



Friday, December 2, 2016



- Lindenwood football player [Connor Harris](#) announced a commitment to play in the **2017 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl**. Harris is the first of three players announced to play in the game, joining Tennessee quarterback Joshua Dobbs and Ohio State wide receiver Dontre Wilson.
- The Belleville campus is making headlines throughout the St. Louis Metro Area with the history that lies beneath the campus. To see the coverage about the untold past of the **Lindenwood University Belleville** tunnels, watch [Fox2Now](#)'s coverage or read the story in the [Belleville News Democrat](#)!
- The **Swimming and Diving** program volunteered at Lindenwood's Christmas Walk by placing candles.

- A St. Charles resident who has lived 5 houses from Butler Hall for 11 years sent the following in an email, *“This is my first **Christmas Walk**. It was beautiful! The spirits were so high. The students helped so much. I loved it and won't miss it again”*.
- The Lindenwood **Women's Volleyball** team placed five student-athletes on the all-conference list for the 2016 season.
- The **St. Charles Alumni Club** recently elected new officers for the 2017-18 year. Mary Ellen Kantz ('77) will serve as president, Jodell Larkin ('94) will be vice president, Tina Queen ('98) will serve as secretary, and Amy Johnson ('97) will be the treasurer.



- Senior linebacker [Connor Harris](#) was named to the all-MIAA first-team for the third time in his career. The Lions had three others named to the third-team, with junior [Kendell Sparks](#) earning a spot as a kick/punt returner, sophomore [Jonathan Harris](#) on the defensive line, and junior [Bakari Triggs](#) as a defensive back.
- On Thanksgiving Day, Pedestal Foods provided the Lindenwood Community a **Thanksgiving Day luncheon**. There was delicious traditional Thanksgiving food, a photo booth with Thanksgiving themed props, and Michael and Karen Shonrock carving the turkey! This was a great event, especially for the students who are unable to go home for the holidays.



- The Lindenwood **Men's Basketball** team outshot the Truman Bulldogs at Hyland Arena, and won their 10th straight home opener. The Lions defeated Truman by a 94-83 score to move to 3-0 on the season.
- Lindenwood is a member of the Regional Chamber, and recently received the following in an email from the **St. Louis Regional Chamber**. *“One of our three key strategies your investment supports is strengthening the economic clusters where are already strong and have global potential for growth, such as **health** and **biosciences**. Pfizer’s decision to invest in St. Louis demonstrates this growth strategy, which is only possible with your Regional Investment”*.
- The Lindenwood **Field Hockey** team made program history in November when it won its first conference championship. The Lady Lions were the No. 1 seed in the ECAC Tournament and the team did not allow a goal on its way to winning the title. Lindenwood defeated Mercy by a 3-0 score in the semifinals, and then earned a 1-0 win over Limestone in the championship match. The only goal in that contest came from **Tara Robben** midway through the second half, which helped Robben earn Tournament MVP honors. She was joined on the all-tournament team by **Nicole Johnston**, **Amelia Rodriguez**, and **Skylar Starbeck**. The field hockey program ended its season with a 16-3 mark.



- Congratulations to **Dr. Pernell Witherspoon**, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, who received the [Merit Award](#) presented by the Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association on November 4 at the Copper Dome Society/Merit Recognition Dinner in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
- The **Women's Soccer** team had a program first when it won its first **MIAA Tournament** game. The Lady Lions faced Northeastern State in the first round and a goal by Lindenwood's Kat Roe with 45 seconds remaining was the only score of the contest. Lindenwood would fall to eventual Regional Champion Central Missouri in the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament. It ended the year with a 10-8-1 overall record.
- **Talent Connect**, a project of UCP Heartland, graduated another class of 6 trainees with disabilities. This is the first class completing the 12 week program at Pedestal Foods at Lindenwood University. Talent Connect is an innovative training-to-employment program in the hotel/hospitality industry, designed to provide individuals with disabilities, an opportunity for employer-led on-the-job training and certification.



- **Winter Fest**, featuring an outdoor ice rink, snow globe photo booth, cookie decorating, and ornament making was very successful in its first year with around 150-200 students in attendance.
- The Lindenwood **Men's Soccer** team earned a **NCAA Tournament Bid**, its second in four years of NCAA eligibility. After receiving byes for the first two rounds, the Lions faced off against conference rival Fort Hays State in the NCAA Regional Finals. The Lions outshot Fort Hays State in the contest but couldn't get any balls past the Tigers goalie. Fort Hays State eventually won the game in overtime by a 1-0 margin. The Lions, who won another MIAA title this year, finished the year with a 13-4-2 mark.
- Judge Amos Mazzant of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued a preliminary injunction postponing the effective date of December 1 for the **U.S. Department of Labor's overtime rule**. This is the rule that would have raised the minimum salary threshold for exempt employees to \$47,476 annually, but was challenged in a lawsuit brought by 21 states. This action by the judge in that lawsuit provides him additional time to determine whether the rule is valid, and if he determines that it is not, he could then rule for a permanent injunction. [Here is a link](#) to information provided by the College & University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) about the injunction and its potential impact on the rule.



- Faculty Colloquium Series, Fall 2016, organized by **Dr. Areerat Kichkha**, highlighted 3 Lindenwood faculty presentations -- **Dr. Elizabeth Fleitz**, School of Humanities, *"From Best Authorities": Men, Women, and the Contested Ethos of American Cookbook Authorship, 1796-1860*; **Dr. William Rogers**, Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship, *New Developments in Female Earnings and Marriage*; and **Dr. Monica**

Flippin Wynn, School of Accelerated Degree Programs, *Sharing Your Academic Backpack – Women and Mentorship in Academe.*

- The Department of Nursing and Public Health Sciences at Lindenwood University will host an accreditation site visit by the **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)** on February 22, 23, and 24, 2017. The purpose of the visit to review our program for initial program accreditation. [Read more](#)
- **Phi Delta Theta** raised just over \$300.00 for ALS during their first ALS Carnival.
- The **MIAA Academic Awards** for the fall sports was recently released. Six Lindenwood student-athletes were named MIAA Scholar-Athletes for both academic and athletic achievements. They were **Alex Bogusz**, **Shannon Doyle**, and **Jessica Krygsheld** in women's volleyball, **DeSean Warren** football, and **Aleksa Nenadic** and **Nikolas Kondic** men's soccer. A total of 50 athletes were named to the **MIAA Academic Honor Roll** with 13 from women's volleyball, 16 from football, nine from men's soccer, and 12 from women's soccer.
- **Pedestal Foods** hosted their 3rd annual Hogwarts Feast for the students. This event was complete with a Hogwarts themed menu, music from the Harry Potter movies, Quidditch Pong, and photo standees of Harry, Ron and Hermione. This event was a success and they can't wait to have it again next year!



- **Men's Bowling** finished second while the women's squad finished eighth at the National Collegiate Team Match Games tournament November 26-27 in Fairview Heights, Illinois.
- The 2016 version of "**Billiards at Ballpark Village**" attracted hundreds of spectators in downtown St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Synchronized skating** competes at the United States Figure Skating Porter Synchro Classic December 3-4. The event begins at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- All **Greek** council and chapter elections are complete.
- Congratulations to the [Fall 2016 Inductees](#) of the **Pi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (BV)**, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.
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