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Robotics Competition

For the second year in a row, Lindenwood is serving as a sponsor of FIRST Robotics, hosting a regional event to kick off the 2019 season on January 5. Approximately 1,000 high school students, mentors, and parents representing 44 teams from central and eastern Missouri and southern Illinois will gather on campus for the event. [Read more](#)



Another Milestone for Ice Center

The St. Louis Community Ice Center, which will be the new home for the men's and women's hockey programs, is coming along nicely! All four walls of rink 1 are in place and the mezzanine steel for the seating bowl is being erected. See video footage [here](#).

First Lindenwood Finance Competition

In an effort to increase experiential learning opportunities at the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship, they started the very first personal finance competition in conjunction with The America Group. The America Group generously donated \$3,000 to Lindenwood's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) team and they will be giving monetary awards to the top three winning teams. This year's winners are Josh Slezak and Jacob Wirick in first place, Martin Merlet and Juan Navarro in second place, and Alex Urban, Skylar Budman, and Jonathan Dunlop in third place.



Belleville Inducts New Psi Chi Members

Belleville's Psychology Department recently inducted 10 students into Psi Chi, the international honor society for psychology. The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology, and to advance the science of psychology. [Read more](#)

1st Annual Door Decorating Contest



Staff Council recently held its inaugural holiday door-decorating contest. Many departments showed their school and holiday spirit by participating. There were so many great and creative doors; it was hard to select the winner. Pictured left won first place, which was created by Anna Girdwood and Lisa Hundelt from Athletics. Looking forward to next year's competition!



More Greek Life Comes to Belleville Campus

Belleville will bring its inaugural sorority – Sigma Sigma Sigma or Tri Sigma – to campus this spring, expanding its growing Greek life culture. The campus aims to have a Tri Sigma house on Main Street, adjacent to the two fraternity houses on campus, Phi Beta Sigma and Sigma Tau Gamma. [Read more](#)



Lindenwood Joins National Writing Month

Many members of the Lindenwood family—students, faculty, and alumni—took up the [NaNoWriMo](#) (National Novel Writing Month) challenge to produce a 50,000 word novel over the course of November. The group shared their progress on the event's website and participated in "Write-In" sessions in the Library and Academic Resources Center organized by the Creative Writing Club, the Writing Center, the MFA in Writing program, the School of Humanities, and the

library. By the end of the month, 7 Lindenwood WriMos succeeded in meeting the 50,000 word benchmark, and the combined output of the entire Lindenwood team was 724,888 words. For comparison, that's far more words than appear in Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* (587,287), and just a tad shy of the word count of the King James Bible (783,137).

GLVC to Provide Healthy Local Rivalry

Since Lindenwood will soon be joining the GLVC conference, the University along with Mayor Faith proposed an idea to the three St. Louis area leaders who also have colleges in the GLVC. The idea is to promote a healthy, enjoyable and civil competition between Lindenwood, UMSL, Maryville, and McKendree. The proposed competition would be held annually and would culminate with a trophy. The details of the competition are still being worked out, but we have already heard back that McKendree would like to join!



Belleville Becomes Member of IAI

Belleville is now a member of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide transfer agreement which allows for seamless credit hour transfer for general education courses between participating institutions.

[Read more](#)



Thies Presents at Emporia State University

Jeanie Thies, Professor of Political Science in the School of Humanities, was recently a speaker at Emporia State's University Governance, Law & Economics Lecture Series. She presented on "Challenges of Implementing Evidence-Based Reforms in Criminal Justice. Dr. Thies also presented to the Mid Rivers Ethical Society on "Myths Misconceptions and Challenges in Contemporary Corrections."



Thorton as Senior Research Fellow

Congratulations to [Daniel L. Thornton, Ph.D.](#), formerly with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and owner of D.L. Thornton Economics consulting services, for recently joining the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in the capacity of [Senior Research Fellow](#)! Dr. Rik Hafer, Director of the Center for Economics and the Environment said, "Dan's work in the area of monetary policy and financial markets is well known across the profession." Welcome, Dr. Thorton!



Students Gain Real Experience in History Course

Lindenwood students gained some real experience in their history class this fall. Jeffrey Smith's Rise of Modern America history class worked with the St. Charles County Historical Society to create "Lost St. Charles," a virtual tour of historical structures now gone. Students researched the buildings, selected images, and wrote interpretive materials for the site. It's available through the Lindenwood site as well as

the St. Charles County Historical Society and St. Charles County government. See the virtual tour [here](#).



Business Students Manage \$100,000 Portfolio

In Harmon Hall, home of the Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship, students are getting real experience in finance, after the Board of Trustees approved \$100,000 from the university's endowment to create a new Student Managed Investment Fund.

[Read more](#)



Dining Updates for Belleville Campus

The Spring 2019 semester will bring some exciting dining changes to the Belleville campus! The Dixon Café will offer a daily “make your own” waffle station and a Street Fare station with choices such as gyros and southwest bowls, and Matt’s Café will feature bread bowls on Wednesdays and sushi on Fridays. Additionally, each month there will be a themed food event held in the Dixon Overflow where the campus community will come together to share in that month’s food and festivities.



Men’s Basketball Has First Conference Loss

The men’s basketball team (7-5, 1-1 MIAA) suffered its first MIAA loss of the season at the hands of No. 2 Northwest Missouri. The Lions were defeated, 87-53 by the second-ranked Bearcats from Maryville, MO.

[Read more](#)

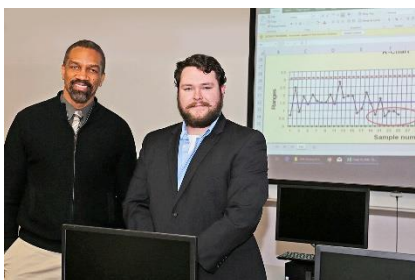
Women’s Hockey Scores Twice on Power Play



Hannah Alt and Courtney Ganske each scored power play goals for women’s ice hockey in a 3-2 loss to RIT. They mark the sixth and seventh power play goals for the Lions this season. The defeat drops Lindenwood to 3-11-2 this season and 1-6-1 in conference action.

[Read more](#)

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Belleville Student’s Business Plan is Adopted

Taking a job that would allow him to travel while earning a paycheck was exactly the kind of summer job Preston Whisler was looking for. Being a driver for a regional moving company allowed him to do just that. Little did he know that he would turn his summer job into a full-time career opportunity well before his expected graduation in December 2019.

[Read more](#)



Pecoraro Wins National Award

Bob Pecoraro, Manager of Special Projects, recently won the Outstanding Interpretive Volunteer Award presented by the [National Association for Interpretation](#) (NAI). Interpretation as defined by NAI, "is a mission-based communication process that forges emotional and intellectual connections between the interests of the audience and the meanings inherent in the resource." Bob won the award for his volunteer efforts as an interpreter at the Daniel Boone Home. Congratulations Bob!

Ring the Bell Challenge



Athletic teams and student organizations competed against each other in the Bell Ringing Challenge sponsored by Lindenwood University and Pepsi to raise money for the Salvation Army. Cheerleading, men's gold, and water polo raised \$761.03. Student Government, Delta Zeta/Phi Lambda Chi, and Alpha Phi Omega/Sigma Sigma Sigma raised \$985.08. The organizations that raised the most money each day were water polo and Alpha Phi Omega/Sigma Sigma

Sigma. We are very proud of our students for raising \$1,746.11 for this important cause!



Local Families Love Annual Christmas Walk

Student Involvement hosted the annual Christmas Walk event on December 9. With over 3,000 luminaries, Heritage Campus was turned into a winter wonderland full of student organization booths, Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and Jingles the Reindeer. The community showed up in droves to join in the festivities!



Once a High School Drop-out, Now Has Law Career

When Cierra Barnes dropped out of high school as a teenager, she could have scarcely imagined graduating college, earning a law degree, and publishing in a legal journal—a process that all started at Lindenwood University-Belleville. “I thought I messed up too badly during my high school career to ever make up for it,” said Barnes. But the day I stepped into Lindenwood Belleville’s Admission Office was the day that my life changed.” [Read more](#)



Alumnus to Receive National Award

Alumnus Joshua Scott will receive an awards citation from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) at the upcoming 49th annual National Athletic Directors Conference. [Read more](#)

Outstanding Freshman Persistence Rate



The Belleville campus is proud to report the Freshman Fall Semester 2018 to Spring Semester 2019 Undergrad persistence rate is reported at 93%. Belleville is proud of the efforts put forth by the faculty, staff and students to achieve this high rate of persistence and will continually seek new ways to improve this rate.



Late Night Breakfast

Campus Activities Board hosted Late Night Breakfast on December 10 from 10 PM to 12 AM. Over 1,300 students came through and enjoyed breakfast foods served by Lindenwood Faculty and Staff. Students were able to dance, play games, participate in an eating contest, and de-stress during finals week.



Women's Rugby Ranked No. 1

After the fall season, the women's rugby team is ranked #1 nationally amongst all NCAA and non-NCAA rugby programs. There are high hopes as the team prepares for the spring season and makes a run towards another national championship!



Hipelius Named MIVA Preseason All-Conference

Senior middle blocker Connor Hipelius has been named preseason All-MIVA. He is one of three middles selected to the 12-player team. Hipelius was one of the Lions' top hitters last year, notching 1.96 kills per set. [Read more](#)



Erik Henneman Earns Second All-American Honor

Junior Erik Henneman earned his second All-American honor after being named first-team tight end by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association. [Read more](#)



No. 10 Wrestling Handles Central Missouri

The No. 10 wrestling team (3-0, 1-0 MIAA) recently defeated Central Missouri 34-6 in Warrensburg, MO. Jared McKindley highlighted the night with a pinfall at 1:30 to start the dual. [Read more](#)






Bildner Double-Double Leads to Win

Junior forward Kallie Bildner scored 24 points with 16 rebounds to lead the Lions to a 72-57 victory over Northwest Missouri. It is Bildner's third double-double this season. The win moves Lindenwood to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in conference games. [Read more](#)



Lions Top Rankings for Seventh Straight Week

The Lions hold the top spot in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Men's Division I Ranking for the seventh straight week. Lindenwood completed its fall campaign in mid-November with a perfect 16-0 record. [Read more](#)

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