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# LINDENW@D Communiqué

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

# LCIE's Pauline Hammen Featured in Today's Post

Congratulations to long-time Lindenwood University employee Pauline Hammen, who was featured in today's *Post-Dispatch*. The "Neighbors" feature article was written by Lindenwood alum Esther Talbot Fenning. Pauline is assistant to Dan Kemper, dean of the Lindenwood College for Individualized Education. She has worked for Lindenwood since 1976, the year that LCIE was started.

The feature story, which includes a photo and enjoyed prominent placement on page 3 of the Metro section, is a fitting tribute to Hammen, who has been a fixture in the LCIE program as long as anyone can remember and is as much the face of the program as anyone.

Hammen tells how there were 34 students

signed up on the May weekend on which LCIE was launched—hardly an indicator of the thousands that would be enrolled 30 years later. She has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in valuation science, both earned through the LCIE program.

During her time at Lindenwood, Hammen, who is 72, has seen four Lindenwood presidents and untold thousands of LCIE students pass through the doors. She is upbeat about the program and remains one of its most ardent cheerleaders.

"There are so many bright people who never get to finish college for one reason or another," she is quoted as saying in the story, "and LCIE gives them that opportunity."

### Employee of the Month Nominations Due This Week

Nominations are due Wednesday for Lindenwood University's new Employee of the Month program. The first monthly winner will be announced in February.

The purpose of the recognition program is to honor top employees at the university who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time or part-time employees who perform at a high level and who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

Nominees must have been employed at Lindenwood University for more than a year. Those interested in nominating someone should write a 75- to 100-word essay explaining why a particular employee should be considered. Some qualities might include outstanding achievement, performance, creative contributions, or improvement beyond what is normally expected of employees; demonstration of outstanding service to LU; and projection of a friendly, considerate attitude toward faculty, staff, students and visitors.

A nomination is not considered complete without enthusiastic support of the employee's supervisor. Please send nominations by Wednesday to Judy Shanahan (<u>ishanahan@lindenwood.edu</u>) in the president's office.

## Did You

#### Know...

A study of alumni based on lists from 1860-1924 shows that Lindenwood had 1008 alums. The state with the largest alumni base at that point was Missouriwith 565. There were 47 from Arkansas, 34 from Oklahoma and 20 from Texas. The international alumni list at that time was a whopping six-three from Mexico, and one each from Canada. Siam and Bohemia.

#### **Coming Up Next Week:** *LU Offers Wellness Counseling Center for Students* On Page 2 – Dean Marsha Parker Guides LU's partnership with Act2 Community Theatre

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#### Lindenwood, Act2 Bring 'Odd Couple' to Belleville Stage

Congratulations to Fine and Performing Arts Dean Marsha Parker, who is largely responsible for Lindenwood University teaming up with Act II Community Theater in St. Peters, Mo., to bring Neil Simon's classic, "The Odd Couple," to the Lindenwood Auditorium stage at the university's Belleville campus.

The play will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Lindenwood's Belleville facility, 2600 W. Main St. in Belleville. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors (age 62 and up). Act II Community Theater is staging the production in Belleville following its typical two-week run of the play in St. Peters. Tickets to either the St. Peters or Belleville productions are available by calling 1-800-838-3006 or online at www.act2theater.com. The classic comedy by Neil Simon debuted on Broadway in the mid-1960s starring Art Carney and Walter Matthau. It tells the story of two friends, Felix and Oscar, who decide to share an apartment after Felix's divorce, only to discover that their differences (for instance, Oscar is a slob and Felix is a neat freak) are too much to overcome. The play was later made into a movie, starring Matthau and Jack Lemon, and a television series starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall.

The play is directed by Chad Little; Jaxon Stanford and Paul James star as Felix and Oscar, respectively. ACT II Community Theatre is an independent, non-profit organization comprised entirely of volunteers. The group is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year; "The Odd Couple" is the first of four plays it will produce in 2007. For more information, call 636-441-2508, ext. 0.

#### PR Office Helps Faculty, Staff Deal with Media

The public relations office at Lindenwood University is responsible for assisting faculty and staff and administrators in all media-related matters.

Faculty and staff members should call the Director of Communications (636-949-4920) if they are aware of or involved in any media matters related to Lindenwood. Media representatives and organizations are welcome on the Lindenwood campus only with prior approval of the Public Relations office.

If you are approached by a member of the media on any one of our campuses, make sure to call the PR office (636-949-4964). After hours, ask campus security for the phone number of the Communications Director.

#### Tips on Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation

Two issues have arisen concerning the desigation of beneficiaries under Lindenwood's new group life insurance policy through Guardian.

Some of you wish to designate a primary and a contingent beneficiary (Such as a spouse as primary and children as contingent). Others may wish to use the policy to leave a gift to Lindenwood. This can be accomplished, however, you should <u>not</u> designate Lindenwood as the beneficiary on the form.

Eric Stuhler, in-house legal counsel and director of planned giving, will be available to help you with these beneficiary designations. Please consult with him prior to turning in your application. He is available at x4617.

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### Spring Etiquette Dinner Set for Feb. 22 in Leadership Room

The Lindenwood University Division of Management and Career Services Office will be hosting an etiquette dinner on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 from 5 – 8 pm in the Spellmann Center's Leadership Room. This event is open to all junior and senior level students.

The Etiquette Dinner is a program that provides students with valuable training in etiquette used during business dining situations. Director of Hospitality Services Ralph Pfremmer will provide tips on proper dinner etiquette during a five course meal. Corporate partners attend the dinner to provide additional advice to the students regarding effective job search and interviewing skills.

Students may RSVP no later than noon on Thursday, February 15 to Judy Kamm via phone (636.949.4833) or email (jkamm@lindenwood.edu).

### LU Recruits At Theatre Festival

Lindenwood was well represented recently at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Seated at the table talking to prospective theatre students is current MFA student Shonelle McGill. Special thanks to Ted Gregory for supplying this photograph.



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