

LINDENWOOD  
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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

October 13, 2020

## Open RPG Day

The library's [Open RPG Day](#) will be held virtually, using the Roll20 platform and Zoom. Open RPG Day is an annual event aimed to bring faculty, students and staff together for a shared time of adventure, fellowship and networking.

This year's event will be held Oct. 20 from 7-9 p.m. CT. RPG systems offered during the event include Fifth Edition D&D, Second Edition D&D, and Basic Fantasy RPG. Due to the virtual format this year, registration is required. To register fill out the [Player Form](#).

For more information, contact Michael Fetters at [mfetters@lindenwood.edu](mailto:mfetters@lindenwood.edu).

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## Authentic Communication: Bridging the Divide

Generation Z Leading the Vote, a collaborative initiative by the Schools of Health Sciences and Humanities, is hosting a zoom workshop [Authentic Communication: Bridging the Divide](#) Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. In the midst of a tense and dynamic election season, this workshop will help us all understand how to communicate with people who have radically different views. This workshop is facilitated by Natalie Furlett of Campus Compact.

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## **Library Instagram Live Series: Get to know your Mental Health Advocates**

The Library is hosting an Instagram Live series, "Get to know your Mental Health Advocates", Oct. 13-16. This series is a lead-up to the virtual event "[Confessions of a Depressed Comic: Ending the Stigma with Kevin Breele](#)" on Oct. 20. Each live video will feature a different guest speaking about a Lindenwood program that supports and brings awareness to mental health. To view these videos, visit the Library Services' Instagram page ([@LULibraryServices](#)) during or after the event.

Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. [Instagram Live with SCRC: Resources and Managing your Mental Health](#)

Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m. [Instagram Live with Sarah Leassner: The Power of Positivity](#)

Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. [Instagram Live with Gillian Parrish: Mindfulness](#)

Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. [Instagram Live with Public Safety: See Something, Say Something](#)

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## **First Half Final & Full Length Mid-term Grade Due Dates**

### **First Half Final Grades**

The deadline for final 1st half semester courses is Monday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. The grade transfer from canvas to cams will on occur on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Please make sure to enter all special grades (I, AH, BH, AF, N) in the faculty portal by the deadline. A student should receive an AF grade if they attended but then stopped attending before the published withdraw deadline of Sept. 28.

### **Full-length Mid-term Grades**

The deadline for full-length mid-term (undergraduate) courses is Monday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m. The grade transfer from canvas to cams will on occur on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Please make sure to enter all special grades (I, AH, BH, AF, N) in the faculty portal by the deadline. A student should

receive an AF grade if they attended but then stopped attending before the published withdraw deadline of Oct. 30.

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## **Lindenwood's Three-Year Roadmap for General Education Assessment to be Presented at 2020 Assessment Institute**

Dr. Robyne Elder, director of general education assessment and Dr. Bethany Alden-Rivers, associate vice president for institutional effectiveness, have been invited to present Lindenwood's Three-Year Roadmap for General Education at the 2020 Assessment Institute. More information about the Three-Year Roadmap for General Education Assessment can be found [here](#). Drs. Elder and Alden-Rivers will present on Monday, October 26, 4:30 p.m. (CST).

The Assessment Institute is a national conference hosted by IUPUI each year. Typically, this event is held in Indianapolis. However, this year the conference is virtual and free! To register for this event, please visit the [conference website](#). The conference takes place Oct. 25-28.

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## **Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker: Saúl Flores - Today!**

Saúl Flores will be speaking to the Lindenwood community today, from 4-5:30 p.m. in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. He is a philanthropist, photojournalist, and speaker who is nationally recognized for his social impact projects. His work has been featured on National Public Radio, MSNBC, and TED. [Join us](#) to hear his story through his visual presentations, in which he helps people realize the capacity of their immense human potential given times of extreme adversity. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, Alpha Psi Lambda, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. #LionsUnited

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## **Requesting Spring Course Materials from the Library**

The library is currently preparing for the Spring 2021 semester and wants to know what resources faculty would like to support spring coursework. Knowing these requests in advance allows us to properly prepare for the semester based on our resources. The spring semester deadline for requesting DM free ebooks or streaming video is December 1. Review DM free ebooks through the [Faculty](#)

[Select platform](#) and submit your request at the same time. If you don't see a book listed, email the library and we would be happy to see if there is a DM free option available. If you would like help looking for OER material, we have an [OER guide](#) to help you through the process and part of the guide has an [assistance form](#). If you are wanting to switch out your main textbook, please request assistance at least a week before the Barnes and Noble deadline. If you are wanting to add in OER supplemental materials, the deadline to reach out is no later than the week before finals.

If you have questions about any of these services, please email [librarystc@lindenwood.edu](mailto:librarystc@lindenwood.edu).

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## 2020 Alumni Award Recipients

We are excited to announce the 2020 Alumni Award recipients! Be on the lookout for more information and celebration activities for these recipients over the next few months. Learn more about the alumni awards [here](#).

### Alumni Merit Award – Jon “JT” Taylor

We are honored to present Jon “JT” Taylor with the 2020 Alumni Merit Award. JT is a 1996 alumnus who obtained his bachelor's in criminal justice from Lindenwood. He began his career at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport in 1997. After graduating from the police academy and the fire academy, JT was assigned to police services. He's had career assignments in patrol, SWAT, criminal investigations, K9, bomb squad, police training, and strategic planning. He was promoted in 2014 to Assistant Chief of Police and again in 2020 to Chief of Police. He has been married to his wife, Elissa, for 21 years and she is also a Lindenwood alumna. JT and Elissa have three children, Ella, Edie, and Hank. JT's favorite Lindenwood memories include playing football, meeting life-long friends, the Lindenwood “trailer park” where all of the football players and wrestlers lived, and his mentor, *Rick Steinmann*.



### Alumni Service Award - Hollis C. Heyn



Hollis Carolyn Heyn was honored with the 2020 Alumni Service Award. Hollis is a 1975 alumna who obtained her bachelor's in English from Lindenwood College for Women and a master's in English Language and Literature from Southern Illinois University. She's been inspired the last ten years by American literature with a special emphasis in the 20th c. Southern writer William Faulkner's novels. Hollis considers herself a Texan even after spending her entire adult life in Missouri. Her favorite Lindenwood memory is sitting on the Sibley Hall porch with her friends.

### Young Alumni Award – Kayla P. Stewart

Kayla Piers Stewart is the recipient of the 2020 Young Alumni Award. Kayla graduated from Lindenwood in 2014 with a religion degree, and currently resides in Chicago. She is the vice president of sales at an S&P 500 tech company. Kayla and her husband, Chase, have two Rhodesian ridgebacks and are expecting a son early next year. Chase is also a Lindenwood alumnus and the couple have remained active alumni, through both service and generosity. Kayla and her husband dedicated the Piers Stewart Lounge in McCluer Hall and started an endowment scholarship. Kayla also currently serves on the School of Humanities Advisory Board. Her favorite Lindenwood memory is speaking at her graduation.



# MOMENTS

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Bre Simkin, recently went above and beyond to resolve a family's concern. Bre's colleague in the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship said this about the situation, "A student's family was unhappy with several factors, most of which did not involve

student financial services. Bre took on the problem and helped the family with alternative solutions in a caring and calm approach. The communications and tone changed immediately, the student is continuing at Lindenwood and is planning to return next year as well.” Bre, this is what service recovery is all about, thank you!

-Q2 Team



### **Worriers to Warriors – [#LionsUnited](#) new content**

The goal of the #LionsUnited page is to share resources that are helpful, positive, intentional, and applicable to wherever you are in your allyship journey. This information will help us understand the world around us a little better. Content includes resources for building inclusive workplace cultures, transforming anxiety to helpful action, and a tool kit for social change, just to name a few. Click [here](#) to view the resources the CDI has prepared.

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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, Bree will speak about his battle with depression and how to end the stigma surrounding mental illness. Bree's TEDx Talk, "Confessions of a Depressed Comic" has over four million views, making it one of the most watch TED talks on mental health. His 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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