

LINDENWOOD  
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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

October 6, 2020

### Free Flu Vaccination Clinic & Mask Giveaway - Oct. 7

St. Charles County is hosting a free drive-through flu vaccination clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at St. Charles Community College in Cottleville. Vaccines are available noon -7 p.m. They will also be distributing free packs of disposable face masks, one pack of ten masks per person.

For more information, call 636-949-1857 or visit [sccmo.org/health](http://sccmo.org/health)

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### Need to share info with students? Student Involvement can help!

Is your department hosting an event or do you have a campus announcement that needs to reach all students? If so, let Student Involvement promote it via The Weekly Roar and our other promotions avenues! So we can best serve you, please submit the [Social Media, Weekly Roar, Golden Roar, Chalking, Digital Monitor Request form](#) found under "Forms" on the home page of Involve U, one preferably a week in advance. Faculty and staff can access Involve U under "Portals" on the Lindenwood website. Questions? Contact Angie Royal at [aroyal@lindenwood.edu](mailto:aroyal@lindenwood.edu).

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## 2020-21 Student Assessment Scholars Now Accepting Client Proposals!

Is there something you are trying to improve in your area? A problem you are trying to solve?

Would you like to have student perspectives on this issue?

Student Assessment Scholars are Lindenwood interns who gather insights into important institutional topics by carrying out focus groups with other Lindenwood students. Any member of staff or faculty can submit a client proposal. Once a client's proposal is accepted, the Scholars will design and conduct a focus group related to the client's topic, and they will present the client with an Insight Report.



The Scholars complete a six-week training program with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness before they are deployed to work with university clients.

[Please visit this webpage](#) to submit a client proposal for a Student Assessment Scholars project.

Please contact Kaitlyn Maxwell, Student Assessment Scholars Coordinator, at [kmaxwell@lindenwood.edu](mailto:kmaxwell@lindenwood.edu) with any questions about this internship program.

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## Virtual Event: Thinking about Graduate School in the Humanities or Social Sciences?

Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 3:30 p.m.

In this informal information session, Stephanie Afful (psychology), Ted Cohen (history), Melissa Elmes (English), and Suzanne Stoelting (sociology) will discuss what it is like to be in graduate school in the humanities and social sciences. Topics include: How to apply? What is the graduate school experience? What is an MA? What is a Ph.D.?

[Join us on Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 897 7539 6034, Passcode 5Em7Gz)!

Contact [TCohen@Lindenwood.edu](mailto:TCohen@Lindenwood.edu) for more information.

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## Employee Assistant Program Services

As a reminder, EAP services are FREE and confidential to you and anyone in your household! Services include, but are not limited to, financial consultation, will kits, grief counseling, nutrition & dietitian services, and eldercare management resources! [Click here](#) to see how you can take advantage of these benefits!



# MOMENTS

Benjamin Ra, Security Analyst for IT, was recognized for always being extremely helpful with some last minute requests! His colleague said, “With a lot of changes in our department recently, as well as all of the changes around campus, he has been extremely helpful in assisting me in mass email distribution. Whether it's remotng into my computer to quickly check things out, or just simply adding another email address to a distribution for me to send from, he is always happy to help and is extremely patient while doing so!” Ben, you exhibit the Q2 culture and espouse the ‘hungry’, hardworking virtue Lindenwood values. Thank you!

-Q2 Team

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LEARNING ACADEMY

**Read books, earn prizes and grow in your understanding & advocacy of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by participating in the**

## DEI Reading Challenge!

Earning prizes is cool, but here are some other great benefits:

- Experience personal benefits by growing your compassionate empathy and celebrating cultural perspectives that may be different than your own.
- Benefit your spheres of influence by using your personal growth to make positive contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Benefit society by continuing to grow and contribute by carrying your knowledge, experiences, and advocacy into your courses and service to the Lindenwood community and beyond.
- Connect with other participants at any of our [monthly virtual discussions](#), where we will reflect on what we are reading/learning, our experience of reading, the impact of current events as it relates to our monthly topic, how our lives are being enriched by reading diverse books, and how what we are reading is impacting our service to our Lindenwood community and beyond.

View the [DEI Reading Challenge website](#) for more information. [Sign up](#) and start reading!

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## Using Retention Data to Inform Academic Planning

Thursday, Oct. 8 2-3 p.m. Click [here](#) to register

During this workshop, faculty reflect on program level retention data (for undergraduate programs). The workshop is an engaging experience that is designed to achieve the following outcomes.

- Participants reflect on a possible framework for enhancing freshmen retention based on an exemplary university.
- Participants gain awareness of their major-level retention and retention-in-major compared to institutional norms.
- Participants reflect on the retention data for the purposes of identifying current effective practice and outlining new ideas for action.
- Participants draft an action plan based on one or two new ideas for enhancing/sustaining freshmen retention.
- Participants understand how retention planning is incorporated into the new annual planning and assessment cycle, and how they can be supported by the

OIE with this process, and how LindenCircle can support this work.

Please note: all full-time faculty who teach undergraduate courses are invited to join this workshop.

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## **New Compliance Software – Percipio Compliance by SkillSoft**

Click [here](#) to view the new courses.

The Learning Academy has transitioned from its previous compliance software, SafeColleges to a new platform, SkillSoft. SkillSoft offers courses related to environmental health and safety in addition to legal compliance courses. As a Campus Security Authority, all employees will be required to complete the Campus Security Obligations Under Federal Law course annually. You will receive an email from SkillSoft with additional information.

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## **CDI Diversity and Bias Training – Click [here](#) to view all of the upcoming opportunities for October**

In these diversity trainings, our goal is to help you reflect on how you show up to conversations and interactions regarding these topics. With your help, we'll help build awareness, education, and campus resources around these topics as well as provide strategies to apply what you learned to your environment. Diversity trainings include the following: Implicit Bias, SafeZone, SafeZone 2.0, Gender Bias, disAbility Bias, Cross-Cultural Bias, Socio-economic Status (SES) Bias, Spiritual/Religious Bias, and Antiracism.

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## **Confessions of a Depressed Comic: Ending the Stigma with Kevin Bree**

Tuesday, Oct. 20 4-5 p.m. Click [here](#) to register

The library was awarded a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to host a mental health speaker! In collaboration with the Student Counseling Resource Center and Lindenwood Public Safety, Kevin Breel will speak about his life with depression and how to end the stigma surrounding mental illness. Kevin Breel's TEDx Talk, "Confessions of a Depressed Comic" has over four million views, making it one of the most watch TED talks ever on mental health. Breel's honest and humorous take on his first-hand experience with depression and his message of ending the stigma will resonate with all types of audiences. All are welcome to attend this virtual event!

## Fall Semester Hours

### LARC/Library Services' Fall Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

\*We will begin staffing the building at 7:30 a.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 2 – 10 p.m.

For safe communication, our Chat Services are always available during the LARC's open hours.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

All in-person events have been canceled until further notice. [See the list of all virtual events](#). If you would like to have a virtual event posted, please send any applicable posts via the online Marketing and Communications [project request form](#).

## Submit Information to the Digest

To have your listing appear in the Digest, please fill out the [Project Request Form](#) (be sure to choose "Communications and Public Relations" for type of request) by noon on the day prior to send-out. The Digest is sent every Tuesday and Friday morning during the term and on Fridays during break. Information submitted past the deadline may not be included in that edition but will appear in the following one. Entries are only subject to run

once but may run twice depending on volume of material submitted that week. Please note, all entries to the Digest are subject to editing prior to running. [Get more information.](#)

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