

LINDENWOOD
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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

November 17, 2020

Strategic Plan Update - Thursday at 1 p.m.

Please plan to join us Thursday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. for the next Strategic Plan Town Hall [Zoom call](#). This meeting will be recorded for those who are teaching or unavailable to attend.

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LindenGiving - 100 Thanksgiving Meals

LindenGiving is our new community outreach endeavor comprising various initiatives throughout the year. For our first initiative, Lindenwood is contributing 100 Thanksgiving meals to local families.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with assembling meal boxes, meal delivery or pick up on Nov. 21, or wish to make a financial contribution, please contact Amanda Hyde at ahyde@lindenwood.edu or 636-949-4908.

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Department of Social Services Appointments Available

Appointments with the Department of Social Services are now available on Fridays for students, faculty, and staff in the Student Counseling & Resource Center! The Department of Social Services offers support in a variety of areas such as health care, food assistance, child care, temporary cash assistance for needy families, nursing home care, support for the blind/visually impaired, child support, and more! If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment, please call the SCRC at 636-949-4541.

Second Half Midterm Grades

The deadline for midterm second half semester (undergrad only) courses was Monday, Nov. 16. The grade transfer from canvas to cams will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Please make sure to enter all special grades (I, AF, N) in the faculty portal by the deadline. The last day to withdraw with a W grade will be Nov. 20. A student should receive an AF grade if they attended but then stopped attending before the Nov. 20 withdraw deadline.

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The Positivity Sprint

LindenWell, The Learning Academy, and Power of Positivity present to you the Positivity Sprint!

When: Nov. 11 - 18,

Who: ALL employees are encouraged to participate in this challenge!

Why: Spread Positivity, Not Germs - Help us create an environment that incites happiness and support for our university community members.

What: Earn Gold, Silver, or Bronze status by submitting Q2 moments that highlight your colleagues.

Levels/Prizes: You will earn Wellbucks for your submissions, as well as receive an entry for the chance to win a LindenWell goodie basket.

Gold Level: 8 Q2 submissions

Receive 15K Wellbucks & your name will be entered in the drawing for our Gold basket (FitBit, Half Zip Hoodie, Coffee Tumbler, and \$5 Starbucks Gift Card).

Silver Level: 5-7 Q2 submissions

Receive 10K Wellbucks & your name will be entered in the drawing for our Silver basket (Large Grey Duffel, windbreaker, Aluminum water bottle, and \$5 Starbucks Gift Card).



Bronze Level: 3-4 Q2 submissions

Receive 5K Wellbucks & your name will be entered in the drawing for our Bronze basket (Small Black Duffel, T-shirt, water bottle, and \$5 Starbucks Gift Card).

Submit your Q2 Moments [here](#) and for more information and event guidelines, please visit the [LindenWell website](#).

For more information on the POP program, please click [here](#) and if interested reach out to Sarah Leassner at Sleassner@lindenwood.edu.

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Try Your Hand at Writing a Novel in November

Do you love great stories and feel like you've got a bunch of your own to tell? Interested in getting connected with other creative types and writers at Lindenwood? Join the Creative Writing Club for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)! In November, we will each work on writing a full 50,000 word novel, encouraging each other along the way.

Anyone is welcome. You don't have to commit to the full project. You don't have to be a member of the Creative Writing Club or an English major. All you need is a passion for great stories and an interest in staying in touch with like-minded students for the month of November. We will meet remotely over Discord each Monday and Thursday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

If you're interested, e-mail Dr. Daniel Plate at dplate@lindenwood.edu for details. If you'd just like to head to Discord, find the server [here](#).



MOMENTS

During the months of November and December, the Q2 Team will offer Q2 Phase I sessions to our partners at Wylie. All areas of Wylie will participate in the sessions, Academic Services,

Recruitment, and Retention. We look forward to spreading the culture of Q2 service excellence and bringing a heightened level of service to our students through this initiative!

-Q2 Team

The logo for Lindenwood University Learning Academy is centered within a white rectangular box. The text "LINDENWOOD" is at the top in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, "UNIVERSITY" is written in a smaller, spaced-out, serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned below "UNIVERSITY". At the bottom, "LEARNING ACADEMY" is written in a medium-sized, spaced-out, serif font. The entire white box is set against a solid gold background.

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How Full Is Your Bucket - Book Discussion - Click [here](#) to register

Dec. 10, 3 - 4 p.m.

Jan. 7, 10 - 11 a.m.

Jan. 2, 12 - 3 p.m.

As a part of the POP Program there will be monthly book discussions on a book that holds a strong connection to the Power of Positivity. The book covered in this session is *How Full Is Your Bucket?* This book reveals how even the briefest interactions affect your relationships, productivity, health, and longevity. Books will not be provided but can be accessed for free through the Library System.

**Podcast Lunch and Learn – Happier with Gretchen Rubin -
Click [here](#) to register**

Nov. 17, 12 - 1 p.m.

Dec. 15, 12 - 1 p.m.

As a part of the POP Program, led by Employee Fellow Sarah Leassner, there will be monthly POP meetings discussing a podcast that holds a strong connection to the Power of Positivity. The podcast creator says, “Hi, I’m Gretchen Rubin, a writer who relentlessly explores human nature to understand how we can make our lives better. I believe there’s no one-size-fits-all solution for becoming happier, healthier, more productive, or more creative; when we know ourselves and what works for us, we can change our habits and our lives.” Participants should listen to the two most recent releases of the podcast.

40 Hours of Professional Development - [How to video](#)

How are you towards your annual goal of 40 hours of professional development? The Learning Academy wants to make it easier for you to track your hours. Watch this [video](#) to learn how to add your development to Workday. *Any event that your register for through the LLA calendar, complete in SkillSoft, and LinkedIn Learning will automatically be applied to your training profile in Workday. There is no need to add those, we will do that for you!* But if your department completes a development activity together or you go to a conference, use the steps in the video for an easy way to track your progress! Managers, you can also view your teams' progress toward their goal with the Workday Report: **HCM My Teams Training Professional Development**, simply type this into the search bar to view the report.

Deadline Extended: Join the Social Innovation Challenge to win The Porter Prize!

Applications are being accepted until Friday, Dec. 4 for the Social Innovation Challenge!



The Social Innovation Challenge is a special professional development experience for 25 Lindenwood University faculty, staff, and students. Participants will compete for The Porter Prize by applying design thinking to address a pressing social problem that faces our community. ALL participants will receive a Professional Development Certificate in Design Thinking from Lindenwood University, and one team will win the Porter Prize! This year, each member of the winning team will receive \$500 and a digital trophy! For more information and to apply, please visit this [webpage](#). Email porterprize@lindenwood.edu with questions.

Upcoming Virtual Events and Deadlines

- Oct. 15 - Dec. 4 - [Expressions by Four Artists in Wood, Stone, Wool, and Steel](#), Boyle Family Gallery, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-7 p.m.
- Nov. 17 - [Virtual Retirement Party](#) for Carl Hubenschmidt at 11 a.m. on Zoom
- Nov. 17 - COVID-19 Challenges in Public Health, Ethics, and Equity - Panel Session, 12-1 p.m., [Register](#)
- Nov. 17 - Lindenwood Book Club Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m., [Zoom](#)

- Nov. 17 - Virtual GIS Day, [Register](#), Events at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.
- Dec. 4 - Social Innovation Challenge application deadline, [get more info](#)
- Dec. 13 - Deadline to apply for the new PRIDE Fund internal grant opportunity, [Register for Pivot](#), Click [here](#) for more information

All in-person events have been canceled until further notice. [See the list of all virtual events.](#)

Fall Semester Hours

Library Services Thanksgiving Break Closure

Library Services/LARC will be closed Saturday, Nov. 21 – Saturday Nov. 28.

We will re-open and resume our regular semester hours on Sunday, Nov. 29.

We will be open 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

During the building closure, the virtual chat services will be available on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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.](#)