

# LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

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## DIGEST

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

February 28, 2020

## LU Hosted High School Region 6 Science Olympiad Competition on Campus

Lindenwood successfully hosted the Region 6C Science Olympiad competition on campus again this past Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020. There were approximately 250 high school students from 11 area schools that competed in 23 different STEM-based events. Of the 17 teams that competed, four will advance to the state competition and potentially the national competition after that. The winning team was from Ladue High School under the guidance of Mark Biernbaum.

The School of Sciences want to thank the 41 volunteers that assisted for the day, including LU faculty and students, Lindenwood alumni, and scientific professionals from the St Louis community. The volunteers from the community came from Boeing, Ameren, and Washington University, along with scientific professionals from the community. The Lindenwood faculty, students, and alumni that volunteer for the event are listed below.



Faculty: Allison Albee, John Barr, Sara Binz, Jennifer Firestine, Jennifer Fraser, Wojciech Golik, Rebecca Heinen, Mike Ibele, Gail Johnston, Ana Londono, Erin Martin Marilyn Patterson, Ed Perantoni, Robin Rodriguez, Nick Wintz, Megan Woltz, and Mathias Wood

Students: Abbey Gulledge, Emily Hilboldt, Clara Fung, and Mahmoud Ismal

Alumni: Joey Jackson

This event is annually hosted on campus and wouldn't be possible to coordinate without these wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in helping next year, please contact Darla Jia, associate professor of chemistry and Region 6 Division C Missouri Science Olympiad coordinator, at [djia@lindenwood.edu](mailto:djia@lindenwood.edu). No science background is required to assist.

Additional thanks to the LU admissions office for sponsoring lunch for the volunteers that assisted for the day. Lunch was very much appreciated! Finally, thanks to the housekeeping staff, Joyce Daugherty and Joann Christensen for all that they did to make the day run smoothly!

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***Dr. Tawni Hunt Ferrarini***  
**Recipient of the 2020 Patricia Elder International Award**

The [Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise](#) proudly announces that [Dr. Tawni Hunt Ferrarini](#), associate director of the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise and the Robert W. Plaster Professor of Economic Education, recently received the 2020 Patricia Elder International Award.



This prestigious honor was awarded jointly by the [National Association of Economic Educators](#) (NAEE) – which advances economic and financial literacy by serving educators – and the [Council of Economic Education](#) – which equips K-12 students with economic education tools and curriculum.

[The Patricia Elder International Award](#) recognizes “individuals whose outstanding and dedicated service and leadership have had a significant impact on the delivery or enhancement of economic education throughout the world.”

“It is an honor to be the 2020 award recipient,” said Ferrarini, “as I’m passionate about bringing the research of economists into the lives and hearts of different groups, such as K-12 teachers and students, journalists, and policymakers. An exceptional aspect about being at Lindenwood University and receiving this award is that I get to draw international attention to the great things that are happening here on campus, plus I have the opportunity to bring the positive spirit of Lindenwood to other countries. For me, one of the best parts of getting this award is sharing it with the Lindenwood family. My successes are theirs.”

In her third year on faculty at Lindenwood University in the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, Ferrarini is also the director of the School of Education’s [Economic Education Center](#) (EEC), which she founded in 2018.

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## Open Education Week is March 2 – 6!



Throughout the week, Library Services will be providing useful information for both faculty and students about the benefits of Open Educational Resources as an alternative to traditional course materials. In addition, Library Services will be offering the following presentation on March 5 at 3 p.m. in LARC 110:

Faculty Select: Come Learn How to Find Open Educational Resources. In this workshop, you will get a chance to see the library's new product Faculty Select, which is designed to allow you to search and access quality open textbooks, all through a single interface. If you teach, this session is for you!

[Register here!](#)

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## Hammond Institute to Host Spring Business Ethics Panel on March 19

The [Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise](#) will co-host its next [Business Ethics Panel](#) with the [Rotary Club of St. Charles](#) from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in Dunseth Auditorium (Harmon Hall). This bi-annual luncheon event is an excellent opportunity for students in the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship (PSB&E) and across campus to network with members of the local business community. The session, which focuses on real-life ethical dilemmas experienced by area business professionals, will also include their firsthand, personal approach to resolution. In addition to PSB&E faculty member Steve Coleman, featured panelists will be Dan Lester from Clayco and the Honorable Judge Deborah Alessi. All are welcome to attend, and registration is not required. For more information, please visit the Hammond [website](#) or call 636-627-2915.

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## Dr. Williamson Selected to Attend NASPA's Equity Leadership Academy

Dr. Shane Williamson, AVP of student life & diversity/dean of students; Chief Diversity Officer was selected to be in the inaugural class of the Equity Leadership Academy, which is sponsored by NASPA and the University of Southern California's Race and Equity Center.

Sessions will address strategic planning and action, understanding campus unrest and student protest, managing and resolving racial tensions in the workplace, data, accountability, and incentives for advancing equity goals, and retaining and advancing diverse teams.

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### **Black Student Excellence & Engagement Program Takes Students to Big XII Conference**

Four undergraduate students and one graduate student was selected to attend the Big XII Black Student Government Conference, which was held at the University of Oklahoma Feb. 20-23, 2020. The students were selected because of their involvement with the Lindenwood University Black Student Excellent and Engagement program. In fall 2019, there were 26 students in the program and their average GPA was a 3.12. This opportunity for students was made possible by a The UPS Foundation grant that Williamson for the BSEE program in fall 2019.



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### **Student Research Conference – April 7, 2020**

Please add the Student Research Conference (SRC) to your calendars for Tuesday, April 7. Sessions will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 4:45 p.m. The deadline for students to submit to the conference is Friday, March 6.

Volunteer faculty and staff are needed to participate in judging student projects and presentations. To volunteer, complete this [brief questionnaire](#). Send any questions or concerns related to judging to [Tracy Flicek](#).

Students who have completed original research, have a project in the works, or creative projects can submit or be nominated by a faculty member to participate in the conference. Students can present their work in a poster session, presentation, or panel presentation. To present at the conference, students must submit an

application that includes a 100-150-word abstract describing their work. Students involved in a group project will submit one form with all names included. [Click here](#) to view the conference website. Any questions about the conference can be sent to [SRC@lindendwood.edu](mailto:SRC@lindendwood.edu).

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### **'Take it Further' Faculty Fellowship with Mitch Nasser**

Mitch Nasser's project asks faculty and staff to examine how their own identities may impact how they see and serve students. Nasser will offer the chance to participate in a three-part workshop series during which participants will review their current practices, reflect on how informal comments or actions can impact the student experience, and identify adjustments they can make to improve student experiences and achievement. He will also host the same three-part series live via Canvas for those who cannot attend face-to-face sessions. Additionally, Nasser will offer a work-at-your-own pace option and weekly Canvas discussion on relevant topics. Please complete the [interest survey](#) or contact Mitch Nasser at [RNasser@lindenwood.edu](mailto:RNasser@lindenwood.edu) for information.

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### **Hamilton and Cundiff-Reed Present on Feb. 22**

Molly Hamilton, writing specialist in the Lindenwood University Writing Center, and Allison Cundiff-Reed, Lindenwood University adjunct instructor of English, both attended conferences on Saturday, Feb. 22, where they gave presentations.



Hamilton attended the Gateway Writing Center Association (GWCA) conference at St. Louis Community College – Meramec, where she presented “Tips for Making Your Tutoring Sessions More Accessible for Everyone.”

The GWCA provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate student tutors to present at, as well as attend, a quality conference for a low cost. This was the second annual writing center tutor conference. The theme was “Access for All.” Writing Center staff members Laura Reilly,

Stefanie Hammond, Gerred Zingale, and Susan Edele also attended.

Cundiff-Reed presented at the Women's and Gender Studies Conference at Truman State University, where she read poems from her two books, *Otherings* and *Just to See How It Feels*.

The readings were part of a panel discussion led by Dr. Monica Barron, professor of English at Truman State University. Proceeds from Cundiff-Reed's books go to Youth In Need, a St. Louis charity that serves displaced and LGBTQ youths.



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## Children of Alcoholics Support Group

The Student Counseling and Resource Center will be facilitating a Children of Alcoholics Support Group for students on campus. The group will meet every Tuesday, March 24 to April 28, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Evans Commons Group Dining Room. This is an open group, so if students aren't able to make it to every session they are still welcome to attend when they are able to. Students can sign up by calling (636) 949-4541 or emailing [scrc@lindenwood.edu](mailto:scrc@lindenwood.edu). The SCRC would love to reach as many students as possible but we need your help spreading the word. If you have questions or would like more details on the group, please use [this link](#).

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## 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. Library Services can also serve as a secondary Free Pantry collection depot throughout the duration of our campaign.

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## 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, send out invitations, facilitate follow-up, and manage the guest list.

Please let [Amy Estlund](#) know if you have any question.

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## **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](#).

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 third Annual Assessment and Planning Summit on Wednesday, May 13, in the Scheidegger Center's Lindenwood Theater.

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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, 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!

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## Today is the Deadline 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!](#)

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### LEARNING ACADEMY

## 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](#) for a Canvas 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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## **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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## **Introduction to eLearning offered by Lindenwood Online**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Introduction to eLearning is a four-week, asynchronous course beginning March 2 required for faculty and adjuncts new to teaching online at Lindenwood. 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!

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### 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

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' Paramedic Operations class. Please excuse them from classes during this time frame.

Dakota Arnold

MiKayla Gunn

Alexis Lesch

Juan Carlos Reyes

Colby Smith

Sarah Linda Twente

Tim Barry

Zachary Jewett

Dominick Montileon

Tyler Skipper

Shelby Tierney

### Evans Commons Rec Center Spring Break Hours

Saturday, March 7 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 - 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday-Friday, March 9-13 - 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 14 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 - 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, March 16 - Normal Hours Resume

\*Rec Center hours also include the Third-Floor Track.

\*All guests will be asked to start leaving the facility 15 minutes prior to scheduled closing.

## Applications and Nominations

- **President Ambassador**

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](#) or office 325 in the LARC on or before Friday, March 20, 2020.

- **Alumni Award Nominations**

Students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to [nominate](#) alumni 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. 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 3 - SLU Law School Information Session, 3-4 p.m., LARC 003
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- March 16 - [Faculty Colloquium Speaker Series Spring I](#), 2:30-4 p.m., LARC Theater (room 343)
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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

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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