

The Lead

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Dean's Message

Greetings everyone,

Welcome to the December 2022 issue of The Lead, LU's College of Education & Human Services newsletter. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving break. Now that the semester is drawing to a close, the halls are bustling as faculty and students busily finish up their courses and prepare for graduation. I hope the upcoming holiday season will allow time to relax, refresh, and welcome a new year after a most productive 2022.



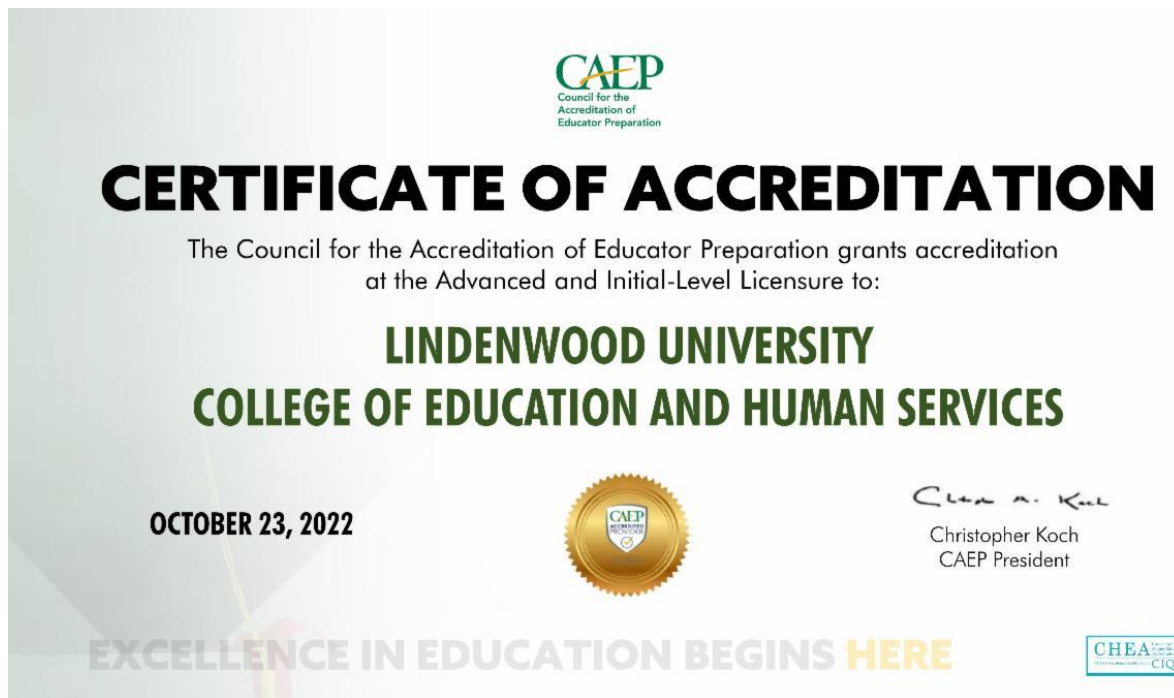
As you will read in the articles below, thanks to the efforts of our faculty, staff, and stakeholders, the COEHS continues to prosper to the benefit of our students and community. While we are confident in the relevance, quality, and value of our programs there is great satisfaction in the recognition of such by others. After several years of preparation, we are very proud to announce that the LU College of Education and Human Services EPP initial and advanced programs have been newly accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). We are particularly pleased that the accreditation report contained no stipulations and no areas for improvement. Having received a “clean report” is yet another testimony to the quality of our programs and to the commitment of everyone involved in defining and maintaining that quality.

I hope you enjoy this version of The Lead. As always, if you have suggestions or ideas for future issues please let us know.



Anthony Scheffler, Ph.D.
Dean, Lindenwood College of Education and Human Services

Breaking COEHS News



The image shows a certificate of accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). At the top center is the CAEP logo, which includes the text "CAEP Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation". Below the logo is the title "CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION" in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title, it states: "The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation grants accreditation at the Advanced and Initial-Level Licensure to:". This is followed by the name of the institution, "LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES", in bold green letters. On the left side, the date "OCTOBER 23, 2022" is printed. In the center is a gold seal with the CAEP logo. On the right side, there is a handwritten signature of Christopher Koch and the text "Christopher Koch CAEP President". At the bottom, the slogan "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION BEGINS HERE" is written in a light font, with "HERE" in yellow. In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation).

COEHS Earns CAEP Accreditation

Over the past several years the COEHS has worked diligently to prepare for the accreditation of our Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) initial and advanced programs through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The 43 programs include all of the COEHS departments including Administration, Human Services, and Curriculum and Instruction.

CAEP is considered the gold standard for accreditation at both the initial and advanced levels. Dr. Ralston, Assistant Dean for Program Assessment and Accreditation, and Dr. Hutcheson, Associate Dean acted as co-coordinators for gathering and analyzing data and creating the associated self-study narratives for submission to CAEP. All faculty members were very involved in providing written input and feedback for the self-study. On Sunday, May 1, 2022, the COEHS welcomed a team of reviewers to our virtual campus. Over the following

three days, the team met with COEHS leadership, faculty, adjuncts, students, alumni, and community stakeholders.

Success at last! On Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, the College of Education and Human Services received official word that the LU COEHS EPP programs were fully accredited for the maximum possible length of seven years. The President of CAEP, honored the COEHS with a personal phone call indicating LU as one of the few college EPPs that received no Areas for Improvement (AFIs) or Stipulations. A very small percentage of programs nationwide have achieved such. This milestone is a tribute to the dedication and hard work of the COEHS faculty and staff along with support from faculty across the university as well as our community stakeholders, students, and alumni.

Featured Stories



COEHS 2+2 with SWIC

The College of Education and Human Services is proud to announce that a 2+2 agreement has been finalized with Southwestern Illinois College that will facilitate student transfers into the Social Work program of study at Lindenwood University. Dr. Denise King, Dr. Carla Mueller, (Social Work), and

Dr. Sarah Patterson-Mills, Department Head, Human Services were instrumental in developing the relationship and aligning course equivalencies.

On Nov. 17th, 2022, the official partnership was signed in the Center for Insight and Innovation in Roemer Hall. Dr. Ashley Becker and Susan Holbrook represented SWIC and on behalf of Lindenwood University Dr. Bethany Alden-Rivers, Dr. Kate Herrell, Dean, Anthony Scheffler, and the COEHS Leadership Team were present. President Porter also met with Dr. Ashley Becker and Susan Holbrook at the close of the event. The College anticipates accepting transfer students from SWIC as early as Spring 2022.

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COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

WARNER HALL
209 S. KINGSHIGHWAY
ST. CHARLES, MO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
9-10:30 A.M.



You're invited!

**Join us for Coffee and Conversations with the College of Education
and Human Services!**

Lindenwood University is proud to host its second Coffee and Conversations, a new engagement opportunity for our alumni and friends to connect with the University community.

At this event you will hear from students who will talk about their Lindenwood story thus far. Dean Anthony Scheffler will also provide some updates and information on what's happening in the college.

The event is free of charge, but we ask that you RSVP by contacting [Sarah Kozy](#) or by clicking the link below.

[Click here to RSVP](#)

If you are unable to make this in-person event, please join us virtually by [clicking here](#).

We look forward to hosting the next coffee and conversations with Lindenwood alumni and friends in the new alumni lounge at Warner Hall for coffee, light refreshments, and the opportunity to meet with different departments on campus.



COEHS Tailgate the Last LU Home Football Game

The College of Education and Human Services hosted a Tailgate Event on Saturday, November 12th, 2022. The Lindenwood Lions took on Mckendree University at our last home football game. The

event was amazing and well attended by faculty and students. The experience was enhanced by the additional excitement of the COEHS programs, Dean, faculty, and students highlighted on the big screen! The COEHS booth encouraged pictures of our very own lion, Murphy Johnson, and after the tailgate, the COEHS hosted a reception in the End-Zone where we welcomed many special guests and friends of the COEHS in the VIP End-Zone Club.

College of Education and Human Services faculty present at the Fall 2022 Faculty Symposium

Dr. Bob Steffes, Dr. Beckey Panagos, and Dr. Mitch Nasser represented the College of Education and Human Services at the recent Faculty Symposium. The event highlights faculty research and scholarship.

Congratulations to all!



The State of Black Educators Symposium

The College of Education and Human Services will be attending of The State of Black Educators Symposium that will be held February 3, 2023 at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. We encourage you to attend!

[Click here for more information](#)



Hot Cocoa with Murphy

The first-floor lobby in Roemer Hall served as a relaxing time-out for students, staff, and faculty as Murphy and Dr. Emilie Johnson treated them to hot cocoa.

Murphy is usually on call every Wednesday for hugs and selfies but made Nov. 30th extra special with hot cocoa, marshmallows, cookies, Rice Krispy treats, and hugs for everyone!

Ever feeling low? Stop by Roemer Hall on Wednesdays from 11a-2p and let Murphy, our mascot, cheer you up!

[Want to be featured in the next issue of The Lead? Click here to submit an article.](#)

COEHS Caught You Caring

THE COEHS' CAUGHT-YOU-CARING NOVEMBER'22 NOMINEE



DR. MEGAN DOOLEY HUSSMANN



The Caught-You-Caring program is an incentive designed to recognize student workers, staff, and faculty, within the College of Education and Human Services. The following individuals have gone above and beyond in support of students and colleagues.

The November Nominee is:

Dr. Megan Dooley Hussmann, Assistant Professor, Counseling

[Click Here to Submit
Your Nomination](#)

**Nominations close on December
29th!**

If you have any questions or concerns please email the COEHS Office Manager, Lisa Berryhill, at Aberryhill@lindenwood.edu

**COEHS, Academic, Retention & Certification
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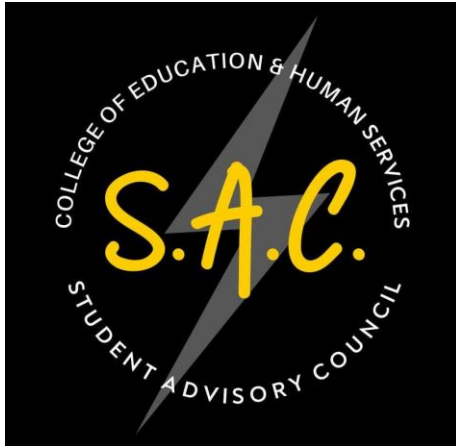
Is your district interested in Lindenwood's Certification team visiting your schools to provide Professional Development to your non-certificated staff? Our Certification Team can provide information regarding alternative pathways to teacher certification.

> Contact Information: Dr. Tammy T. Moore > Email: Tmoore@lindenwood.edu > Phone: 636-949-4379 > Text: 636-23

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Student Advisory Council is Looking for You!



The COEHS Student Advisory Council has resumed meetings for the 2022-2023 school year. The students discussed issues and concerns relevant to their coursework and success. Topics ranged from online courses, Canvas shells, and course objectives to campus food. The outcomes of the council's discussions will be presented to the school administration for consideration.

Students of all levels (undergraduates and graduates) who would like to have a voice on a wide range of topics and important issues within the COEHS and across the University are encouraged to participate.

Please contact Chrissy Sachs csachs@lindenwood.edu to participate.

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Certification Corner DESE Updates

Are you seeking completion of a teaching certification? If so, please reach out

to certifications@lindenwood.edu with questions concerning department of elementary and secondary education certification (DESE) requirements.



DESE updates:

- Contact us for more information on alternative pathways to certification.

Curriculum & Instruction



Trials and Triumphs, Joys and Success Stories of New Teachers

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) Education Honor Society and the Student Council of Exceptional Children hosted a panel of three Lindenwood University alumni on Monday, November 14th. The panel event gave current students the opportunity to hear about some of the trials and successes that were faced during the first years of teaching. Attendants asked questions about the interviewing process, classroom management strategies, parent

communication, and the preparation related to the student teaching experience.

Pictured, Left to Right: Alex Waite, Shannon Ransom, Jordan Czajkowski

School's Back in Session Podcast- Coming Soon!

School is in session for four education majors in the LindenTeach Internship who have set out to learn all they can about their dream careers from professionals within the community. Sit down with Spencer, Emilee, Alison, and Brook and informed guests as they discuss what it's like to be an educator in today's world. Their raw and honest conversations will help shine a light on the triumphs, challenges, and misconceptions in the world of education that will provide insight for not only new teachers and those in teacher education programs, but those who have years of experience as well. The School's Back in Session podcast is coming soon. Keep an eye out via COEHS social media pages for the link.





Empower2Families Research Team presents at Faculty Symposium

Stressing the PRIDE Fund emphases of Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Student Engagement, College of PSB&E faculty Dr. Kyle Coble, COEHS faculty Dr. Rebecca Panagos, and College of Science,

Technology and Health Sciences senior Eli Madi presented at the Lindenwood Faculty Symposium on November 15th. Sharing the development and progress of the Empower2Families iPhone and Android App, Eli related the opportunity for students to develop soft skills as well as learn current coding and app design skills. Dr. Coble's Marketing students conduct focus groups and are working on a survey to distribute. The end goal is prescribing a product/market fit for a third-party agency or corporation to share with their clients.

Future Lion Day and Dark Carnival a Roaring Success



Students, faculty, and administration from the College of Education and Human Services welcomed families and potential students at the Future Lion Day events on Saturday, October 29th. Drs. Robinson and Aldridge coordinated a session for future teachers based on a Living History concept that focused on Lindenwood's haunted history. The College of Education and Human Service's Dean, Dr. Anthony Scheffler, also addressed the group.

During the session, potential students and their families were encouraged to ask questions about the teacher education program at Lindenwood. Current students were also present to answer questions about their preparation and experiences.

Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Student Council of Exceptional Children were also present at the Future Lion and Dark Carnival Events. They prepared activity booths, facilitated the craft stations, and participated in the Trunk or Treat festivities.



Educational Leadership

Fall Dissertation Help Sessions

Dr. Nasser will offer dissertation help sessions this fall at the times/dates below. While we recommend attendees are either enrolled in or have completed Capstone I, all students are welcome.

December 1:

(Special Session- Dissertating During the Holiday Break)
7:00pm-8:00pm

Meeting ID: 875 4098 9055
Passcode: 5LRuF1

[Click here to Join Meeting](#)

MA Graduate Publishes Article



Kevin Todd, 2021 graduate of the MA in Higher Education Administration program, recently published in the Pell Institute *Opportunity Matters* Journal. The article, title “*The Unheard: What College Readiness Means to Trio Parents*”, is available at [Current Volume – Opportunity Matters: Journal of Access and Opportunity in Education \(pellinstitute.org\)](https://pellinstitute.org).

Congratulations Kevin!

Students Successfully Complete Doctoral Dissertation Defenses

Several students recently completed successful defenses of their doctoral dissertations, earning their Doctorate in Education.

Candace Terry defended her dissertation titled “*A Mixed-Methods Study Examining the Impact of Incentivized Medical Insurance Premiums on Wellness Program Participation and Results at a Four-Year, Private, Midwestern University.*” Her dissertation chair was Dr. Roger “Mitch” Nasser.

Rachel Quintana defended her dissertation titled “*A Study of the Perceptions of Relationships Between Teachers and Students and Possible Effect on Standardized Test Scores.*” Her dissertation chair was Dr. Robyne Elder.

[Read Their Abstract Here!](#)

Human Services

Counseling

Human Services Department Head Article publication in National Career Development Association

The third in a series of historical articles, detailing the pioneering women of the career development field, Dr. Patterson-Mills was published in *Career Convergence*, a national online publication of the National Career Development Association. The article, "[Women Agents of Social and Political Change in Career Counseling History](#)" details the early renegades who impacted systemic social changes surrounding labor rights, the labor market, and fair wages through active efforts of advocacy, protest, and legislation. This series has focused on the Progressive Era and uncovered many unsung heroines and pioneers that directly impacted the career development field.



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Women Agents of Social and Political Change in Career Counseling History
By Sarah Patterson-Mills

Most notable in the counseling context is the counselor's awareness of self as an agent of change. (Sullivan et al., 2005)

School Counseling Graduates-Where Are They Now?



Melissa Biebel

"I would have to say that the best part of my job right now is the relationships that I am able to build with my students and their families. I love being able to help

them navigate through the best and some of the toughest times of their lives. These kids are wonderful and resilient, I really feel blessed to be a part of their journey.

Lindenwood played a huge role in helping me reach my goals and get where I am. During my time at LU, I was able to grow my confidence as a counselor through various classes and experiences. This has helped me to take chances and earn opportunities to represent my fellow counselors. I was able to meet so many great people and build connections that will last a lifetime. Knowing that I am a part of a huge network of amazing counselors and educators has definitely buoyed my confidence and will take me wherever my story leads me."

One of our School Counseling Graduates is currently employed at Cahokia School District. Melissa Biebel loves what she does in helping students and is thrilled to announce her position at Collinsville. We are excited to have her there doing what she does best-helping our youth!



Erin Harris

"My name is Erin Harris, my alma mater is Lindenwood for earning my Masters of Arts in Professional Counseling. I graduated in 2017 with my Masters Degree and began my clinical work as a clinical therapist within the community. In January 2019, I began my PhD journey through the Chicago School of Professional Psychology where I am now a candidate for gaining my doctorate in Organizational Leadership through Industrial Organizational Psychology. I am currently working on my dissertation

where I am focusing on leadership mindfulness in relation to job satisfaction and job performance.

At the beginning of 2022, I was promoted from a specialized child trauma therapist to becoming the Executive Director at Alternatives Counseling, INC within this private agency, I get to lead a team of skilled and passionate clinicians supporting both forensic and victimized populations, alongside supervising the therapists at the Child Advocacy Center for Madison County. When I am not busy with my dissertation or administrative work, I am spending time with my son. Together we enjoy shared hobbies and a plethora of home-school activities while we strive to focus on health, wellness, and nutrition to promote healthier living throughout all the seasons of life."



Dr. Curran and Sarah Chapie

Dr. Curran and Sarah Chapie attended the Missouri School Counselor Association Conference. Sarah won the Gysbers scholarship award, which provides an award for graduate students in counseling programs to attend the event.

Social Work

Social Work Majors Speak: Social Work Courses without Textbooks

Since the fall semester of 2019, all social work courses have been taught without required textbooks. OER are free, digitally accessible course materials that have been integrated without the additional educational expense of a textbook. Students access journal articles, parts of textbooks, YouTube, websites, TED Talks, and podcasts to enhance their learning of social work practice. Our current cohort of social majors will be the first to graduate with a BSW without having to have paid this additional expense. It is estimated this cohort will save \$17,856 due to this program's uniqueness—being the only program at Lindenwood to teach textbook-less. Quality is not sacrificed. Program outcomes have

continued to have been attained, and our social work majors endorse the curriculum choice.

Listen as Samone Covington leads social work majors in a discussion about being a textbook-less program: <https://youtu.be/RHk4l2dvD4g>

We hope you enjoyed this issue of The Lead!

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