

# LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

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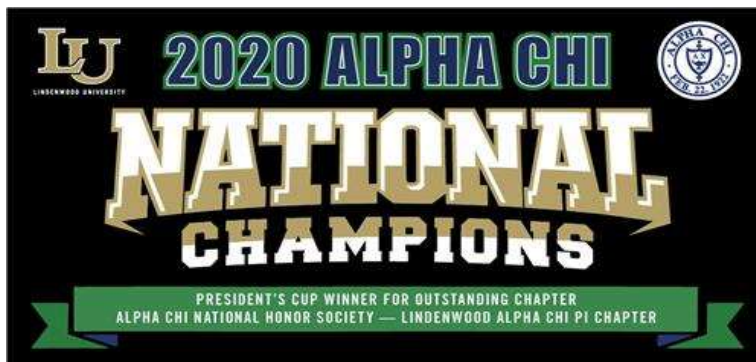
EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

Today's Headlines

May 22, 2020

### Lindenwood's Alpha Chi Chapter Named Outstanding Chapter at National Convention

Lindenwood University's chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society was recently named the Outstanding Chapter of the Year and will receive the society's coveted President's Cup.



Every year, chapters from over 300 universities and colleges can compete for the President's Cup by presenting three years of each chapter's academic events, service initiatives, community activities of an academic nature, convention participation, social media and campus

awareness initiatives, as well as undergraduate publication in the society's journal, *Aletheia*. According to the committee charged with judging this year's applications, Lindenwood's chapter, Missouri Pi of Region IV, met or exceeded all 11 criteria. The President's Cup trophy was presented in an online awards ceremony and is on its way to the campus of Lindenwood University. The chapter will be recognized in person at next year's national convention. Missouri Pi will also receive an honorarium of \$200.

[Read the full story.](#)

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## Early Closures Today

Lindenwood campus and administrative offices will close at 3:00 on May 22 for the holiday weekend.

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## On the Pandemic Frontline with a Biologist

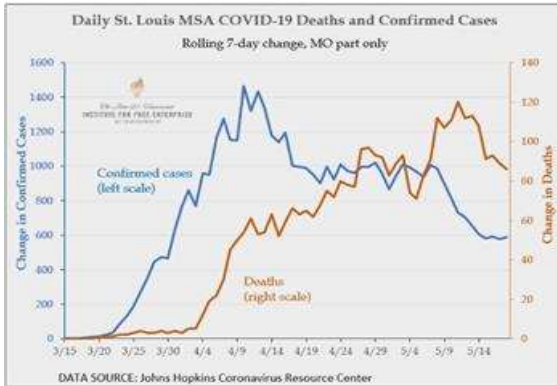
The Biological Sciences Department recently hosted a question and answer session for students and faculty with Taylor Bragg-Brock ('19). Taylor graduated last May from Lindenwood University with a degree in biological sciences with an emphasis in cellular and molecular biology. Taylor is taking a gap year before applying to medical school. She works at a hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D., and is on the frontline of the pandemic. Some of her jobs are swabbing patients at the drive-thru coronavirus testing facility, taking blood samples of COVID-19 patients, and processing the samples in the laboratory. Taylor shared her experiences at the hospital working 24-hour shifts, the precautions and PPE needed for her work, and how her degree prepared her. When asked what she wanted the general public to know and understand about the pandemic she replied, "It's something that needs to be taken seriously. Social distancing and staying at home really matters. The virus doesn't discriminate. I've seen a patient as young as 10. It isn't just the elderly or people with compromised immune systems that are getting sick." We thank Taylor for all that she is doing and taking time out of her busy schedule to talk with us.



*Photo cutline: Taylor in her PPE before swabbing patients at the drive-thru coronavirus testing facility*

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## Hammond Institute Expands Its COVID-19 Resources



The Hammond Institute has expanded its coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic to include daily [analysis of trends](#) in Missouri, the St. Louis metro area, and St. Charles County. In addition, the institute's website includes a [collection of up-to-date analysis and commentary](#) of its own and from external sources.

## Lindenwood Library Hosting Virtual Board Game for Staff

Virtual Board Game Day  
Friday, May 22, 2020  
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join the library staff for an afternoon of board games on the virtual platform Board Game Arena. Board Game Arena offers hundreds of board games in digital format for free. Only a free, online account is required.

Everyone at Lindenwood University is welcome to join the event. If you are interested in serving as a host for game tables, contact [Michael Fetters](#). More information for the event can be found on the library's [Media and Gaming Lab](#) webpage.



## Lindenwood Advertising Class Helps Saint Louis Crisis Nursery Reach Record Donations for Give STL Day



Students in Dr. Kristy Tucciarone's Creative Advertising Concepts class helped Saint Louis Crisis Nursery raise \$15,000 on May 7, which are record donations for Give STL Day. The donations doubled the reported donations from the previous year.

Through a combination of social media strategy and an email campaign,

Tucciarone's class helped the nursery exceed its goals. [Continue reading.](#)

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## It's Time to Create

[Student Involvement](#) has created a blog for students, faculty, and staff to create! We have [Short Poem Tuesday](#) for everyone who loves to write poetry. [Free Write Friday](#) is a Humans of New York style short blog where people are invited to freely talk about anything that is happening in their life.

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## The Hammond Institute Moves Its Legislator Briefings Online

Dr. Tawni Ferrarini, associate director of the Hammond Institute and director of the Economic Education Center in the School of Education, held a town hall webinar on May 13 for state lawmakers, legislative aides, and others involved in state policymaking. The webinar was part of the Hammond Institute's Common Sense Economics for Legislators (CSEL) program. It focused on the prospects and policies for a speedy economic recovery now that Missouri has begun lifting its restrictions on businesses and households.



CSEL is a nonpartisan program designed to help legislators engage voters about economics. Its aim is to improve voters' understanding of the modern world while helping lawmakers engage constituents in meaningful conversations about economics and personal finance. CSEL meetings usually are held at the state capitol in Jefferson City. This is the second offering that has been held virtually since the coronavirus has limited in-person meetings.

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## Library Launches Faculty Resources Guide

With the spring semester in the books, now might be the perfect time to start thinking about what you might want to change for your fall classes. Take a look at the library's [Faculty Services and Resources @ Lindenwood Library](#). This guide provides quick access to all the different services the library has to offer, including but not limited to, information on OER, library instruction, and blurbs to put in your syllabus for your students to get help from the Writing Center and Library.

If you have any questions about any of our services, please contact Nancy Messina at [nmessina@lindenwood.edu](mailto:nmessina@lindenwood.edu).

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## Project Request Turnaround Times

Communications and Marketing asks for your patience in respect to [project request](#) turnaround times. Due to current circumstances, tickets may be delayed up to three or four weeks. Turnaround times will vary dependent upon the type of request submitted. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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## Lindenwood Community Cookbook Is Here!

Looking for something delicious to make for lunch or dinner tonight? Check out the [Lindenwood Community Cookbook](#) featuring recipes submitted by Lindenwood faculty and staff. Enjoy!

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## New Library Resource Available to Find Open Educational Resources and More!

Are you having trouble navigating multiple OER platforms or identifying DRM free materials for use in your courses? Check out the new resource provided by Library Services, ***Faculty Select***.

***Faculty Select*** can be accessed via the faculty portal and allows access to many of these resources in one place using a single search interface. ***Faculty Select*** includes

- Aggregated content from Open Textbook Library, BC Open Textbooks, SUNY Open Textbooks, and OAPEN.
- Searchable DRM free EBooks for purchase by the library to be used in lieu of textbooks.
- A single Ebsco search interface.
- Expected addition of OER content from Merlot and Openstax

To access ***Faculty Select*** through the faculty portal, watch this [30-second video](#) brought to you by Megan Phifer-Davis. If you have any additional questions about

this resource, please feel free to contact a librarian at [LibrarySTC@lindenwood.edu](mailto:LibrarySTC@lindenwood.edu).



### Submit a Proposal for UMSL’s Focus on Teaching and Technology (Virtual) Conference

The Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference offers an ensemble of keynote addresses, faculty innovations during concurrent sessions, technology workshops, and vendor exhibits. The conference program has evolved over the years to reflect emerging trends in technology applications in higher education and shared expertise in online teaching experiences and strategies. View the [call for proposal](#) to get ideas for what you might present. The conference will take place, virtually, Sept. 24 and 25.

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### LinkedIn Learning Challenge – One week to go!

There is still time to submit your [Personal Learning Log](#) to [LearningAcademy@lindenwood.edu](mailto:LearningAcademy@lindenwood.edu) for a chance to win \$150 in professional development funds!

LinkedIn Challenge - Current Standings			
Division	Count of Completed Course	Count of VP Sup Org	Completion Percentage
Academic Affairs (Marilyn Abbott)	13	89	15%
Advancement and Communications (Orrie Covert)	2	15	13%
Enrollment Management and Student Engagement (Terry Whittum)	99	105	94%
Fiscal Affairs (Frank Sanfilippo)		10	0%
Human Resources (Deb Ayres)	13	16	81%
Information Technology Administration (TJ Rains)		23	0%
Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Recreation (Brad Wachler)	4	129	3%
Operations Management (Diane Moore)	1	99	1%
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>27%</b>

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## A look back to get ahead – Highlights from Faculty and Staff Reflections on the Spring 2020 Semester

Click [here](#) to check out the video!

### Upcoming Events and Deadlines

All in-person events have been cancelled until further notice. [See the list of all virtual events](#). If you would like to have a virtual event posted, please send any applicable posts via the online Marketing and Communications [project request form](#).

### 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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