors and corporate leaders, as well as in higher education circles throughout the Midwest. In addition, the booklet has proven quite

popular in the admissions office as a recruiting piece.

"We're already working on the second edition," said Provost Jann Weitzel, who coordinated development of the booklet.



"Academics: Good Theories for Life" was published in the spring of 2007 to showcase Lindenwood's excellent academic programs. The booklet has been distributed throughout the higher education community.

Alumni Merit Award Winners Were Buddies in Cobbs Hall

Like many friends who met in college, Renee Knobbe and Debbie Civey, this year's Alumni Merit Award winners, lived in the same residence hall. In fact, Civey was a resident assistant in Cobbs Hall and met Knobbe in the course of administering her duties.

"I had to go down and tell her that she was playing her music a little too loud," Civey said.

From that inauspicious beginning, the two would forge a lasting friendship and today are the owners and operators of a successful business, Little Guppy Child Development Center in St. Charles. Knobbe, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology ('94) and a master's degree in professional counseling ('99), runs the educational side of the center while Civey, who has a bachelor's in business administration ('94), handles the financial side.

"Debbie brings the total business aspect," Knobbe said. "She is an expert at putting dollar signs to my ideas."

Similarly, Civey says that it is Knobbe's ideas that have made Little Guppy thrive and be successful.

"She has wonderful dreams for children, and she has realized them," Civey said.

Little Guppy opened in September of 1997. Knobbe, who had spent years working in child development centers, had the opportunity to buy the center at which she was working, which was in a renovated 100-year-old building in St. Charles. She sat down with Civey and talked about that opportunity and what they would do with it.

"We really saw this as a chance to change things," Knobbe said. "Brain development research was really hitting at that time, and we said, 'If we could do anything, what would we do?'"

They bought a second St. Charles location in 1998, also a renovated older building, and consolidated both into a new building on Elm Point Industrial Drive in St. Charles in 2003. The center, which is licensed for



Renee Knobbe (left) and Debbie Civey are recipients of the 2007 Alumni Merit Award. The two, who were friends at Lindenwood, are owners of Little Guppy Child Development Center in St. Charles. They are pictured in front of a wall of tiles that includes the names and hand or foot prints of the children who attended the center when it opened.

172 children, is at capacity; the two are looking into acquiring or building new centers in St. Charles County. What makes Little Guppy successful, they say, is their educational philosophy, which values the children, families and staff equally.

In addition to cutting edge techniques in child development, the center offers services designed to make family life easier, including things like haircuts on site for the children, pick-up and drop-off of dry

cleaning and even delivery of dinners to the site for parents to take home.

"As a working mother, Debbie has brought a lot of great perspective on things we can do to make families' lives easier," Knobbe said.

Knobbe and Civey said they were both active at Lindenwood as students; they were cheerleaders and participated in numerous activities and organizations. Today, the Lindenwood connection is still strong. Knobbe teaches classes in early childhood education in the summer, and many Little Guppy teachers attend or have attended Lindenwood on a tuition break known as the Guppy Grant. Additionally, Lindenwood education students are allowed to come to the center to observe.

Both women say they are excited at how Lindenwood has grown and blossomed in recent years, stating that visitors to the campus who have not come by recently would be surprised to see the growth that has occurred there.

As for their own business, Knobbe and Civey know something about growth.

"This has grown into something unbelievable," Civey said. "We will keep it growing with additional centers. This will go on well beyond us."

Student Newspaper Debuts



The Lindenwood Legacy student newspaper published its first editions in the spring semester. Pictured with their second issue, the Legacy staff are (standing from left): Thomas Grigone, Hans Van Puyenbroeck, Matthew Trader, Chelsea Lewis, Melissa Cossarini, Dan Sonderman, Patrick Houlihan, faculty advisor Tom Pettit and Dune Trull (seated).

First Alumni Lecture an Overwhelming Success

A crowd of nearly 1,000 packed the Hyland Performance Arena in March for the first lecture in Lindenwood's Alumni Speaker Series. Martha Ackmann ('73) shared an amazing tale about a secret effort decades ago to involve women in space flight.

Ackmann is the author of "The Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight." She is a member of the gender studies faculty at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Her best-selling book tells the remarkable story of women pilots who were secretly tested to be astronauts in the early days of the U.S. space program. When the women scored too well, NASA scrapped the experiment.

"The Mercury 13" received the Amelia Earhart Medal for outstanding contributions to women and flight and the Media Prize from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Ackmann has appeared on the "Today" show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC. A popular speaker, she has lectured at the Kennedy Space Center, for many colleges around the country and abroad and for audiences ranging from the Arizona Women Lawyers to the Texas National Guard.



Earlier in the day, prior to her lecture and book signing, Martha Ackmann talked about her gender studies research and her book, "The Mercury 13," to a group of students in the Lindenwood History Club.

Author Martha Ackmann (center) poses with her father, Florenze Ackmann, and Marsha Parker, Lindenwood's dean of the Fine and Performing Arts Division, at a reception prior to her lecture.



Five Vice Presidents are Named

Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, Ph.D., has appointed five vice presidents to direct various aspects of the university's growing operations.



Rick Boyle, Ph.D., as vice president for human resources and dean of faculty. Boyle has been dean of the Education Division at Lindenwood for nine years and has led its exponential growth. Lindenwood launched an education doctorate with Boyle as dean.



Lucy S. Morros, Ph.D., as vice president for institutional advancement. Morros is former president of Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill., where she raised \$23 million for capital projects and operations. Morros was on the Lindenwood faculty for nearly 14 years early in her career. She began her second stint at Lindenwood on April 1.



Julie Mueller, MBA, as vice president for operations and finance and chief operating officer. Mueller has been chief operating officer at Lindenwood for seven years and has largely overseen the university's massive construction and expansion program.

J-Term Class Sees Chicago Financial Apparatus First-Hand

Management Division Dean Ed Morris' January Term class, Management of Financial Institutions, took a direct approach to the subject matter. After three weeks of learning about how major financial institutions are run, Morris and his 21 students traveled to Chicago for the final week of the class, where they got to see the workings of those institutions first-hand.

"We had read about the theory and practice of financial management and how markets work, and I wanted to have that come alive for them," Morris said. "No matter how it's portrayed in a book, you don't get the complete picture until you see it first-hand."

The week of January 15, the class boarded an Amtrak train and headed to Chicago, where they stayed at the downtown Marriott Hotel. While there, they visited the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

In addition, the president of the Northshore Community Bank hosted a lunch for the group at the Union League Club of Chicago. The students also visited the Morningstar Advisory Service and the Houlihan Lokey investment banking firm.

"Most of the students are finance majors,"

Morris said. "I wanted them to see what the career opportunities are. Opportunities are truly burgeoning now. I wanted to show them how it works and to have them talk to some people who do it."

Each of the students paid \$300 for the trip, which included transportation, lodging and some meals.

"I know they had a good time," Morris said. "I'd like to think there was a lot of educational value, too."

Morris' students agreed that the experience was valuable and enjoyable at the same time. Most of them were seniors, while there were a few juniors in the group.

"The experience was priceless," said Oliver Joseph. "It's a memory we will have for the rest of our lives. Being in the fray puts what we've been learning in a whole new light."

Others agreed that the experience was valuable on several levels as they made contacts in the various institutions and got to see how they work.

"We also got to find out what we do not want to do," said Blake Corners. "Some of the positions are very high stress. We now understand what the various options are for careers."

Dr. Ed Morris' J-Term class, Management of Financial Institutions, took an up-close-and-personal look at some financial institutions during a week-long class trip to Chicago.



John Oldani, Ed.D., as vice president for student development. Oldani joins the LU team after serving as executive director of Cooperating School Districts. Oldani has served as superintendent of two of the largest school districts in the state, Francis Howell and Rockwood.



Jann Weitzel, Ph.D., as vice president for academic affairs and provost. Weitzel served as dean of humanities at Lindenwood and has been on the faculty for 11 years.



From left: Dr. James D. Evans presided over both commencement ceremonies, his first as president of Lindenwood; the mace, which is carried in at the head of the procession, is a symbol of the authority of the president; sportscaster and Lindenwood alumnus Randy Karraker presented the Alumni Merit Award to Deborah Civey (left) and Renee Knobbe, owners of Little Guppy Child Development Center; the processional in both ceremonies was accompanied by the traditional bagpipe and drum, performed by the St. Louis Invera'an Pipe Band; members of the Lindenwood University Symphony Orchestra performed prior to the start of the undergraduate commencement.

Approximately 1,300 graduates participated in the two commencement ceremonies, which were held off campus for the first time ever at the St. Charles Family Arena. None of the school's indoor venues was large enough to handle the expected crowds. The use of the Family Arena also allowed for broadcast of the ceremonies on the facility's enormous video screens.

From left: Jim J. Shoemake (top), chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors, was among the speakers on Saturday; Rift Fournier (bottom), award-winning television writer, director and producer, gave the commencement address on Saturday; John M. Primrose (top), scout executive and CEO of the Boy Scout Council of Greater St. Louis, gave the commencement address on Friday; Norma Browne (bottom) was the student speaker on Saturday representing the adult education program; Baljinnyam Chinzorig awaits the start of the ceremony; Lucy Zeik and Brad Yount try to locate her family in the large crowd before the ceremony; Kendra Huddleston braved commencement anyway after suffering a sports injury a few days earlier.



Commencement:





More than 3,100 Join Alumni Ranks



Lindenwood Establishes Athletics Hall of Fame

The Lindenwood athletics department is becoming one of the most successful collegiate programs in the nation. As a way to honor the top individuals and teams that have helped build the program to this level, Lindenwood has established an Athletics Hall of Fame.

“We are really excited about starting an Athletics Hall of Fame,” said John Creer, Lindenwood’s dean of intercollegiate athletics and recreation. “Lindenwood has a rich history of outstanding athletes and teams, and it is long overdue that we honor the very best of these.”

Creer is the chairman of the Hall of Fame committee which is currently reviewing nominations for the inaugural class. Nominees are eligible to be inducted in one of the four categories of student-athlete, coach, meritorious service, or team.

The committee will announce the first class of the Lindenwood Athletics Hall of Fame this summer. The honorees will then be recognized during Homecoming

ceremonies on Oct. 19-20. A display of the Athletics Hall of Fame will also be built in the Hyland Performance Arena.

Lindenwood alumni are encouraged to nominate their favorite Lion athlete, coach or team for the Hall of Fame. For the inaugural class, the committee will consider any nomination it receives.

To nominate someone for the Hall of Fame or to learn more information about it, visit the LU Hall of Fame website at www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/halloffame.

Spellmann Will Be in Inaugural Class

The Athletics Hall of Fame committee has announced that the late Lindenwood President Dennis C. Spellmann will be the first person inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Spellmann will be honored along with the rest of the inaugural Hall of Fame class this fall during Homecoming.

Spellmann came to Lindenwood in 1989 and began an unprecedented turnaround at the school. One of the many areas that he improved was the athletics department.

In 1989, Lindenwood athletics had just a handful of struggling sports programs. Today, it has 38 sports programs that compete for a variety of national championships every year.

During Spellmann’s tenure, he helped plan and secure funding for numerous athletic facilities, including Lindenwood Stadium, Hyland Performance Arena, and the Lou Brock Sports Complex.

Spellmann attended as many athletic contests as possible and enthusiastically supported all of the university’s sports programs.

Lions Claim 10 Conference Titles

The Lindenwood athletic department produced championship efforts across the board during the first part of 2007, winning 10 conference titles.

In the Heart of America Athletic Conference, the school won championships in men’s golf, women’s golf, women’s tennis, men’s outdoor track and field, and spirit squads.

Men’s golf, women’s golf and women’s tennis added to their conference title totals by also winning their respective NAIA Regional Tournaments and advancing to the national championships.

The Lindenwood Lions and Lady Lions squads also won conference championships in roller hockey, women’s water polo, women’s lacrosse and men’s lacrosse. Those four programs earned berths to their national tournaments with the conference victories.

The Lindenwood baseball team caught fire late in the season and won the conference championship as well as the conference tournament and the NAIA regional tournament. The Lions defeated Houston Baptist in the SuperRegional and were making their first appearance in the NAIA College World Series as Connection went to press.

In other highlights from the first few months of 2007, three Lindenwood teams finished second at national events. The women’s ice hockey team came up one win short of capturing a second straight title, and men’s swimming and cheerleading were both national runner-ups.

Men’s bowling and men’s volleyball advanced to the national semifinals in their bracket tournaments. Women’s swimming and men’s indoor track and field both had top-10 finishes during NAIA winter national championship events.



Corey Hill slides safely into home in the Lions’ victory over the Avila Eagles in the NAIA Regional Championship game.

Wrestling Heads List of Four National Championships

The Lindenwood athletic department has made its name known on a national stage over the last few months, winning four national championships since March.

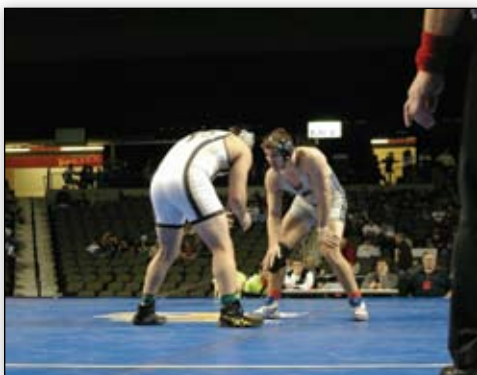
The title surge started with the Lions wrestling team dominating the 50th annual NAIA National Championship and winning the third national title in program history. All 12 Lion wrestlers earned All-American honors at the meet as Lindenwood's depth helped it come out on top. Lindenwood scored 177 points at the competition, the fourth-most in NAIA history, and won by 67 points, which was the second-largest winning margin at the national wrestling championships.

Junior Jake Dieffenbach became the fifth Lion wrestler in school history to win two national titles when he won the 165-pound crown. Dieffenbach went 5-0 at the national meet, including a 9-8 win in the championship match.

Another junior, John Salter, was crowned champion of the 174-pound weight class. He had to defeat teammate Matt Cauley by a 3-1 score in the finals to win his first national title.

Head coach Joe Parisi was named the NAIA national coach of the year after the meet. It was the third time that he has received that honor.

Two national championships came from LU's highly successful roller hockey program. The Lions' top team won the NCRHA Division I Championship, while their number two team won the NCRHA Division B title.



The Division I team finished with a perfect 30-0 season and has now won a record 90 straight contests, a streak that goes back to 2004. The Lions sealed their sixth-straight national title with a 12-2 win over Rhode Island in the finals. Lindenwood's Division B squad won a national title for the third straight year with a 13-2 win over St. Louis Community College at Meramec. That team finished the year with a 27-2-1 overall record.

The fourth title came from another St. Charles dynasty, the Lindenwood shooting team. The Lions hit 1,513 of 1,600 targets to take first-place in the ACUI Intercollegiate Clay Target Championships. Lindenwood won the championship by eight birds as it held off a late challenge by Texas A&M.

Individually, Randall McLelland finished second overall in the men's individual standings, and Jenna McLean was runner-up in the women's standings.

The Lindenwood athletics department has now won a total of 25 national championships, with 24 of those coming since the 2001-2002 school year.

Wrestling coach Joe Parisi (right) presents the national championship trophy for 2007 with Lindenwood President James Evans. The wrestling team won the national championship, its third in program history, in March.



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For more information, please contact Katy Montgomery at (636) 949-4975 or alumni@lindenwood.edu.

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Anniversaries

Mrs. Keltah Long Belanger ('47) and her husband William Belanger, of Louisville, Ky., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 1, 2007.

Edna Mary Richardson ('45) and her husband John celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Guests and relatives attended a reception at their home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., on September 16, 2006.

Awards/Degrees

Trisha O'Cheltree ('02), of St. Charles, Mo., received a national award from the United States Jaycees for her efforts as membership vice president of the St. Charles Jaycees.

Rebekah Wood ('03 & '05), of Florissant, Mo., was recognized as one of the top "40 under 40" professionals in St. Charles. Rebekah is the Sales Manager for the St. Charles Convention Center.

Stephanie Carns Carlton ('01), of Columbia, Mo., received her Ph.D. in Genetics from the University of Missouri-Columbia on October 24, 2006.

New Jobs

Michael Clynych ('00), of Moscow Mills, Mo., has joined Midwest BankCentre as senior mortgage planner for the St. Charles region.

Tim Nihart ('94), of Taylors, S.C., currently teaches public speaking at North Greenville University and is also the Director of Camp Marietta, a summer camp and retreat.

Jennifer McDowell ('02), of Centralia, Mo., has been named corporate counsel at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Missouri.

Kenton Rogers ('05), of St. Charles, Mo., is now an inside sales representative at Negwer Door Systems.

Claudio Lombardo ('04) has been hired by Arc Worldwide, an Affiliate of Leo Burnett in Chicago, Ill., as an interactive account supervisor.

Jeff Ablen ('06), who was the Voice of the Basketball Lions in 2005-2006, has signed on with Fox 31 TV in Albany, Ga., as a sports reporter and weekend sports anchor.

Suzanne Fenton ('99), of St. Charles, Mo., has been elected president of the board for Industrial Aid, Inc.

Steve Anderson ('92), of St. Louis, Mo., recently was named a principal with Edward Jones' holding company, the Jones Financial Companies L.L.P. He is one of only 34 individuals chosen from more than 33,000 associates to join the firm's 301 principals.

Births

Racheal Quick Killian ('05) and her husband David, of Wentzville, Mo., announce the birth of their son, Parker Thomas, on March 26, 2007.

Heather Wobbe Limoges ('94) and her husband Steven Limoges ('94), of Florissant, Mo., announce the birth of their fraternal twins, Grace Nicole and Joshua Steven. They were born on October 12, 2005, and join big sisters Hope and Katy.

Dana Ballheiemer Dahl ('05) and her husband Eddie Dahl ('04), of St. Louis, Mo., announce the birth of their first child, Madison on September 1, 2005.

Miscellaneous

Margaret Wehrenberg ('76) has co-written "The Anxious Brain: The Neurological Basis of Anxiety Disorders and How to Effectively Treat Them." Wehrenberg is a licensed psychologist who has managed a private practice in Illinois for 20 years.

In Memoriam

Virginia McClure Good ('30)
Rochester, Minn.

Betty Creighton Kemper ('31)
St. Helena Is, S.C.

Roberta Miller Carey ('38)
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

Sara Margaret Willis English ('39)
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Margaret Funk Aden ('43)
Great Bend, Kan.

Helen Devine Fangman ('44)
St. Louis, Mo.

Juanita Creech Lovely ('46)
Henderson, Ky.

Mary Ruth Platt Ewart ('47)
Burbank, Calif.

Patricia McKee Menson ('47)
Southbury, Conn.

Joline Bressie Argast ('52)

Coralie Branson Lippold ('52)
Leslie, Mo.

Janet Neilson Monnig ('52)
St. Louis, Mo.

Marilyn Mills Janesky ('55)
Danville, Ill.

Martha Demmler ('60)
Kewanee, Ill.

Diane Carithers ('67)
California

Carol Barklage Helton ('68)
St. Charles, Mo.

Rosalin Flax ('72)
Creve Coeur, Mo.

Barbara A. Dultz ('77)
St. Charles, Mo.

Carlene Nicholson Juncker ('86)
Former Lindenwood Faculty Member

Meghan Calahan ('06)
St. Charles, Mo.

Planning Your Legacy



Dear Alumni, Constituents and Friends,

Although he was a prominent attorney in his time, Abraham Lincoln died without a will. It caused his family unbelievable grief which could have been avoided if he hadn't been so busy.

Only about half of us have made arrangements through a will or trust to resolve issues about our property when we pass away. During my 25 years of practicing law, I have drafted countless estate plans and I have some observations to share with you.

Why make a will now?

Death is not something we like to think about. The recurring comment I heard from clients, when they finally came in to do their will, was that they had been thinking about doing it for a long time. A person normally waits until a major event happens in their life, such as the passing of a parent or loved

one, marriage, or the birth of their first child before drafting their will. If you have a child and no estate plan, stop reading this now and call an attorney for an appointment tomorrow.

Do I really need a will?

If you fail to make estate plans, the state in which you live will prescribe one for you by statute. This process is called intestate succession. In all of my years of practicing law and hearing the wishes of my clients, NEVER ONCE did any of my clients want their property divided in the way prescribed by the state. Need I say more?

How do I do it?

A will doesn't have to be fancy or expensive. It just has to express your wishes. If you want to talk about some ideas and get some direction, my office is available to you for consultation. You can call me at (636) 949-4617. If you do not have an attorney already, I can give you some referrals for the actual preparation of your estate plan.

What is your Legacy?

How do you want to be remembered? Most people would like to be remembered as generous and charitable. A parent spends a lifetime teaching his or her children many things. Wouldn't it be fitting to have the

last lesson taught them be one of charity and generosity? With estate planning you will be creating a fitting legacy. You could actually be helping your heirs, as future students of Lindenwood University, through your gifts. An added benefit is that bequests to Lindenwood can reduce your estate taxes.

If you make an estate plan gift to the university in an amount of \$1,000 or more, you will become a member of the Sibley Heritage Society and will be invited annually to a special recognition dinner during the fall.

It's time to plan for the future, so after providing for your spouse and family needs, please consider a specific gift (fixed amount gift) or a percentage of your estate to Lindenwood to create a legacy that will live for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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

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Message from the Alumni Association President



Congratulations to the Class of 2007. On behalf of the Lindenwood Alumni Board, we wish you the best of luck in your chosen fields. October 19-20 is the date of your first reunion. We hope to see you there!

As a Lindenwood graduate, you have the knowledge and capability needed for a successful career. No matter where your career endeavors take you, we hope that you

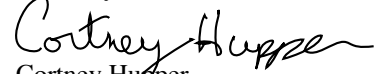
will keep in touch with your alma mater. Please take a few moments to visit the alumni website at www.lindenwood.edu/alumni. You will find all the information you need about the alumni association on the webpage. Whether it is updating your contact information, donating to the university, or referring a student, you can find it all on our web page.

By the way, did you know that referring a student is one of the best ways for you, as an alumn, to support the university? If you know of a student looking for a high quality, values centered education, tell him or her

about LU. Lindenwood is an easy sell and a great choice for academic excellence!

For more information about the Lindenwood Alumni Association, please call Katy Montgomery, Lindenwood's director of alumni affairs, at 636-949-4975.

Sincerely,


Courtney Hupper
President, Alumni Association

Center for Fine and Performing Arts Taking Shape



Progress is brisk on construction of Lindenwood's \$32 million Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. The 138,000 square foot building is scheduled to open in the spring of 2008.

Vice President for Operations and Finance Julie Mueller said final erection of steel is occurring now and that roofing will commence over the next few months.

Mueller said extensive drywall installation is under way, as well as installation of electrical and mechanical components.

More than 100 feet tall at its highest point, the structure will feature a 1,200-seat main auditorium for theatre, music, dance lectures and other events. There will be a main gallery to showcase student art and professional exhibits, and it will double as a reception area for events scheduled in the main auditorium.

Lindenwood administration and alumni prominent in the entertainment field are in talks now to develop a fall '08 theatre season highlighting nationally and internationally known artists.

While entertainment will be an important function of the center, the building will provide a world-class hands-on learning environment for future educators, scholars and technicians. There will be large and medium-sized classrooms, a 150-seat black box theatre, music practice rooms, a fashion design studio, a production design studio, a high-tech video suite, a vocal music hall and an instrumental music hall.

Naming opportunities in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts are still available — please call the Development Office at 636-949-4903 for information.

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