

Winter Break

Campus will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22 for winter break. Winter break will be from Wednesday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Jan. 1. We will see you upon our return to campus on Monday, Jan. 4. Happy Holidays!

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Record Number of Outstanding Students Inducted into Alpha Chi

The Lindenwood University 2020 National Champion Pi Chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society inducted a record number of 75 new members in its Fall Induction Ceremony. Membership in the organization is by invitation only, and Alpha Chi accepts students who place in the top ten percent of their junior, senior, or graduate class from all academic disciplines. This year's virtual induction ceremony was conducted by the LU Alpha Chi Pi chapter's faculty co-sponsors, Drs. Kathi Vosevich and Justine Pas, along with its student officers, Elaine Ragland, President; Robert Fountaine-Holman, Vice-President; and Abigail Manis, Secretary. University President John Porter and Provost Mark Arant greeted the virtual gathering and congratulated the inductees, their families, friends, and professors. Visit our [webpage](#) for more information about our chapter:

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Fleitz Publishes Article

Elizabeth Fleitz, associate professor of English, published "'[An American Orphan': Amelia Simmons, Cookbook Authorship, and the Feminist Ethic" in the most recent edition of Peitho: Journal of the Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition. Dr. Fleitz analyzes Simmons' rhetorical moves to establish her credibility as a cook and discusses the rhetorical choices by other women cookbook authors in early America that make themselves trustworthy to the reader.](#)

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Nominate an Outstanding Staff Member!

The Lindenwood Community (staff, faculty, adjuncts, students, and administrators) is invited to nominate an outstanding staff member for one of five staff recognition awards. If you know an outstanding staff member, please submit a nomination at the link below. There's also an opportunity to get fabulous prizes for being a nominator, so don't delay. Award winners will be announced at the spring all-staff meeting.

[Make a Nomination Today!](#)

The deadline is Friday, Feb. 26

During a turn of events preparing for the LindenGiving Thanksgiving outreach event, Kyle Routh and Dawn Carter graciously agreed to assist in the pickup of grocery items in addition to securing tables and chairs for event setup. The request came last minute, but these two did not hesitate to lend a helping hand in order to successfully execute this event to aid our community members in need. The service excellence displayed by these two individuals was much appreciated and the epitome of our Q2 culture!

-Q2 Team

DEI Reading Challenge: Read, Learn, Grow, Connect

The DEI Reading Challenge's December's theme is: Read a book, graphic novel or comic featuring an LGBTQ+ character and/or written by an LGBTQ+ author. Check out the book display in the LARC and our curated [OverDrive collection](#) to find great titles that fit this theme!

[Sign-up for the DEI Reading Challenge](#) to grow in your empathy, understanding, and cultural competency which will positively impact your service to the university's diverse communities. Start 2021 with a new purpose for your reading!

Harvard Business Review Podcast – Women at Work

On HBR's [Women at Work podcast](#), they've been tracking the impact of the pandemic on mothers' careers — from last season's episode "[We're Beyond Stretched](#)" to this season's "[How Mothers WFH Are Negotiating What's Normal.](#)" And, of course, the show team has been dealing with many of these issues themselves. If you need your batteries to be recharged over the break, check out this podcast.

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Learn How Your Colleagues Are Using Technologies to Engage Students and Assess Learning

Are you hesitant to try new teaching technologies? Would it help to see how and hear why your colleagues use them? Soon, three faculty members will share their experiences with Kahoot!, Pear Deck, and Perusall.

- Dr. Tawni Hunt Ferrarini will offer a live session on Jan. 13 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. to share how she uses Pear Deck to create interactive lessons and engaging assessments. Register [here](#).
- Dr. John Barr will offer a live session on Jan. 14 from 10-11 a.m. to share how he uses Kahoot! to create engaging learning games. Register [here](#).
- Dr. Melle Elmes is creating a video to share how she uses Perusall to motivate student engagement with course texts and their peers. This will be ready to share by Jan. 11. Watch the Digest and the Learning Log for details on how to access it when the time comes.

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7 Ways to Facilitate Student Motivation and Student Metacognition, and Learning Community

In case you missed it in The Learning Log, Gillian Parrish, Faculty Fellow for Emerging Educational Issues, created a resource called Cultivating Reflective Learners, in which she suggests seven ways to facilitate motivation, metacognition, and learning community in your courses.

Upcoming Virtual Events and Deadlines

- Dec. 22 - Deadline for the 2021 MLK Jr. Leadership Award [Nomination](#)
- Jan. 2 - How Full is Your Bucket - Book Discussion, 12-3 p.m. - [Register](#)
- Jan. 7 - How Full is Your Bucket - Book Discussion, 10-11 a.m., - [Register](#)

Winter Break Hours

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Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 3 p.m. - Monday, January 4.

Library Services' Winter Break Hours

Friday Dec. 18: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19: CLOSED

Sunday, Dec. 20: CLOSED

Monday, Dec. 21: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (University Closure)

Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Sunday Jan 3 CLOSED (University Closure)

Jan. 4 – Jan. 18

Monday- Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturdays: CLOSED

Sundays: CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 18: CLOSED (University Closure for MLK Jr. Day)

Evans Commons Recreation Center Hours

Dec. 18, 8 a.m.. – 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Jan. 3, CLOSED

Jan. 4 – Jan. 8, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 – Jan. 15, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 – Jan. 18, CLOSED

Media and Gaming Lab Winter Break Hours

By appointment only. Please contact [Michael Fetters](#) in advance to make your appointment.

Available times for appointments Dec. 14-21 and Jan 4-14

Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Dec. 22 through Jan 3: CLOSED

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.](#)