# LINDENWOOD DIGEST CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

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### **Today's Headlines**

### August 16, 2019

#### **Update Your Email Signature**

The new version of the Lindenwood University email signature is available. Please update your signature at the following <u>link</u>. In keeping with the university's current brand refresh project, the new signature incorporates a revised logo and has a cleaner presentation

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Thank you to our early adopters for testing the new email signatures. Enhancements and a few additional options have been incorporated based upon your feedback. If you generated and applied an email signature on or before August 14 at 1 p.m., please <u>redo</u> the process to utilize the latest versions.

Please note: You must use Google Chrome as your browser when using this generator or else you may experience presentation issues when copying the email signature into your email client.

To maintain consistency with brand guidelines, please DO NOT alter your email signature by removing items such as the logo, or changing the font/color within the signature.

### Food Truck Friday is Here!

Staff Council has brought Nagel's BBQ back to campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Pavilion.

Please see the <u>flier</u> for menu and pricing (there is a vegan option as well). We hope to see you there!

### **Commuter Club Seeking New Advisor**

The Commuter Club is seeking a new advisor on campus. This advisor would support the student leaders with planning events and serve as an advocate for all commuters (currently a population of around 1,000 students). If you are interested in being the advisor, please contact Molly Tiemeyer at <u>MT594@lindenwood.edu</u>.

### Missouri Section of the MAA Thanks Lindenwood

In a recent letter from the Missouri section of the Mathematical Association of America, several individuals were thanked for their contributions in hosting the annual meeting.

The letter thanked Lindenwood University, particularly the Mathematics Department for its hard work in hosting the event and making it a success. Kassie Linzmeier and Jason Waack of University Relations, as well as Miranda Chaney, administrative assistant in the School of Sciences, were recognized for their contributions on setting up the website and registration. Hannah Wichern and Nancy Tinker of Pedestal Foods were also thanked for providing the food and catering the event.

"It was an effective and well-organized meeting," said Christopher Johnson, chair of the Missouri section.

The annual meeting ran April 4 through 6 and took place in the Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room. Mathematicians from Lindenwood actively participate in the Missouri section each year.

"The section is fortunate to have the contributions of these dedicated people," said Phoebe Mclaughlin, MO MAA section secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Rik Hafer Publishes Op-Ed Article Focusing on 'Saving The Economy'

Congratulations to Dr. Rik Hafer, professor of economics and director of the Center for Economics and the Environment with the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise. Hafer's most recent op-ed article – Saving the Economy, 25 Basis Points at a Time – was distributed in July, 2019, by the Missouri Press Association. The article discusses how the Fed uses the funds rate as its major policy tool, and, as a result, it has become more of a signaling device. When Hafer asks the question, "Does it make sense to lower the rate," he responds by indicating it does only if two criteria are met (read the complete article for details). Currently, Hafer's op-ed piece has been published in seven newspapers statewide (including the Branson Tri Lakes News). For more information about the Hammond Institute's op-ed campaign, please visit the website or call 636-627-2915.



#### **Q2 Process Improvement Task Force**

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The next phase of Q2 is gearing up! During the initial phase of Q2, each unit looked introspectively to determine what could be improved within its people, places, and processes. Phase 2 is now taking a look at processes that negatively impact cross functional areas within the university. The Process

Improvement Task Force (PITF), made up of cabinet members/administrators, faculty, and staff, is partnering with Q2 Champions to enhance processes around the university. In July, Q2 Champions collected data from respective faculty and staff units to provide detailed information and potential solutions related to processes that originate outside of their functional areas but have negative implications and unintended consequences. The PITF reviewed all 80 items and identified those that impact the largest number of students and employees and established the following as top priorities for determining solutions. Each has been assigned to a member of the task force to facilitate the development of a process with the necessary people that will improve the student and employee experiences.

- 1. Improving new student user account accuracy
- 2. Refining procurement process
- 3. Improving signage on campus and the development of clear processes going forward
- 4. Researching meal plan options for student teachers

- 5. Developing processes for forecasting academic schedules on an annual basis to provide athletics opportunity to plan events further into the future
- 6. Ensure active directory access for email groups in Outlook
- 7. Developing resources for successful event management
- 8. Ensuring ADA compliance for students

Additional processes that were identified and will be improved with the implementation of Workday:

- Paper forms and electronic signatures
  - Four-year degree plan
- Student employee annual re-application process

The PITF will continue to update the Lindenwood community on the progress that is made as we develop solutions that positively serve our students and colleagues.



### **Tuition Grant Notice**



### PROCESS IMPROVEMENT TUITION GRANT AND EMPLOYEE TAXATION

Human Resources and Student Financial Services have partnered together to improve the process for requesting the tuition grants for employees and their dependents and for ensuring proper taxation of employee paychecks. Employees will now complete a tuition grant request through Workday. Completed forms will go to HR to confirm eligibility then to Student Financial Services to be processed.

So what is new?

- Forms can be completed in Workday!
- Tuition grant forms must be completed every term
- Any schedule changes (Add/Drop/Withdrawl) will require a new request to be submitted

The additional information requested in the online form is necessary to ensure employees are taxed properly. Should you have any questions related to grant funds, please email Student Financial Services, Lis Ziegenfuss at <u>Lziegenfuss@lindenwood.edu</u>. Questions related to the taxation of tuition grants, please email Monica Seiter at mseiter@lindenwood.edu.

For a guide on how to request a tuition grant in Workday, Click Here.

Safe Zone Training Available - Aug. 21 & 22

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#### PRESENTS



Safe Zone is an interactive session that focuses on LGBTQ+ sexuality, identities, and gender. Participants will be given an opportunity to examine their own assumptions and privilege.

August 21 & 22, 2019 10:00 am—11:50 am Hyland Arena, VIP Room

Register at: https://training.lindenwood.edu/

### Involvapalooza Sign Up

Can students get involved within your department once they get to campus? Sign up to host a booth at the large involvement fair on Aug. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Evans Commons Lawn. Sign up for a booth by logging into your staff/faculty portal >> Involve U >> Forms >> 2019 Involvapalooza Sign Up.

Any questions about Involvapalooza can be sent to Rachael Heuermann at <u>rheuermann@lindenwood.edu</u>. The form to sign up will close on Monday, Aug. 19, at 12 p.m.



### **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

August 19-23 - Faculty Workshops

- August 22 New Student Orientation in the Scheidegger Center's Lindenwood Theater from 9 to 9:45 a.m. This will be a great opportunity for staff and faculty to show their collective support for the incoming class of 2023.
- August 26 Classes begin
- August 26 2019-2020 General Assembly Meeting, Harmon Hall, Dunseth Auditorium, 4-5 p.m. <u>RSVP</u>
- August 27 American red Cross Blood Drive, Evans Commons Multipurpose Court, 12-5 p.m. <u>RSVP</u>
- September 5 Fall All-Staff Meeting, Scheidegger Center's Lindenwood Theater, 2:30-4 p.m. Staff members are encouraged to attend. A catered reception in the lobby will follow.
- September 5 Lindenwood <u>Art and Design Faculty Exhibition</u> Opening Reception and Gallery Talk, Boyle Family Gallery, 6-8 p.m.
- September 6 Jon Dorenbos Magic, Comedy, & Inspiration, Lindenwood Theater, 8 p.m.
- September 14 <u>Jay Leno</u>, Lindenwood Theater, 8 p.m.

• September 21 - <u>Family Day</u>, for more information, email <u>rheuermann@lindenwood.edu</u>

See the full list of upcoming events

### **Submit Information to the Digest**

To have your listing appear in the Digest, email your submission to <u>LUDigest@lindenwood.edu</u> 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. Please note, all entries to the Digest are subject to editing prior to running.

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