

## Today's Headlines

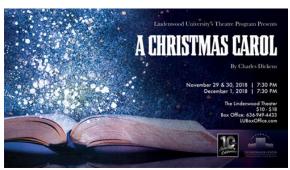
November 30, 2018

Assessment Tip of the Week: "An Engineering Professor Asked His Colleagues to Help Him Analyze His Teaching: Here's What He Learned"

Here's how a professor's story in a recent article\* from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* began:

"Paul Nissenson was troubled by results from the upper-division fluid-dynamics course at his college: Over a seven-year period, about a third of the students got D's, failed, or withdrew. And other mechanical-engineering courses, like statics and dynamics, also had high rates of DFW's. Read more

## Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol Now Playing at Lindenwood Theater



Lindenwood University is honored to continue its yearly tradition of presenting Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, through Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

This timeless classic follows the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge on a fantastic journey through time and space, forced to confront his past, present, and future

through the aid of his spiritual guides.

Presented in the main stage Lindenwood Theater, *A Christmas Carol* is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit, and to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. All students, faculty, and staff receive two complimentary tickets to this performance, at the Scheidegger Center Box Office, with a valid university ID.

### Performances from the School of Arts, Media, and Communications



There are some wonderful performances coming up from the School of Arts, Media, and Communications. Mark your calendars and get your tickets today! The Music Series events are not ticketed, but the Fashion Show tickets are \$5.



Visit <u>LUBoxOffice.com</u> for complete details or call the box office at 636-949-4433.

The Winter Music Series | The Lindenwood Theater | December 4-6 | 7:30 p.m.

The Fall Fashion Show | The Emerson Black Box Theater | December 7 | Noon

# **Support the Make-a-Wish Foundation at MOD Pizza Day**

Please join the Student-Athlete Advisory Council in supporting the Make-a-Wish Foundation at Mod Pizza on Wednesday, December 5. Eat at MOD in University Commons any time that day and 20 percent of your proceeds will go directly to supporting the newly combined Make-A-Wish Kansas and Missouri chapter.

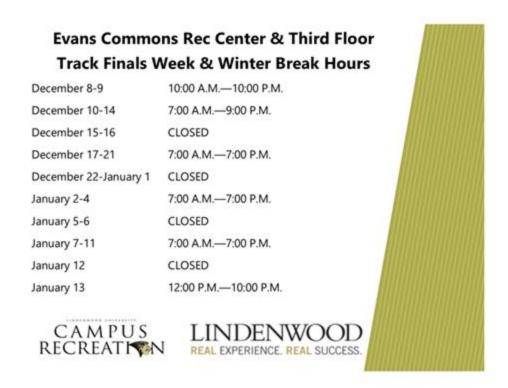
Be sure to show this flyer or mention your support of Make-A-Wish at checkout. Online orders will not count towards this fundraiser, so head across the street to eat at MOD!





It's finals time and Academic Technology Services is here to help with your final needs. Stop by December 4th and December 5th from 2:30pm-4:30pm located outside of LARC Suite 325!





# **Previously in The Digest**

## Santa Needed for Christmas Walk

We've lost our Santa for the Christmas Walk and are in desperate need for someone to fill this important role! Christmas Walk will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9, from 4-7 p.m. on the Heritage side of campus. If you are available to serve in this role, please contact Ethan Miller at <a href="mailto:emiller1@lindenwood.edu">emiller1@lindenwood.edu</a> or Rachael Heuermann at <a href="mailto:rheuermann@lindenwood.edu">rheuermann@lindenwood.edu</a> as soon as possible. Costume will be provided!

## **Volunteers Needed for Late Night Breakfast**

Lindenwood Campus Activities Board and Pedestal Foods would like to invite St. Charles faculty and staff to come help with Late Night Breakfast on Monday, Dec. 10, from 10 p.m. to midnight. We are seeking 15-20 faculty, staff, adjunct instructors, and administrators from the St. Charles campus to serve breakfast to the students during this finals week study break. Volunteers will receive a free Late Night Breakfast t-shirt and breakfast, of course! If you would like to volunteer,

please contact Angie Royal at <a href="mailto:aroyal@lindenwood.edu">aroyal@lindenwood.edu</a>. Thank you for all that you do for our students!

#### Free Tax Tool Available

With the legislative changes to our tax laws this year, many of you might be wondering how it will affect you when you file your 2018 taxes. For the curious and/or brave, the IRS created the "Paycheck Checkup" withholding calculator, <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-withholding-calculator</a>, which you can use to forecast your income taxes for the year.

The IRS encourages everyone to use the Withholding Calculator to perform a quick "paycheck checkup." This is even more important this year because of recent changes to the tax law for 2018. The calculator helps you identify your tax withholding to make sure you have the right amount of tax ...

You will need your most recent pay stubs from Workday ("Pay" worklet -> My Statements -> Payslips), and a copy of your 2017 Federal Income Tax return to complete the checkup.

The IRS recommends this for any and all employees, but particularly for the following:

- Two-income families
- People working two or more jobs, or who only work for part of the year
- People with children who claim credits or deductions, such as the Child Tax Credit
- People with older dependents, including children age 17 or older
- Anyone who itemized their deductions in 2017

The data entered is not saved, captured, or used in any way by the IRS, and will auto-delete once you are finished and exit the summary page. If your results indicate it would better serve your financial needs to adjust your personal tax withholdings, you can do so immediately in Workday ("Pay" worklet -> View/Update Elections -> Withholding Elections -> Update).

# Nominations for Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Awards Now Open

The Lindenwood University Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force announces our second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards. We seek the nomination of individuals who embrace creativity, leadership, scholarship, and/or service towards an outcome intended to positively impact the Lindenwood community, with particular emphasis on such activities as they relate to the core

values of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the heart of our task force's work. Nominees can be students, faculty, staff, and/or administration. The deadline for nominations is December 7, 2018. The link to the nomination form is here.

## **Student Research Conference Submissions Now Accepted**

It is that time of year again, everyone: The <u>2019 Student Research Conference</u> <u>submission portal</u> is open and is accepting faculty recommendations and student submissions.

Students who are working on or who have completed original research papers or creative projects can be nominated by a faculty member to participate in the Student Research Conference. Students can either display a poster or give a presentation of their work at the conference. Read more

#### **Recent Editions**

- The Digest Archive
- Belleville Digiest Archive

#### **Events and Deadlines**

- Dec. 4: <u>Tariffs and Trade, 11 a.m. noon, Dunseth Auditorium, Harmon</u> Hall
- Dec. 7: Fall Fashion Show
- Dec. 7: Technology and Teenagers, 2-3 p.m., LARC Room 09 Register here
- Dec. 9: Christmas Walk, 4-7 p.m.
- Dec. 17: Active Shooter 4E's Training. 9-noon
- Dec. 20: Active Shooter 4E's Training, 1-4 p.m.

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