

Hear Us Roar

Friday, December 16, 2016

- Leaders at Lindenwood University-**Belleville** made sure international students, half a world away from family and friends and unfamiliar with a purely American holiday, weren't left out of Thanksgiving festivities. Lindenwood Belleville President Brett Barger and the school's Student Life & Leadership organization hosted a group of about 30 students from other countries on Thanksgiving at the Belleville farmhouse of Linda Weisenstein. There, they learned about the origins of Thanksgiving before dining on a feast of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, and other fixings. For the full story, click [here](#).



- It was announced that former Lindenwood women's hockey goaltender [Nicole Hensley](#) was chosen as one of the 10 recipients for the **NCAA Top 10 Award**.
- Lindenwood University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, Brad Wachler, announced that **Jed Stugart** will be the school's new **Head Football Coach**. Stugart comes to St. Charles after seven seasons at NCAA Division II Sioux Falls. He will start immediately and was formally introduced at a press conference on the Lindenwood Campus on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.
- The Lindenwood **Women's Hockey** team defeated the Mercyhurst Lakers 3-1 on Saturday afternoon at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville, Missouri.



- At the **December 2016 Commencement Ceremony**, **Lindenwood University-St. Charles** conferred 533 Bachelor's degrees, 422 Master's degrees, 50 Educational Specialist degrees, and 29 Doctor of Education degrees, posted in September, October, and December. Nearly 800 graduates were scheduled to take part in the ceremony including 425 undergraduate students and 370 graduate students.

Lindenwood University-Belleville conferred 261 Bachelor's degrees, 125 Master's degrees, posted in September, October, and December. Nearly 200 graduates were scheduled to take part in the ceremony including 122 undergraduate students and 70 graduate students.

- The Lindenwood **Men's Basketball** team extended its winning streak to four games at Hyland Arena. The Lions defeated Robert Morris-Springfield by a margin of 97-61 points.
- Assistant Professor, English, **Jeremy Carnes** has secured a book contract with University of Delaware Press for his monograph titled *The Papist Represented: Literature and the English Catholic Community, 1688-1791*. Jeremy's book is scheduled to hit the shelves sometime in Summer or Fall of 2017.
- The Lindenwood **Wrestling Team** shined in its first dual match as it defeated MIAA-rival Fort Hays, 25-18.
- The Lindenwood **Men's Soccer** team landed four players on the **National Soccer Coaches Association of America** first-team. The Lion's selections included [Xhovani Dokaj](#), [Thomas Hutcheson](#), [Aleksa Nenadic](#), and [Jose Sanchez](#).



- The Lindenwood **Synchronized Skating** team finished eighth at the Dr. Porter Classic held December 2-4 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Lindenwood University-**Belleville Criminal Justice** student **Jade Lawson**, of Antioch, California, recently completed an internship with the 375th Security Forces Squadron, a U.S. Air Force police organization located on Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Lawson was the first Lindenwood University-Belleville student to complete an internship with the Squadron, a team that directs air base defense functions and security. [This article](#) in *The St. Louis American* provides information on her internship.
- The **MIAA** announced its academic award winners for football. Sixteen Lions were honored by the conference for their classroom work.
- Lindenwood University's **Center for Economics and the Environment** (CEE) was [recently ranked](#) among the top ten percent of all economics research departments in the world by Research Papers in Economics (RePEc). Three CEE economists--Director [Dr. Rik Hafer](#), senior research fellow [Dr. Howard Wall](#) and senior research fellow [Dr. Richard Anderson](#)—were ranked by RePEc as being among the world's top five percent in several categories. The Center is part of the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise, which is housed in the University's Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship.
- **Men's Ice Hockey** player, [Austin Wilk](#), has been named to Team USA for the World University Games.
- The Lindenwood **Women's Basketball** team defeated Missouri Southern for the first time in school history with an 86-80 win in Hyland Arena in St. Charles, Missouri.



- [Connor Harris](#) officially became a three-time All-American when he was named to the **American Football Coaches Association** (AFCA) All-American first team at the linebacker position. Harris is statistically one of the top defensive players in NCAA Division II history, and is now one of the most decorated Lindenwood players in program history.
- Beginning Fall 2017, the Fire & Paramedic Science program will be transitioned to the **Bachelor of Science & Paramedicine** (BSP) in Paramedicine. SSM physicians Dr. Brian Weisenberg and Dr. Charles Dodson will be serving as medical directors for the program. Paramedic students will be able to attend clinicals at SSM's nationally recognized Level I and II trauma centers, pediatric hospitals and specialty centers.
- After winning its third MIAA regular season title in the last five seasons, the Lindenwood **Men's Soccer** coaching staff was tabbed as the **Central Region Coaching Staff of the Year**.
- Lindenwood **Assistant Professor of English, Melle Elmes**, was elected to a five-year term on the Celtic Studies Forum of the Executive team of the MLA (the largest national organization in the Humanities). Kudos on this accomplishment!
- Lindenwood **Cheerleading** supported the [granting of a wish](#) through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. On December 9, the day began with a limo ride for the recipient who then received a gift card to purchase his wardrobe. He and his family were treated to lunch while the Lady Lions cheered him on. Staff members from Macy's at West County Center were also there in full force and many customers supported the event.

- Lindenwood **Bowler**, senior [*Rodolfo Madriz*](#), and former player, Cristian Azcona, advanced to the finals stage at the 2016 Qatar Open earlier this week in Doha, Qatar. Madriz is one of ten players that automatically advanced to the second six-game final round. Azcona, a 2015 graduate, is one of 33 players that will bowl another six games, with the top 18 advancing in the competition. Play continues in The Qatar Open, one of the bigger events on the World Bowling Tour.
- Lindenwood **Campus Activities Board** sponsored a **Late Night Breakfast** on the evening of December 5th, and Pedestal Foods generously donated food for the event. There was a donut eating contest, a pajama fashion show, and dueling pianos! Faculty and staff donated their time, which helped to make the event a success.



Happy Birthday

Elizabeth Huss, 12/22

Joe Mathews, 12/27



Happy Anniversary

Michael & Karen Shonrock, 12/15

Jonathon & Gwendolyn Ford, 12/27

John & Barbara Hammond, 12/29