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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

February 21, 2020

## Call for Nominations: 2020 Assessment Champion Award

Since 2017, Lindenwood University has recognized 30 faculty and staff for their commitment to assessment, data-informed planning, and continuous improvement. A list of previous Assessment Champion Award recipients can be found [here](#).

The University Assessment Committee seeks nominations for the 2020 Assessment Champion Award.

[Click here](#) for more information and to access the nomination form.

Recipients of the 2020 Assessment Champion Award will be honored at the 3rd Annual Assessment and Planning Summit on Wednesday, May 13, Scheidegger Auditorium.

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## Alsobrook Announces Retirement at End of June

Dr. Joe Alsobrook, dean of Lindenwood Online, has announced his intention to retire at the end of June 2020. Alsobrook joined the Lindenwood faculty as assistant professor of music in 2004. Since that time, he has served as Music Department chair, dean of the School of Fine & Performing Arts, and dean of the School of Arts, Media, & Communications.

In 2019, Alsobrook assumed the role of dean of Lindenwood Online. Since that time, he has formed the Lindenwood Online Department, led the development of multiple online courses, taught professional development courses for online

faculty, and acted as key Lindenwood contact with the Wiley Education Services team to launch Lindenwood's expanded online program offerings.



During his time at Lindenwood, Alsobrook has been responsible for a number of important initiatives, including developing an active recruiting program to attract new students to the performing arts, guiding the consolidation of the formerly separate schools of Communications and Fine & Performing Arts, collaborating with HR on the development and adoption of the Appointlink performance evaluation system, promoting expansion and improvement of Lindenwood's online course offerings, and

facilitating the launch of the online partnership with Wiley. He has also served on multiple doctoral student dissertation committees.

Alsobrook has this to say about his time at Lindenwood and his plans for the future: "Helping students has been my proudest accomplishment. Whether it was through recruiting them to Lindenwood, which I consider a great service, or teaching and advising, or helping them to get their first 'real' job, finish their dissertation, or begin an entirely new career, that's been real success for me. The future will be about slowing down—goodbye Highway 70(!)—and spending more time with family. Our first grandchild will be born in June, and I'm looking forward to completely spoiling him (no name yet, but we know it's a boy). I'm also looking forward to frequent trips to Nashville to see my youngest son, who recently moved there from LA."

Alsobrook will not be leaving until late June, so he will be on campus for a while longer. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him.

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## **Faculty Colloquium Speaker Series Spring I 2020**

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to the Spring I 2020 [Faculty Colloquium Series](#).

Monday, March 16, 2:30 to 4 p.m., LARC Theater (Room 343).

The theme will be on Actualization.

The speakers are

Stephen Sherblom, EdD; School of Education, Educational Leadership;

“Wisdom as an Emergent Property”

Roger “Mitch” Nasser, Jr., Ph.D; School of Education, Educational Leadership;

“The Impact of Professional Development on Feelings of Inclusion in Supervision Relationships”

W. Travis McMaken, Ph.D; School of Humanities, Religion

“Karl Barth and the God who Loves in Freedom”

Discussion follow the speakers.

For further information, please see the following [flier](#), [abstracts](#), [biographies](#), webpage, Facebook page, or email [FacultyColloquia@lindenwood.edu](mailto:FacultyColloquia@lindenwood.edu).

Sponsored by the Faculty Colloquium Subcommittee, Lindenwood University Faculty and Student Scholarship Committee.

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## Interested in Being a President's Ambassador?

The Office of the President is looking for 12 students who would like to serve as President’s Ambassadors for the 2020-21 academic year! Being a President’s Ambassador entails being a positive representative of the President’s Office and Lindenwood University. Ambassadors have the opportunity to assist with a variety of events on campus and interact with university stakeholders, i.e. faculty, staff, alumni, board members, donors, etc...



If you have a students (in good academic and social standing) you would like to recommend for President’s Ambassador, please have them fill out [this application](#) and return to Nicole Sullivan at [nsullivan@lindenwood.edu](mailto:nsullivan@lindenwood.edu) or office #325 in the LARC on or before Friday, March 20, 2020.

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## DEMSE Food Pantry Drive

Staff from the Enrollment Management and Student Engagement held a food drive for the Little Free Pantry over the last week. The division collected 6,364 items to support the well-being of the campus

community!

1st Place – SFS and Business Office – 3617

2nd Place – SASS and SLD – 1627

3rd Place – Enrollment Management – 1120

Grand Total – 6,364

The shelves for the pantry were truly bare and DEMSE saved the day for our Lindenwood students who rely on it. Thank you to everyone who donated and made this event a success. A special “thank you” to the AVPs for supporting our request for the collection drive and being so competitive!

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## **Employee Guidebook Update**

The following update has been made to the Lindenwood University Employee Guidebook.

The online teaching contract definition on pages 81 and 82 was updated.

The Employee Guidebook can be found in the Useful Links section of Workday.

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## **Celebrate Women's Herstory Month Luncheon**

Here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion will celebrate Women's Herstory Month on Monday, March 23, through storytelling and community-building activities. [Please register for your space.](#) We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **Student Project Requesting Survey Participants: LGBTQ+ Data Collection**

Graduating senior Anna Reynolds, Professor Dr. Jeanie Thies, and the Center for Diversity & Inclusion are partnering to gather data with a voluntary [3-minute survey](#). By participating in this data-collection study, participants may help identify ways in which the Lindenwood University St. Charles Campus can better provide a safe and inclusive space

for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Thank you in advance for your voluntary participation! #LionsUnited

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## Healthy Men and Women Needed For Research

Researchers in the Exercise and Performance Nutrition Laboratory are currently recruiting healthy men and women between the ages of 18 and 50 to participate in a [research study](#). The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of probiotic administration on mood state, depression, anxiety, stress, physical activity, sleep quality, and associated emotional responses in addition to changes in hormone levels in your blood. During the course of this study, participants will take multiple online questionnaires, consume supplement or placebo pills, and track their activity and sleep. Participants who complete all testing will be provided \$100 in compensation and will keep the FitBit used throughout the study. If you are interested in participating, please email [Richie Stecker](mailto:Richie.Stecker).

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## Interactive Health Demo Sessions

Sessions will now be scheduled based on YOU! That's right! The Interactive Health Demo Sessions have now been recorded and published in order to be available to you at YOUR CONVENIENCE! Please [click here](#) to access the video. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to Candace Terry at [cterry@lindenwood.edu](mailto:cterry@lindenwood.edu) or Mariah Gove at [mgove@lindenwood.edu](mailto:mgove@lindenwood.edu) with any questions after reviewing the video!

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## 7 Days Left to 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 on Wednesday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.



[Make a Nomination Today!](#)

The deadline is Friday, Feb. 28.

The logo for Lindenwood University Learning Academy is centered within a white rectangular box, which is itself set against a larger gold-colored rectangular background. The text "LINDENWOOD" is at the top in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, "UNIVERSITY" is written in a smaller, black, spaced-out serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned between "UNIVERSITY" and "LEARNING ACADEMY", which is also in a smaller, black, spaced-out serif font.

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## UNIVERSITY

### LEARNING ACADEMY

**Upcoming Learning Academy Events:** [Click Here](#) to register

- **New Professional Development Opportunity: Faculty Certificate Program in Writing**

Are you interested in improving your students' writing? Do you need to make paper grading less of a hassle? Elizabeth Fleitz (associate professor, English) is creating a series of training materials for faculty who want to use writing in their courses. Training will occur in a variety of formats, both in-person and online. Interested faculty can complete just one or several training materials, and faculty who complete all of the training (~10 hours total) will earn a Certificate in Writing.

For access to the training materials, email [efleitz@lindenwood.edu](mailto:efleitz@lindenwood.edu) and ask for a [Canvas course invitation](#).

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## **New Canvas Workshop Available**

On January 18, 2020, Canvas transitioned to a new gradebook! This workshop will show you the new features, changes, and helpful tips when using the new gradebook.

This workshop is for Lindenwood instructors and staff using Canvas for grading purposes.

### **Objectives**

- How to access the Canvas gradebook
- How to access existing features in the Canvas gradebook
- How to access and use new features in the Canvas gradebook
- How to prepare the new gradebook for grade pulls

- How to apply a grading scheme using the new gradebook

**Dates:** Feb. 24-28

**Time:** 12 to 1 p.m.

**Location:** LARC 217

Click [here](#) to register!

Can't make it to a workshop? Check out this video about the [Canvas Gradebook](#).

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### **'I'm Afraid of Doing Something Wrong': Ability Awareness Workshop**

**March 25, 2020**

**2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Learning Academy (LARC 009)**

Have you ever been paralyzed by fear when working with a student with different abilities? If so, this workshop is for you! The workshop will cover compliance, ADA regulations, accommodations, and classroom management strategies to assist faculty and staff. You will learn how to interact and accept students who may have a seen or unseen "disability." **[Click here to register](#)**

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### **Implicit Bias Training**

**Feb. 25, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Hyland Arena VIP Room**

This is an interactive workshop that is designed to define implicit bias and demonstrate common forms of implicit bias and the potential impact on the university community, as well as provide resources on campus and allow participants to examine their own assumptions and privileges.

**[Click here](#) to register**

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### **Using Interviews to Assess and Mentor Students**

As the Retention Retreat approaches and as Lindenwood begins to move toward centralized advising, faculty mentoring is likely on the minds of many. A recent Faculty Focus essay talks about how interviewing students can serve as a solid foundation for mentoring and for effective teaching. Check out this quick read [here](#).

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**Upcoming Learning Academy Events: [Click here](#) to register**



- o Introduction to eLearning: March 2 (4-Week Asynchronous Online Training Course)

## Excused Absences

Please excuse the following students from classes Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 a.m. through Sunday, March 1, at 5 p.m. They will be attending the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Louisville, Ky. The students will have the opportunity to audition and interview with over 100 professional theatre companies throughout the U.S. as well as attend workshops in all areas of theatre. For more information, please contact [Stacy Blackburn](#).

Abby Brisbane	Emily Curtis
Cecilia Fields	Zachary Garcia
Marleena Garris	Valerie Grant
Matthew Louis Hansen	Sarah Hovenga
Janelle Klos	Michaelina Miller
Lindsay Mosher	Sarah Smith
Joshua Stenger	Riley Troia
Nathan Wright	Lauren Young
Mari-Ellin Witt	

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Please excuse the following Voices Only students for an on-campus performance that took place on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 10 – 11 a.m. For more information, please contact [Pam Grooms](#).

Dillon Carl	Cole Connelly
Steven Cunningham	Caleb Ellis
Ian Fleming	Zac Glenn
Essence Green	Alexandar Johnson
Nadia Maddex	Alexandria Oncken
Kelsey Presson	Austin Shariff
Amanda Susman	Trisha Tamblyn
Lillie Weber	

## Nominations

- **Alumni Award Nominations**

Students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to [Nominate](#) an alumnus for the Alumni Merit Award, Alumni Service Award, or Young Alumni Award. The



deadline to nominate an alumnus is April 30. Please contact Alumni Director [Rachael Heuermann](#) with questions.

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Feb. 21 - [St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra](#), 8 p.m., Lindenwood Theater at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts

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- Feb. 22, March 7 & 28 - FAFSA Frenzy, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Spellmann Center computer lab

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- Feb. 25 - A Theology of Black Identity, 4 to 5 p.m., LARC Theatre

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- Feb. 26 - Mix and Mingle, 3-4 p.m., Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Evans Commons, third floor

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- Feb. 27-29 - [Winter Dance Concert](#), 7:30 p.m., The Emerson Black Box Theater

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- March 2 - [Forum on Voting and Political Participation](#), 3:30 p.m., Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

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- March 3 - [Band and Orchestra Concert](#), 7:30 p.m., Lindenwood Theater

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- March 17 - [Love Your Major Luncheon](#), 12-1 p.m., Spellmann Center's Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

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- April 7 - Student Research Conference, LARC, 12:30-4:45 p.m., [faculty nomination and student submission form](#),

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[See the full list of upcoming events](#)

## Submit Information to the Digest

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