



### **MBA Program is Largest in St. Louis Area**

Our MBA program was recently recognized by the *St. Louis Business Journal* as the [largest in the St. Louis area!](#) “This ranking is an excellent demonstration that the versatility, quality, and affordability of our MBA programs combine to make an outstanding option for students,” said Terry Whittum, VP for Enrollment Management.



### **Toys for Tots Drive**

Every holiday season, the Marine Corps Reserve conducts a massive toy drive called “Toys for Tots.” The purpose of the toy drive is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those them as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. Our student residents of Linden Terrace joined a local Marine unit for this wonderful cause!



### **Gateway to Degrees Initiative**

The St. Louis metropolitan region is currently the 12th most educated region in the nation. The St. Louis Regional Chamber's goal is to move up to 10th place by 2025. To this end, education and business leaders gathered on December 7th to sign the Regional Educational Commitment document and to launch the [Gateway to Degrees initiative](#) that assists adults with earning a degree. Two presenters at the event were

Lindenwood graduating seniors, Michele and Maya Rodriguez, a Mother and Daughter team who earned their Bachelor's degrees together! Our School of Accelerated Degree Programs serves more than 2,000 adult students in Missouri and Illinois and we are positioned to do our part to help the region move up to 10th place!



### **Social Work Program Recognized**

The Social Work program was awarded the Beverly Krause Memorial Bluebird Award in recognition of their heartfelt dedication to the women and children at Bridgeway Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. Social work has contributed over 10,000 hours of community service, raised funds and in-kind donations, and provided professional consultation for the local women's shelter.

## **ATHLETICS**



### **Athletics Celebrates December Graduates**

Athletics celebrated the [graduation of 72 student-athletes](#)! Each graduate received a special stole to wear at graduation to recognize their achievements in the class room and field of play. Each student-athlete will receive their diploma this Saturday at Family Arena. Congratulations graduates!

### **Men's Volleyball 6<sup>th</sup> in Pre-Season Poll**



Men's volleyball has been [picked sixth](#) in the MIVA preseason coaches poll. The Lions finished seventh in the MIVA last season. The Lions open the 2018 season on January 12<sup>th</sup> when they head to Nashville, TN for the Off the Block Grow the Game Challenge.



### Men's Basketball Winning Streak Snapped

Men's basketball saw their [five-game winning streak](#) come to an end against Missouri Southern by a 97-71 margin. Lindenwood shot over 46 percent from the field and made 11 three-pointers.



### Women's Basketball Falls From Late Shot

A Missouri Southern three-pointer with four seconds left in the game handed Lindenwood a [78-75 loss](#) in Joplin, MO. Gabby Walker scored 20 points with seven rebounds. Lindenwood falls to 7-2 overall and 0-2 in MIAA games.

### NFHCA First-Team All-American



Women's field hockey defender Nicole Johnston has been named a Longstreth/NFHCA Division II First-Team [All-American](#). It is the second consecutive season with a Lion on the All-America team after Tara Robben earned the honor last season.



### Wrestling Drops First Duel of the Year

The No. 15 Men's wrestling team [lost 28-12](#) to No. 11 University of Indianapolis in a dual in Indianapolis, IN. The Lions are now 0-1 after their first dual of the season and will head back to Indianapolis, IN. to compete in the Midwest Classic.





### Women's Hockey Heads Into Break With a Victory

Women's hockey survived an early onslaught of shots by Minnesota State. The Lady Lions then took control of the second part of the game in a 4-1 non-conference victory over the Mavericks. Lindenwood [improves to 4-11-1 with the win](#). The Lady Lions are now off until after the New Year's, when they face St. Lawrence in a two-game series in Anaheim, CA.



### Lions Remain Fourth in Final 2017 Ranking

Men's Hockey [remained fourth](#) in the final American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division I Ranking of 2017. The Lions enter week two of a four-week break before the final stretch of the regular season begins with a home series against Ohio in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL).



### Cycling Races Well at Cyclocross Championships

The cycling team posted solid results at the Missouri State Cyclocross Championships. Nathan Schoonover [won](#) the Category 3 race. After a big attack from another local competitor, Schoonover put forth a massive effort to close the gap and put himself in position for the victory!



### Depleted Squad Battles at Home Duals

Several injuries kept women's wrestling from fielding a full squad, but the team [battled](#) through two losses at Hyland Arena. They wrapped up the fall campaign with the two duals. The team will return to action in the spring semester.



### **Hannah Finchamp Featured in Terrain Magazine**

Hannah Finchamp was recently featured in *Terrain Magazine*, an online outdoor fitness, adventure, and discovery publication headquartered in St. Louis, MO. The Lindenwood senior has won four individual cycling national championships for the Lions! Finchamp is expected to graduate from Lindenwood in the spring with degrees in both exercise science and athletic training. Read the full article [here!](#)



### **Riders Win Missouri BAAR Competition**

Ashley Weaver and William Zoughaib each [won](#) the Missouri Bicycle Racing Association Best All-Around Rider (BAAR) competition for the 2017 season. Weaver earned the honor in the Women's Pro 1/2 category while Zoughaib did so in Men's Category 4.

### **Christmas on Campus**

Belleville's Athletic Department will be working with Family Forward to host the annual Christmas on Campus Week! Family Forward, formerly known as the Children's Home Society, provides residential and respite care for non-ambulatory children 21 years old and younger with developmental disabilities and significant medical needs. Several Belleville athletic teams adopted children this year and will provide them with gifts.

## **FACULTY**



### **Gangloff Interviewed by National Public Radio**

Belleville History Professor Amy Gangloff was recently interviewed by National Public Radio offering some interesting historical information about car safety. [Click here to listen to the interview!](#)



### **Gietschier Edits Sports Book**

Steve Gietschier, Associate Professor of History, recently edited [\*Replays, Rivalries, and Rumbles, The Most Iconic Moments in American Sports\*](#). What were the iconic sports moments of the last century? In *Replays, Rivalries, and Rumbles*, a team of sports aficionados climb onto their bar stools to address that never-solved but essential question. Triumphs and turning points, rivalries and record-setters—each chapter tracks down the real story behind the epic moments and legendary careers sports fans love to debate.

STAFF



**Published**

[An article](#) entitled "Building a Culture of Continuous Improvement through Professional Development" by Beth Kania-Gosche, Associate Dean of Education, and David Wilson, Associate VP for Institutional Effectiveness/Chief Assessment Officer, was published in *Assessment Update*, one of the leading journals in the field of assessment.

## IN OTHER NEWS



### **President's Circle Holiday Reception**

The Shonrock's enjoyed hosting a holiday reception for the President's Circle at the house. The President's Circle are some of our most committed and loyal supporters, and we are grateful for their generous support of the Annual Fund!

### **President's Ambassadors Holiday Party**



The newly appointed President's Ambassadors joined the Shonrock's for an "Ugly Sweater Holiday Party"! Plenty of hot cocoa and holiday cookies were had by all! A few of the Ambassadors assisted with the President's Circle holiday Reception and were standouts! Thank you Victoria Dohm, Madison Shetter, Rayce Singbush, and Grayson Wolcott!



### **National Guard Homecoming Ceremony**

Lindenwood University was proud to host the homecoming ceremony for 232 members of the 1st Battalion, 138th Infantry Regiment of the Missouri National Guard. The troops, returning from a year-long deployment securing coalition forces in Qatar, were greeted by approximately 1,200 of their family and friends! [Here's the story as covered by KTVI.](#)







### **Energy Efficiency Improvement Rebate**

We received our first rebate of \$1,170.85 from [Ameren Missouri's BizSavers program](#). This rebate was from LED lighting that was installed in Sibley Hall. It is anticipated that we will receive a sizable rebate of \$80,000 or more for the Spellmann HVAC and LED retrofit. This rebate will cover 70% of the LED lighting at Young and Roemer!



### **Dr. Shonrock as Starbucks Barista**

Students that stopped by Starbucks last Friday received a nice surprise when they were served their orders by none other than Dr. Shonrock himself! He loved getting to spend his morning serving our wonderful students, especially with their upcoming finals!



### **Shonrock's Attend Fall Dance Concert**

The Shonrock's were able to attend the Fall Dance Concert directed by Janet Strzelec. Their collective response to the concert was... "AWESOME!" They were very impressed by the amount of talent displayed by all who contributed!



### **Rad Reindeer on the Quad**

The Campus Activities Board hosted Rad Reindeer on the Quad to promote the upcoming Winter Fest event. Students were able to sit in Santa's sleigh and take pictures with Jingles the reindeer. Jingles was a wonderful visitor!

## Winter Fest



Evans Commons Lawn was turned into a Winter Wonderland by our Campus Activities Board with cookies, hot chocolate, an inflatable snow globe, a snowboard simulator, carriage rides around campus, s'mores, and crafts! The first 100 people to arrive received free touch screen gloves to keep them warm during the event!

## Late Night Breakfast a Success



This semester's Late Night Breakfast was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and Pedestal Foods. It included free t-shirts, giveaways, an elf themed raffle basket, eating contest, ugly sweater contest, prizes, a free candy bar, and a photo booth! The event was a huge success with over a 1,000 students dancing the night away and enjoying an all you can eat breakfast!

## Belleville Alumni Collect & Donate Personal Care Packs



A group of Belleville alumni recently collected and donated personal care items to assist individuals in need throughout the Belleville community. Nearly 25 personal care packs were made and donated to the Office of General and Community Assistance, which serves Belleville residents who make less than \$245 monthly.

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