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Today's Headlines

February 25, 2020

National Search Will be Held for Plaster School Dean

As the search continues for a permanent replacement for Dean Roger Ellis after his retirement this summer, the Lindenwood University administration has elected to launch a nationwide search for a new dean in the fall of this year.

“The decision to assemble the highest-caliber dean candidates through a nationwide search befits the stature and prominence of the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship,” said Deb Ayres, vice president for human resources. “We are confident that at the conclusion of the process, we will have a dean who can take the school to the next level.”

Between Ellis’ departure and the installation of a permanent replacement, Molly Hudgins will serve as interim dean of the school. Hudgins has had a long history with the Plaster School of Business as a faculty member and assistant dean before taking her current job as associate provost for experiential curriculum and learning in 2019.

“With her background and commitment to academic excellence and to the students of Lindenwood University, I am confident the school will be in good hands under Molly’s leadership,” Ayres said. “I would like to thank those who have served on the search committee to this point. We appreciate the fine work you’ve done during the process.”

Library Services Forgiving Fines for Donations to the Little Free Pantry

To show support for the Little Free Pantry in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Library Services will be collecting items in lieu of fines for the next several weeks. We can also serve as a secondary Free Pantry collection depot throughout the duration of our campaign.

SLU Law School Information Session

A St. Louis University Law School information session for students to answer any questions they may have about law school will be held on March 3, 2020, from 3 to 4 p.m. in LARC 003. Any interested student are welcome to attend.

Dr. Grant Black Presents at Missouri Council for the Social Studies

[Grant Black, Ph.D.](#), associate professor of economics and associate director of the [economic education center](#), presented “Election Economics” on Feb. 22 at the 2020 Conference of the Missouri Council for the Social Studies held at the Missouri History Museum.



The session addressed how educators can bring the excitement and issues of a major election year into the classroom and empower students to be good decision-makers as citizens. The session highlighted how to use current and historical issues related to elections to stimulate student learning while showing how economics can explain voter behavior, election outcomes, and the effects of government policies.

Participants learned how to use economic reasoning to explore hot topics like free trade, immigration, minimum wages, taxes, and government spending. Black also introduced participants to a wide range of multimedia resources ready for use in the classroom. This presentation supports the Economic Education Center’s mission as a part of the [Hammond Institute](#) to increase economic literacy in part through professional development for educators.

Health and Human Services Networking Night

The Public Health Student Association, in partnership with Career Services and Alumni Relations, is hosting a Health and Human Services

[networking night](#) on Wednesday, April 1, in the Scheidegger Center lobby from 6 to 8 p.m.

In order to make this event informative and interesting to a diverse array of students and alumni, you are invited to send contact information for

1. Past and current internship supervisors
2. Relevant guest speakers from the community
3. Alumni in the area

Organizers will create an invitation list based on input from all of you, send out invitations, facilitate follow-up, and manage the guest list.

Please let [Amy Eastlund](#) know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!

Thank you,
Janja Kovacic, PHSA Director of Finances
Amy Estlund, PHSA Faculty Advisor

SOE-ARCC Team Invited to Alumni's Classroom for Black History Month



The School of Education Advising/Certification team visited Hoech Middle School to view Lindenwood alumnus [William Givens'](#) classroom, where the students created a black history museum. The students were excited to have Lindenwood there viewing their work. [Click here](#) to see photos from the visit.

Special thanks to Kate O'neal assistant vice president for alumni relations, for providing Lindenwood swag for our alumni to enjoy.

Dr. Jeanie Thies Quoted on St. Louis Public Radio Regarding Voting Rights in Missouri

[Jeanie Thies](#), Ph.D., professor of political science, was quoted last week in a segment on St. Louis Public Radio, titled [More Than 6,000 Missourians on Probation or Parole Can't Vote](#) – Some Want to Lift the Ban. When Missouri holds its presidential primaries next month, more than 63,000 residents will be barred from participating because they've been convicted of a felony and are serving a sentence on probation and parole. Some state lawmakers are hoping to lift the voting ban, and have sponsored legislation to allow people on criminal supervision to vote.

According Thies, a 2018 report from the Department of Corrections shows around 60 percent of people on probation and parole have a job.

“Most others are required to be in school or looking for a job as a condition of their supervision,” she said.

Thies, who formerly worked with parolees in Missouri, also serves as a program coordinator in the [Hammond Institute](#), where she is responsible for the [Criminal Justice Reform Initiative](#).

Call for Nominations: 2020 Assessment Champion Award

The University Assessment Committee seeks nominations for the 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](#).

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

Recipients of the 2020 Assessment Champion Award will be honored at the third Annual

Assessment and Planning Summit on Wednesday, May 13, in the Scheidegger Auditorium.

President's Ambassador Candidates Sought

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 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 or at office number 325 in the LARC on or before Friday, March 20, 2020.

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, from 12 to 1 p.m. through storytelling and community-building activities. [Please register for your space](#). The center looks forward to seeing you there!

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 [three-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

Three 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.



MOMENTS

Congratulations to the Women's Basketball team and coaches Katie Flaco, Madeline Staples, Oliver Wiseman, and Emily Kelle for their big win last week. Not only did the women's basketball team win, but they won with honor. A fan from the opposing team wrote to the President's Office and said this, "I wanted to thank your school for being such gracious host last night. It was nice to see that a team can play an obviously struggling team and do it with grace and sportsmanship. Your coach did not run the score up as much as possible, did not press the entire game including when you were up by 30... We will remember the girls on your team and your coach as being good sports, and you have several girls that I am surprised are not playing D1. Fun to watch. You have a beautiful facility, and we appreciate having a team of your caliber in the conference. Your fans and staff set a good example. I wanted to send this note to make sure you know your style of play and coaching was recognized by more than just myself..."

Coaches, thank you for the part you play in making our university stand out and lead in this extraordinary way. Keep it up!

-Q2 Team

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 black, spaced-out serif font.

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New Module Released!

A new training module has been released on the Certificate's Canvas course site



Writing Pedagogy: Fundamentals

This one-hour module will provide an orientation to best practices in teaching writing. It will cover evidence-based findings about the writing process and rhetorical situation and provides an overview of upcoming topics.

If you are interested in completing this module, email [Elizabeth Fleitz](mailto:Elizabeth.Fleitz@lindenwood.edu) for a Canvas invitation!

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](#).

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

Introduction to eLearning offered by Lindenwood Online

Beginning on March 2nd

[Click Here to Register](#)

This is a four-week, asynchronous course required for faculty and adjuncts new to teaching online at Lindenwood, but it is filled with great information seasoned faculty can benefit from as well. This course focuses on Canvas, instructor presence, responsiveness, and supportiveness. Introduction to eLearning is taught by a member of the Lindenwood Online team, who will provide feedback throughout the four weeks. All interested in improving their online courses are welcome to participate!

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

- **Safe Zone Training:** March 17 from 1 to 3 p.m., Hyland VIP Room, Evans Commons

- **Safe Zone Training:** March 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Hyland VIP Room, Evans Commons
- **Implicit Bias and Assessment Data:** How can we view assessment data through an equitable lens? March 20 from 9 to 11 a.m., Harmon Hall, Room 229

Excused Absences

Please excuse the following students from classes 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, through 5 p.m. Sunday, March 1. 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	

The following students will be on a field trip on Wednesday, March 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the City of St. Charles Dispatch Center and Fire Station #5 for Scott Mullins's Paramedic Operations class. Please excuse them from classes during this time frame.

Dakota Arnold	Tim Barry
MiKayla Gunn	Zachary Jewett
Alexis Lesch	Dominick Montileon
Juan Carlos Reyes	Tyler Skipper
Colby Smith	Shelby Tierney
Sarah Linda Twente	

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](#),

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

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.](#)

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