



**Oct. 26, 2018**

### **Today's Headlines**

#### **Open Enrollment Starts Monday!**

Mark your calendars! Open Enrollment is officially scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 29 and run through Friday, November 9.**

As a result of plan utilization in 2018, a [10% premium increase](#) is necessary to continue to provide the best possible care for our employees while ensuring the stability of the self-funded insurance plan for all. Participation in the LindenWell Health Program will result in a \$75 incentive on your 2019 monthly premium resulting in a 0% increase to medical insurance premiums for all plan types! Additional details regarding benefits changes will be presented during Open Enrollment meetings this year. A [Workday Open Enrollment guide](#) is also attached that you can refer to when completing your benefits elections for 2019.

[Read more](#)

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#### **Lindenwood Learning Academy: International Students**

The Lindenwood Learning Academy is proud to present the first installment of a series of interviews focusing on how Lindenwood faculty and staff best serve our diverse student population. Expect to hear your colleagues from around Lindenwood discuss their unique perspective on specific student populations and give their insight on the little things we can all do to embrace service excellence. In [this video](#), Amanda Schaller from the St. Charles Office of International Students and Scholars offers her outlook on how international students perceive service.

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#### **Assessment Tip of the Week: "Assessing Alumni Outcomes"**

Guest Contributor: Kate Herrell, Director of Academic Assessment

“Colleges and universities have moved toward a more outcomes-based approach to assessment as a result of increasing pressures from employers, trustees, government, and accreditation bodies. Because they have legitimacy with these various stakeholders, alumni speak with a loud voice when they provide evidence of institutional effectiveness” (Volkwein, 2010, p. 137) [Read more](#)

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### **Veterans Day Luncheon**

The [Veterans Day Luncheon](#) is just two weeks away!! If you plan on attending, please contact Mariah Gove at [mgove@Lindenwood.edu](mailto:mgove@Lindenwood.edu), even if you cannot attend and would still like to be included in the PowerPoint slide, please email Mariah the following: a photograph, your branch of military and years of service. Active members are able to send their information as well!

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**Smith Op-Ed Published in St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently featured an op-ed article by Jeffrey Smith, professor of history at the St. Charles campus.

The article is titled "[Dead Confederates and Living History](#)."

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**Faculty and Staff Members Attend Assessment Institute**

The following Lindenwood faculty and staff members attended the annual

Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, IN on October 21-23, 2018:

- Jeremy Carnes, Associate Professor and Program Chair, English Language & Literature
- Kate Herrell, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, School of Arts, Media, and Communications/Director of Academic Assessment
- Areerat Kichkha, Associate Professor and Department Chair – Business Administration/Program Director – Graduate Economics & Finance
- Christie Rodgers, Associate VP for Student and Academic Support Services
- Aaron Shilling, Research and Evaluation Associate
- David Wilson, Associate VP for Institutional Effectiveness/Chief Assessment Officer

Carnes and Wilson gave a poster presentation titled “The Value of a Year-End Assessment Summit.”

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### **Excused Absences**

The following students will be participating in a field trip for their education class. Please excuse them for the designated dates from 8:00 am to 12:30 on Oct. 25 and/or Oct. 26. [Read more](#)

Please excuse the following students from classes on Tuesday, Oct. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 8am-2pm. They are the cast, crew, and orchestra for Lindenwood’s production of Disney Theatrical’s Mary Poppins. They will be performing for local middle and high school students on those 2 days. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [sblackburn1@lindenwood.edu](mailto:sblackburn1@lindenwood.edu) or at extension 2964. [Read more](#)

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### **Nominations Needed for the Collegiate Leadership Competition**

Nominate a deserving student leader for the 2019 Collegiate Leadership Team! The Collegiate Leadership Competition team is comprised of student leaders who will meet weekly throughout the Spring semester to practice and develop their leadership skills through challenging and engaging activities. They will then travel at the end of March to compete in the Collegiate Leadership Competition in Kansas City against other universities from across the region. Our 2018 teams brought home awards for Overall Champions and Team Results Champions last year! Please send nominations to Rachael Heuermann at [rheuermann@lindenwood.edu](mailto:rheuermann@lindenwood.edu).

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### **Study Volunteers Needed**

[Healthy male participants between 18 and 50 years of age are needed](#) to complete a research study in the Exercise and Performance Nutrition Laboratory to study the absorption pattern of different amino acids. More information can be gathered from contacting Richie Stecker at [rstecker@lindenwood.edu](mailto:rstecker@lindenwood.edu).

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## Events and Deadlines

- **Through October: Phishing Contest: Submit your phishy emails to [PhishingAlerts@lindenwood.edu](mailto:PhishingAlerts@lindenwood.edu).** Winner receives a Starbucks gift card
- **Through October: [Register for Intramural Leagues](#)**
- **Through Fall: [Academic Technology Workshops](#)**
- **Through Nov. 9: “Jars of Clay” exhibit, Boyle Family Gallery, Reception Oct. 2 6-8 p.m.**
- **Through Oct. 26: Health Screenings**
- **Oct. 29-Nov. 9: Open Enrollment**
- **Oct. 30: ['La Bamba' and the Politics of Race](#)** 4 p.m., Spellmann 4105
- **Oct. 30: [Panel Presentation on Assessing Alumni Outcomes](#), 4 p.m., Harmon Hall 136**
- **Oct. 30: [Dr. James Otteson](#), Missouri Athletic Club West, 6 p.m.**
- **Oct. 31: [Dark Carnival](#)**
- **Nov. 1: [Faculty Fellow application deadline](#)**
- **Nov. 1-3: [Mary Poppins](#), Lindenwood Theater, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Nov. 2: Dissertation Defense: Elizabeth Ann Polzin, Roemer 310 10 a.m.**
- **Nov. 2-3: [Kids Against Hunger food packing drive event](#)**
- **Nov. 7: Faculty Reads Series, 2 p.m., LARC Theater**
- **Nov. 7-8: [School of Education Centennial Celebration](#)**
- **Nov 8-10: [The Fall Dance Concert](#), The Lindenwood Theater, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Nov. 9: Veterans Day Luncheon. For details, contact [mgove@lindenwood.edu](mailto:mgove@lindenwood.edu)**
- **Nov. 10: [Social Science Student Symposium, Spellmann Center](#)**
- **Nov. 12-18: [The Fall Music Series](#), The Emerson Black Box Theater, Times vary**
- **Nov. 15: [Deadline for assessment plans, School of ADP](#)**
- **Nov. 16: Dissertation Defense: Tracy Jenkins-Pelot, Roemer 310, 9 a.m.**