

Welcome to the first 2017 edition of *Hear Us Roar!* I hope that you enjoy the new look of your newsletter, and I welcome your comments and suggestions. On behalf of President Shonrock, I look forward to bringing you the “roar-worthy” accomplishments of our amazing students, faculty and staff.

Best wishes to all,

ACADEMICS



Online Bachelor's Ranked Among Nation's Best by U.S. News

For the fourth straight year, Lindenwood University's online bachelor's degree programs have been [ranked among the best in the nation for 2016](#) by the prestigious U.S. News and World Report.

ATHLETICS



Connor Harris Wins Cliff Harris Award, Receives Two Prestigious Invitations

Football player Connor Harris is the [2016 recipient of the Cliff Harris Award](#) as the nation's top defensive player among NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, and NAIA programs.

Harris also received [two prestigious invitations](#) around the New Year's holiday. Harris ended 2016 by learning he was invited to the 2017 NFL Combine, and started 2017 by earning an invite to the 2017 Senior Bowl.

Strong Academic Performance Among Student-Athletes

Our student-athletes were incredibly successful in the classroom during fall semester 2016, earning a semester grade point average of 3.34 and passing 98.8 percent of attempted classes. One hundred and five student-athletes earned a grade point average of 4.0. This strong academic performance is yet another reason why we're so proud of our student athletes!



Cycling Earns Fourth Overall - Finchamp Wins Women's Cyclocross Title

Cycling earned [fourth place overall](#), and [Hannah Finchamp won the individual women's title](#) at the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships January 3-8 in Hartford, Connecticut.



Seven Men's Water Polo Players Receive All-America Honors

[All seven starters for men's water polo team received Collegiate Water Polo Association \(CWPA\) Men's Division I Collegiate Club All-America honors](#) for the 2016 season, with [Toni Storic](#) being named the Player of the Year, the first ever for Lindenwood University.

Men's Basketball Wins In Final Minute Against Central Oklahoma

Jackson Price scored a career-high 27 points, including hitting the shot that put the Lions ahead in the final minute, on Saturday afternoon in Hyland Arena. [The Lions knocked off Central Oklahoma](#) in a MIAA contest by a 67-65 score.



Wrestling Pins Four Opponents in the Victory Over Ouachita Baptist

The Lindenwood wrestling team returned from its Christmas break in full form when it took care of business behind a [38-12 victory over Ouachita Baptist on Saturday](#). It was the Lions' second dual win of the

season.



Men's Soccer Receives Central Region Coaching Staff of the Year Award

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](#).



Lion Line Hip Hop and Jazz Routines Ranked First at Spirit of America Championships

Lion Line [earned first place rankings in both the Collegiate Open Hip Hop and Collegiate Open Jazz divisions at the Universal Dance Association \(UDA\) Spirit of America Championship](#) January 7th at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota.



Miller Selected as Monte Nitzkowski Distinguished Coaching Award Winner

USA Water Polo has announced Lindenwood men's head coach Dave Miller as a [winner of the 2016 Monte Nitzkowski Distinguished Coaching Award for the Midwest Zone](#).

FACULTY



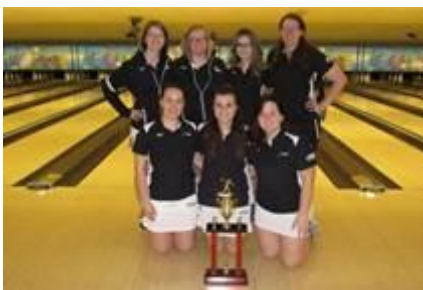
Best Practice Boot Camp

On January 4-5, 2017, more than 55 Lindenwood faculty participated in the inaugural Best Practice Boot Camp for Distance Education. Over two intense days of training, participants explored evidence-based practices for designing and delivering online and hybrid courses. According to Dr. Joseph Alsobrook, Interim Director of

Lindenwood Online, "The interest and turnout for the Boot Camp clearly demonstrates faculty commitment to continuous professional improvement. It's exciting to see the power of strategic collaboration in action."

Nonprofit Administration Career Coach Program

The Nonprofit Administration Career Coach program pairs a professional alumnus or business community volunteer in the nonprofit field with a soon-to-be graduating student to develop her or her career. Career Coaches meet with their student partner once per month and attend events focused on resume and cover letter writing, a simulated networking reception, and mock interviews. Students and Career Coaches are paired together based on industry of interest.



Women's Bowling Finishes Second at Hoinke Classic

The [women's bowling team finished second at the Hoinke Bearcat Classic](#) January 7-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

STAFF

Talking Tuesdays

Staff Council met in December for a “Talking Tuesdays” call night - contacting students who have been admitted for fall 2017. Each council member “adopted” ten of these students with the goal of establishing a relationship with them, and keeping them engaged during the application and enrollment process. To expand the reach of “Talking Tuesdays”, each member of Staff Council has reached out to other campus groups to invite other staff, faculty and students to volunteer in this initiative.

IN OTHER NEWS

State of St. Louis

On Thursday, January 12th, Dr. Michael Shonrock attended the State of St. Louis event, sponsored by the St. Louis Business Journal. A panel of local community leaders, which included Lindenwood Board member Mark Kern and St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann, discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the St. Louis Region.

George Sibley Memorial – September 27, 2019

In partnership with the Santa Fe Trail Association (SFTA), a George Sibley memorial has been planned to be dedicated September 27, 2019, during the SFTA’s biennial symposium. [Mr. Sibley was an important in the 1825-27 trail expedition and survey, employing Joseph Brown as the surveyor.](#) We will share details of this event in the coming months.

Appointment to St. Louis Zoo Association Board of Directors

On December 1, 2016, the Saint Louis Zoo Association Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Michael Shonrock as a new Board member. Michael will serve a three-year term effective January 1, 2017.



Student Listed Among St. Louis’ 100 Most Inspiring and Influential African American Professionals

LaShell Eikerenkoetter, a graduate communications student in Lindenwood’s School of Accelerated Degree Programs, was [recently listed by Delux Magazine among St. Louis’ 100 most inspiring and influential African-American professionals.](#)

Lindenwood “Product Placement” in St. Anthony’s Hospital Commercial

Special thanks are in order to our friends at St. Anthony's Hospital for including a Lindenwood shirt in their [new television commercial](#), which started running this week.

Extending Our Reach

Dr. Parisi was asked to be a guest speaker at Fry Wagner's Regional Staff Meeting on 'Winning Strategies'. One hundred plus people in the auditorium – including Dan Zessinger at Fry Wagner - followed up with a note "Amazing, Everybody loved it!"

Exciting Dining News

The Spellmann Center Dining Hall had some updates for the Spring Semester! Some of these included Chicken Strips at Chick-fil-A and a brand new Wasabi Sushi cooler. Keep an eye out for other great additions coming later in the semester.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jane Rogers – January 6th

Grace Harmon – January 7th

James Issler – January 7th

Donald Paule – January 9th

Patrick Sullivan – January 16th

J. Michael Conoyer – January 17th



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