

2015 Highest Median Household Income in Missouri	
County	Median Household Income
St. Charles County	\$74,009
Platte County	\$72,548
Clay County	\$65,106
Cass County	\$62,996
St. Louis County	\$61,569
Clinton County	\$59,655
Jefferson County	\$58,747
Andrew County	\$58,675
Cole County	\$56,393
Osage County	\$55,962

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Estimates and Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news recently released from the 2015 U.S. Census and the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC). St. Charles County's median household income increased more than 13 percent over the 2010 level, and it [leads the state in median household income](#).

"Our community consistently has been either the first, or one of the first, in highest household income for decades," said St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann. "This speaks to the **productivity of our skilled workforce** and the **business successes and partnerships our community is known for.**"

This is useful information as we continue to evaluate our opportunities. Please reach out to me if you'd like more details.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Wendy Broadhurst

ACADEMICS

Weaver and Kerksick Co-Author Paper

Human Performance graduate student Ashley Weaver and Director of the Human Performance Program and Director of the Exercise and Performance Nutrition Laboratory, Chad Kerksick, PhD, recently [co-authored a paper](#) detailing the proper technique of an exercise titled: Implementing Landmine Single-Leg Romanian Deadlift into an Athlete's Training Program in *Strength and Conditioning Journal*, a peer-reviewed journal supported by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Success Story For Former Student, Viktoria Muench

Viktoria Muench, former editor of *The Legacy* who graduated in May, has begun her master's degree coursework in social journalism at the City University of New York. The program is very prestigious - only 17 students were accepted out of 500 applicants. Viktoria is from Germany and mastered not only the writing aspects of journalism, she excelled at video shooting, video editing and social media skills. I am sure her wide skill set is why she was selected. So yes, our program here is like no other!

FACULTY

Delibovi Article Publication: *Lymphoma Therapy and Adverse Events: Nursing Strategies for Thinking Critically and Acting Decisively*

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Dana Delibovi, published an article on critical thinking in *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing* entitled, "Lymphoma Therapy and Adverse Events: Nursing Strategies for Thinking Critically and Acting Decisively."

The article, a collaboration between an oncology nurse, a physician, and Delibovi, identifies nursing challenges in the management of adverse events associated with therapy for lymphomas and describes how strategies in critical thinking can help meet those challenges.

Cooper's Monograph Publication: *Veteran Americans: Revolution to Reconstruction*

Professor Ben Cooper's study, *Veteran Americans: Revolution to Reconstruction*, has been accepted, by unanimous vote of the editorial board, for publication by the University of Massachusetts Press. The book traces the unheralded rise of veteran authors from the early republic through the end of the nineteenth century. It will be available for purchase in 2018.

Elmes' Essay Publication: "The Alchemical Transformation of Melusine"

The essay written by Assistant Professor of English, Melle Elmes, "The Alchemical Transformation of Melusine," received glowing reviews from the publisher's reviewers and will come out in an edited volume titled *Melusine's Footprint: Tracing the Legacy of a Medieval Myth* in Brill's *Explorations in Medieval Culture* series. The series will be published sometime at the end of 2017 or beginning of 2018. Elmes is the co-editor of this volume, so she will receive double publication credit!

Birdnow's Monograph Publication: *The Subversive Screen: The Communist Controversy in Hollywood*

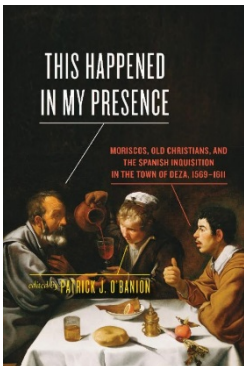
Adjunct History Professor, Brian Birdnow, is publishing *The Subversive Screen: The Communist Controversy in Hollywood*. The book will be published by Praeger this year.

This is Birdnow's third monograph in addition to four separate chapters he has published in collected editions. Truly impressive!



Smith's Book Publication: *Wild Place*

History Professor Kris Runberg Smith's regional history, *Wild Place*, published by Washington State University Press is now in its second printing. It is even available at Costco, so this makes Kris' name, book, and institutional affiliation even more visible!



O'Banion's Book Publication: *This Happened In My Presence*

Associate Professor of History, Patrick O'Banion, has published [This Happened In My Presence](#). The book reveals the life in the small Spanish town of Deza during a period that was complex and tumultuous.

Kerksick Article Publication: "Effects of an Amylopectin and Chromium Complex on the Anabolic Response to a Suboptimal Dose of Whey Protein"

Dr. Chad Kerksick, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science, in collaboration with colleagues in Ohio, New Jersey, and Arkansas, examines the potential ability of a novel combination of nutrients on its ability to stimulate our muscles to grow and adapt. This initial pilot work was completed in young healthy individuals, but the ultimate goal is to examine these changes in older individuals and see if the same amount of positive impact can be derived when this combination of nutrients is consumed with smaller amounts of protein in older individuals.

Tomicich Receives Award

The [Gifted Association of Missouri](#) presented Heather Tomicich with the Delma Johnson Outstanding Educator of Gifted Award. Mrs. Tomicich has been teaching in the School of Education at Lindenwood University as an adjunct instructor since 2014. Mrs. Tomicich earned her bachelor's and M.A. from Lindenwood University.



Will Condon Named Head Women's Volleyball Coach

Will Condon will be the [next head women's volleyball coach](#). Condon brings a wealth of experience at the NCAA Division II level. "It became apparent to me very quickly when I arrived on campus that Lindenwood is one of those special places," said Condon.



Swimming and Diving Honored For Success In Classroom

The College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America announced the fall 2016 [recipients for the Scholar All-America teams](#). The Lindenwood swimming and diving teams were once again honored by the organization.



Track and Field Wins 14 Events At Principia Relays

The track and field teams [won 14 titles at the Principia Relays](#) in Elsah, IL. Michael Mlambo led the way in men's competition, with two first-place performances. On the women's side, Lindenwood won 3 track and 3 field events.



Men's Basketball Collects Big Road Victory At Fort Hays State

The men's basketball team snapped its three-game losing streak and won for the first time in Hays, KS. The [Lions defeated Fort Hays State](#) by a 71-62 margin.



Impressive Performance by Lady Lions Results in 76-70 Victory

The women's basketball team [picked up a big win over Fort Hays State](#) in Hays, KS. Fort Hays State was previously ranked in the top-25 in NCAA Division II.



Gymnastics Sets Season-Best Score At Home Tri-Meet

The gymnastics team had a [season-best score](#) in Hyland Arena, and the Lady Lions earned two victories over Wisconsin-La Crosse and Winona State.



Connor Harris Records Six Tackles In Senior Bowl

Football player Connor Harris had a [good showing at the 2017 Reese's Senior Bowl](#) in Mobile, AL, completing a week in which he played against some of the top seniors in the country. Harris recorded six tackles in the games.



Roller Hockey Wins Four at MCRHL Inter-Regional

The Lions faced some tough competition, but managed to [sweep all four games](#) they played at the Midwest Collegiate Roller Hockey League Inter-Regional at Hat Trick Hockey in Palatine, IL.



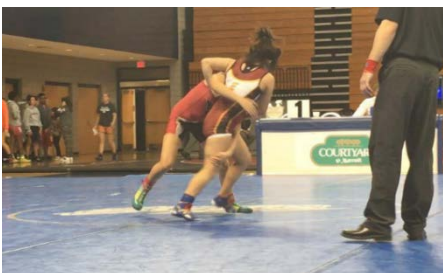
Lions Sweep the Bears

After a 9-1 win over Missouri State, men's ice hockey backed it up with an [8-1 victory Saturday to sweep the Bears](#) at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville, MO.



Slow Start Turns into Big 9-0 Win over Missouri State

While scoring early in the first period, it still took the Lions another 18 minutes of game time before they pulled away for a [big 9-0 shutout over Missouri State](#) at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville, MO.



Paige Baynes Wins Division at Bearcat Open

Women's wrestler Paige [Baynes won four straight matches](#) to win the 191 lb. division at the Bearcat Open in Lebanon, IL. The Lindenwood sophomore earned an opening round bye and then defeated Tatiana Vazquez from Oklahoma City University (OCU) by technical fall in the second round.



Men's Bowling Wins Trailblazer Classic

Men's bowling [won at the Trailblazer Classic](#) January 28-29 in Terre Haute, IN. As the No. 1 seed, the Lions earned a first round bye and then faced No. 4 seed Ball State in the semifinals.



Synchronized Skating Finishes Sixth at Sectional Championships

The synchronized skating team [finished sixth at the United States Figure Skating \(USFS\) Sectional Championships](#) January 26-29 in Grand Forks, ND.



Lindenwood Riders Race at Bluegrass Nationals

The Lindenwood cycling team [sent two riders to the Bluegrass Nationals BMX event](#) January 27-29 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, KY. Riders raced three qualifying motos to determine who advance to the main events.



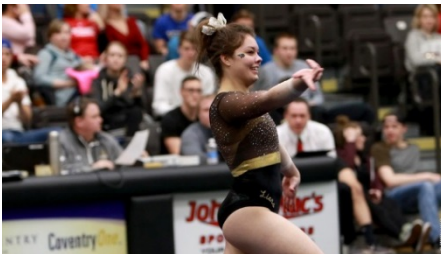
Men's Basketball's Defensive Pressure Leads The Lions To Win Over Missouri Western

The men's basketball team turned up its defensive pressure late in the first half, and it continued that play throughout the second half. That defense helped the Lions [overcome an 11-point deficit](#), and defeat Missouri Western at Hyland Arena by a 71-63 score.



Lady Lions Win 81-70 on Senior Day

The women's basketball team [defeated Northwest Missouri State 81-70](#) in Hyland Arena on Senior Day.



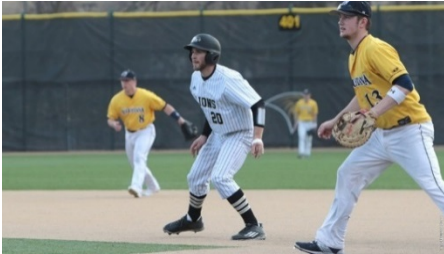
Gymnastics Continues Improvement In Win Over Texas Woman's

The [Lady Lions collected a team score](#) of 194.125 in Denton, Texas, a tenth of a point better than the previous season-best mark. The team also won four individual titles and defeated Texas Woman's in a MIC dual.



Lions Pin Four Wrestlers In Victory Over Newman On Senior Night

The wrestling team [dominated the No. 19-ranked Newman University Jets](#) by a final score of 36-8 for senior night. The Lions registered a season-high four pins for dual play.



Baseball Wins 5-1

The [baseball team won its first game of the 2017 season](#) by a 5-1 margin over Christian Brothers in Memphis, Tenn.



Track and Field Competes At Jim Green Invitational And Continues To Collect First-Place Finishes

The track and field teams [continue to collect first-place titles](#). The Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Jim Green Invitational in Jacksonville, Ill., and came home with 11 championships.



Football Announces 2017 Recruiting Class

Head Football Coach Jed Stugart announced this afternoon his [first signing class since taking over as the program's head coach](#). The Lions signed 18 high school players on National Signing Day, and also announced that six transfers will be joining the football team for the 2017 season.



Wes Degener Earns Preseason Honors

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association released the 2017 preseason all-region teams with Wes [Degener being named to the second-team](#).



Women's Lacrosse Ranked Fifth in IWLCA Preseason Poll

The women's lacrosse team was [selected fifth](#) in the IWLCA preseason poll.

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Receive Scholar All-America Award

Based on strong academic performance, The College Swimming Coaches Association of America awarded the [Scholar All-America Award](#) to the Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving teams.



Men's Swimming Places 1st, Women Place 3rd, at Mid-South Conference Championships

The men's and women's Belleville swim teams [competed in the Mid-South Conference Championships](#). The women finished in 3rd while the men claimed the top spot for the 2nd year in a row as MSC Conference Champions.



Women's Rugby Player Selected for World Cup 2017 Player Pool

Annakaren Pedraza, a junior, was selected for the [2017 World Cup player pool](#). Forty-four of the top players in the nation were selected for this player pool, and only two schools – Lindenwood University and Penn State - are represented in the pool.

Ten Lions Named to the Collegiate Water Polo Association Scholar Athlete

For the second year in a row, three [players received](#) outstanding performance recognition for 2016, four received superior recognition and three earned excellent recognition. Lindenwood was one of 17 schools that were honored for achieving a team GPA above 2.75.



Lady Lions Win McKendree Baker Challenge

Women's bowling [won the McKendree Baker Challenge](#) in Belleville, Illinois. It was the first victory of the season for the women's team, but the second win in a row at the event.



Men's Ice Hockey Win 3-1 over Iowa State

Men's ice hockey struggled to score in the first part of the season, but since the calendar turned to January the team has averaged over six goals per game. That trend continued as the [Lions completed a sweep over Iowa State](#) with a 3-1 victory at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville, MO.

STAFF

Belleville Major Gift Initiative – Pathways to the Future

In less than three weeks, 91% of employees on the Belleville campus have given to [Pathways to the Future](#), collectively donating \$46,385. What a huge success! Employees have until March 7th to contribute to the drive and the race to 100% participation between our four campus teams.

Human Resources Tour

All employees were invited to drop by Stumberg Hall to tour the new home of Human Resources on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Fifty-four employees stopped by to meet the dedicated and energetic HR team who work behind the scenes on behalf of Lindenwood employees. Those who attended participated in HR trivia, earned \$10,000 Lindenwell Bucks, and entered a raffle for exciting prizes. The lucky prize winners were:

Dinner and a movie – Graham Weir

Fitbit Flex – Teresa Hamra

Lunch with Deb – Rita Bhatnagar

Survey of Freshman Identifies “Most Helpful” Staff Members

A survey of freshman students was recently conducted by the First Year Programs. One finding from the survey identified staff members that were “most helpful” in Fall 2016. Dozens of staff were identified working in a variety of roles across campus. Several departments, including Admissions, Financial Aid, Residential Life and Athletics were represented in the results. Great job to all of our staff who help make Lindenwood “Like No Other”.

IN OTHER NEWS



Future Lion Day a Big Success!

Nearly 300 attended Future Lion Day during the men's and women's basketball games at Hyland Arena. Prospective students had the chance to interact with President Michael Shonrock, current students, admissions staff, and alumni. There were four decades of alums present! Other events are planned for later in the.



Lindenwood University Speaker Series with Callie Crossley

Lindenwood was proud to host award-winning [television and radio commentator, Callie Crossley](#), presenting “Beyond the Headlines: Turning the Media’s Messages into Civic Action”.

Hammond Institute - Forum on Re-Entry and Entrepreneurship

Lindenwood University’s Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise hosted an event focusing on re-entry and entrepreneurship. The “[Left, Right, and Center](#)” event included a variety of panel discussions and a keynote address and dinner with Jeff Henderson, celebrity chef and former prison inmate.

Students Attend Summit on Leadership Development

Student Involvement sent several students to the Summit On Leadership Development (SOLD) Conference on Saturday, Feb. 4.

SOLD brings student leaders together from the greater St. Louis area to explore leadership concepts in new ways while engaging each other and challenging past assumptions. Students who attend SOLD leave with a clear view on core leadership concepts key to their success while in college and beyond. Additionally, students who attend will have developed a network with other key student leaders around the area.

Best Value for a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

Lindenwood has been identified as one of the [best values for a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership \(online program\)](#) in a recent ranking by College Values Online. The ranking considered the 20-year net return on investment (according to Payscale.com), internship and scholarship opportunities, customization options, teaching methods, related student organizations, awards and recognitions, and any “wow” factors. Join me in celebrating this recognition!

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