

More than 1,300 Graduate During New-Look Ceremonies in St. Charles

There was a capacity crowd at the Saturday evening ceremony for undergraduates as 851 students walked across the stage. More than 450 graduated Friday evening. The graduates and their guests were the first to experience a [new-look ceremony](#), highlighted by a 30-foot video screen, and new stage pieces that

focused on the students as they reached the end of their academic journeys.



Commencement Snapchat Filter Nets Impressive Usage

During the St. Charles Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies, a customized Snapchat filter allowed users of the app to select a specifically designed filter congratulating graduates - 27,486 people viewed the filter by direct snap or by viewing it in a snap story.

ACADEMICS

Journalism Students Win Mark of Excellence Awards

Journalism students won 12 awards at the Mark of Excellence Awards conference in Manhattan, KS. The Mark of Excellence Awards are sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. Lindenwood competes in Region 7, comprising Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. First place winners will compete at the national level among other regional winners.



New Graduate Student Research Center to be Based in School of Education

[The Future Institute Research Center](#), a branch of Future Institute Concept Schools, is closely aligned with the School of Education's Department of Educational Leadership. It will become a premier location for researching issues related to high school to college transition, post-secondary education, college / career achievement, and will assist graduates in becoming sought-after experts in the field of education.



Belleville Graduate Impresses Department of Justice

Among her many accomplishments the past year, Alyssa Flynn, a Belleville criminal justice student, not only secured a prestigious internship with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois but also [wowed her supervisor by doing her job to a high standard](#) he said has rarely been equaled.



Students Inducted into Professional Counseling Honor Society

Belleville recently inducted 13 students into the Lambda Chi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), the honor society for the profession of counseling. CSI's mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.

ATHLETICS



Lions Win Two Individual Titles; Third Overall

Evan Hartig captured the Men's Criterium title, Jonah Mead-VanCort won the Men's Individual Omnium crown, and the [team finished third overall](#) at the 2017 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships.



Wrestlers Compete at World Team Trials

Current women's wrestler Paige Baynes [finished fifth](#) while 2014 graduate Victoria Francis won the Women's Freestyle 75kg class at the U.S. World Team Trials, thus earning a spot on her first Senior World Team.



Men's Rugby Post-Season Sevens Roster Announced

Head Coach Josh Macy has announced the [19 players that will comprise the post-season sevens roster](#) for men's rugby. Every player from the team that won the Las Vegas Invitational in early March was named to the team.



Late Penalty Kick Foils Title Hopes for Women's Rugby

Women's rugby scored 19 unanswered points to tie the match 25-25 late in the second half, but a penalty kick with just five minutes left [foiled the title hopes for the Lady Lions](#) in a 28-25 loss to Penn State in the championship game of the USA Rugby D1 Elite Playoffs in Marietta, GA.



Women's Rugby Sevens Training Squad Announced

Head Coach Billy Nicholas has [announced the training squad](#) for a series of post-season sevens events during the month of May and early June. The Lady Lions may have the busiest stretch of any program in the country with three different competitions on the calendar.



Lacrosse Prepares for Fourth Consecutive National Semifinal

Women's Lacrosse is making its [fourth consecutive appearance](#) at the NCAA Division II National Championships. The Lady Lions have set a program record with 21 victories this season



Women's Lacrosse Receives Eight IWLCA All-Region Selections

Eight members of the women's Lacrosse team [received IWLCA all-region honors](#). The eight all-region selections is a program record for Lindenwood, besting the previous mark of seven from the 2016 season.



Baseball Wins Final Home Game of Season

The Baseball team [ended the regular season with a 7-4 win](#) over Pittsburg State at the Lou Brock Sports Complex in St. Charles, MO.



Feldmann Named MIAA Pitcher of the Week

Brendan Feldmann [earned MIAA Pitcher of the Week](#) honors after an impressive performance this past week.



Baseball Wins MIAA Tournament Championship

The Baseball team [won the 2017 MIAA Postseason Tournament](#) in Joplin, MO. The offense scored 26 times on the final day of play as the Lions knocked off Central Oklahoma by a 12-8 margin in the championship game.



Invitation To NCAA Division II Tournament

The Baseball team received its [first invitation to the NCAA Division II Tournament](#). The Lions, who received an automatic bid after winning the MIAA Tournament Championship, will be the four-seed in the eight-team Central Regional in Emporia, KS.



Nine Baseball Players Earn All-MIAA Recognition

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association announced its 2017 all-conference selections with [nine Baseball players earning the recognition](#).



Hentis Claims MIAA Baseball Pitcher of the Week

Kyle Hentis helped complete a sweep over PSU by [pitching six scoreless innings](#) in the final game of the series.



Salmouny Wins MIAA Steeplechase Championship

Track and field teams both finished ninth over the weekend at the MIAA Outdoor Championships. Omar [Es Salmouny was the top athlete](#) of the week, winning one MIAA Individual Championship. He has also recently been named the [MIAA Track Athlete of the Week](#).



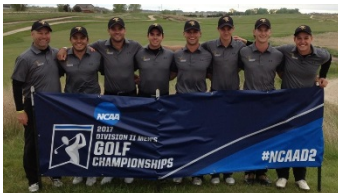
Hensley Named To Women's Hockey National Team

Former Women's hockey player Nicole Hensley was one of 23 players [named to the 2017-18 United States Women's National Team](#). The highlight for the team will be competing in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.



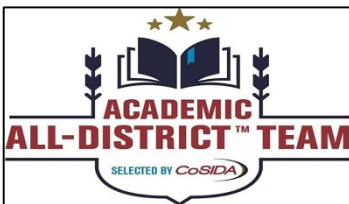
Four Women's Golfers Receive All-MIAA Honors

Four members of the [Women's golf team garnered all-MIAA awards](#). Dakota Limkemann was selected as a first-team all-MIAA performer, and has been the team's top individual golfer this season.



Men's Golf Advances To NCAA Division II National Championships

The men's Golf team [advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championships](#) for the first time in program history. The Lions finished third in the NCAA Midwest/Central Regional to punch their tickets to Florida.



Student-Athletes Earn CoSIDA Academic All-District Honors

Six student-athletes were [named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District teams](#).

Cheerleading Squads Announced

The 2017-18 [cheerleading squads were recently announced](#); team assignments are preliminary and will be finalized in August.



Tennis Teams Land Student-Athletes on MIAA's Academic Honor Roll

Ten student-athletes from both Tennis teams were [named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll](#). To achieve honor roll status, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and have at least two terms of attendance at the certifying member institution, excluding summer terms.

NCAA Student-Athletes Continue Academic Success

Our NCAA student-athletes had another stellar semester in the classroom with an average Spring GPA of 3.31! We have very dedicated student-athletes that value their academic pursuits and strive for greatness both on the playing surface and in the classroom, and our hard-working faculty and staff push our students to always put academics first and ensure they are meeting the demands of their coursework.

FACULTY



Morris Receives 2017 ACBSP Teaching Award

Dr. Edward L. Morris, professor of finance in the Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, has been named a [regional recipient of the 2017 ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award](#). The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs recognizes individuals each year who exemplify teaching excellence in the classroom.

Dr. Cote' Presents Paper

Dr. Robert Cote' will be presenting the paper "Vision of Effective Leadership" at the 12th Philosophy of Management International Conference 2017 Organized by Philosophy of Management at Webster University on July 13-16, 2017.

STAFF



Wittu Named Belleville Employee of the Month

Coordinator of the Department for Public Safety and Security, Nicolas Wittu has been selected as [Lindenwood Belleville's Employee of the Month](#) for April. Wittu earned his Bachelor of Business Administration at LU-Belleville last year and served as a student worker, resident assistant, and administrative assistant while pursuing his degree. He is currently enrolled in the Lindenwood MBA program and is specializing in Finance.

IN OTHER NEWS

Young Target Shooting Champion Mentions Lindenwood

[Will Anderson, a seventh-grader at North Davidson Middle School, recently won first place in his age division at a Scholastic Clay Target Program-sanctioned competition](#), according to the [Davidson County Dispatch](#). This is the latest in a string of wins for Anderson, who said he, “would like to get a scholarship for sporting clay shooting skills” and noted that, “Lindenwood University has a large skeet, trap and sporting clay shooting program that has produced several Olympic athletes.”



Linden Scroll Raises Student Grant Travel Funds

Linden Scroll raised and donated \$1,115 this year to the Student Grant Travel Fund to help students attend professional conferences pertinent to their field of study. Linden Scroll is an honorary service organization whose purpose is to advance the spirit of service and fellowship, to recognize and encourage leadership, and to stimulate the intellectual development of students.



Lions at the Ballpark

The Lions at the Ballpark Cardinals game will be Monday, June 26, at 3:15 p.m. Gates will open at 1:15 p.m. for the distribution of the Carlos Martinez & Matt Carpenter Double Bobblehead promotional giveaway. Tickets can be purchased in the Office of Student Involvement in Evans Commons for \$10.



The 2017 St. Charles Homecoming logo is here! This fall, watch for the logo on the website, t-shirts and other items!

Shoeman Water Project

Student Involvement and Residential Life partnered on the Shoeman Water Project. The Shoeman Water Project collects new and gently used shoes that are exported to secondary markets for resale. They then use the funds to provide clean water to communities around the world. We are proud to announce that almost 700 pairs of shoes were collected. Way to go, Lions!



Student Involvement Selected to Present at Conference

Director for Student Involvement, Angie Royal, was selected to present at Campus Lab's Connect 2017 Conference being held in Dallas, TX on July 18-20. Angie will be presenting a session entitled "Utilizing Forms to Streamline Processes and Increase Buy-In."



Midwest BankCentre Now Open

Community leaders from all around the St. Charles area, including System President Michael Shonrock and Board of Directors members Jerry Scheidegger and Gary Shaw, attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Midwest BankCentre. At the ceremony, Midwest BankCentre announced the Jerry Scheidegger Scholarship of \$1,000 per semester in honor of Mr. Scheidegger. The new branch is located in the University Commons shopping area.



Kickin' It With Shonrock – The Shoes!

The winning team from the first annual Kickin it with Shonrock staff kickball tournament received brand new Under Armour tennis shoes, courtesy of President Shonrock. Here is the winning team wearing their new shoes. Many thanks to Dr. Shonrock for his generosity.

Belleville Teacher and School Counseling Certification

The Illinois State Board of Education's State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board has officially recognized Lindenwood University-Belleville as a state institution and educational unit, streamlining the process for future graduates of the institution to obtain teacher and school counseling certification in the state of Illinois.

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