

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

LU Officials Host Luncheon for Legislators

Area legislators met Monday with Lindenwood University administration officials for Lindenwood's annual public policy issues luncheon.

Legislators attending were Senator Chuck Gross, Rep. Joe Smith, Rep. Carl Bearden, Rep. Tom Dempsey and Rep. Cynthia Davis.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Jann Weitzel outlined for the legislators why Lindenwood needs the legislative delegation's help in maintaining independence and freedom from the bureaucracy of higher education. Weitzel said Lindenwood professors "are in the classroom, and aren't bogged down in committees."



From left, Rep. Cynthia Davis, Rep. Joe Smith, President Evans, Rep. Carl Bearden and Rep. Tom Dempsey. The representatives gave Dr. Evans a plaque congratulating him on becoming Lindenwood's 21st president.

Weitzel said the ultimate beneficiaries of such a hard-working faculty are Lindenwood students.

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Classes Encouraged to Attend March 8 Alumni Lecture

Lindenwood's faculty are invited to bring entire classes to the March 8 lecture by Martha Ackmann.

Ackmann, LU Class of '73 and author of "The Mercury 13: The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight," will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Lindenwood's Hyland Performance Arena. The event is the first in a new series of lectures in which high-profile alums return to campus to speak.

Professors are asked to get their tickets from the LU Box Office in Roemer Hall or the Welcome Center. For information on tickets, please contact Charlsie Floyd at 949-4909.

Ackmann is a member of the gender studies faculty at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Her best-selling book

tells the remarkable story of women pilots who were secretly tested to be astronauts in the early days of the U.S. space program. When the women scored too well, NASA scrapped the experiment.

"The Mercury 13" received the Amelia Earhart Medal for outstanding contributions to women and flight and the Media Prize from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Ackmann has appeared on the "Today" show, CNN, NPR, and the BBC. A popular speaker, she has lectured at the Kennedy Space Center, for many colleges around the country and abroad and for audiences ranging from the Arizona Women Lawyers to the Texas National Guard.

Did You Know...

That the Rev. Dr. John Roemer successfully pastored four churches before coming to Lindenwood May 12, 1914? His last church, Tyler Place Presbyterian, grew from a new church "into one of the largest and most active congregations" in St. Louis in nine years.



Daniel Boone Home Lists 2007 Events

March 24 & 25: Oregon Trail Days - An interactive living history event that depicts the various aspects of traveling on the Oregon Trail. All ages will enjoy visiting the stations that represent each aspect. Workbooks will be provided to help guests get the most out of the experience.

April 14 & 15: Civil War Living History Festival - "Missouri Town Under Siege" - Civil War re-enactors will display lifelike depictions of a village during the war. Surgeons, soldiers, and civilians will all face the challenges in Boonesfield Village which will offer a dramatic backdrop for the reenactments. Music and traders will add to the atmosphere provided by the living history theater.

April 28: American Music and Fiber Arts Festival - Spring brings out the music and creative artists to Boonesfield Village for a delightful day of merriment. Fiber artists will demonstrate and sell crafts made of wool, cotton, flax and natural dyes. Spinning, weaving and lace making are just a few of the skills offered during this unique festival.

May 1: 19th Annual Classic Car Show - Tour the Boone Home and get a bonus as car clubs line up their pristine vehicles on the Village Green. This is a great photo opportunity for those interested in classic cars and this beautiful historic site.

June 10: Fish and Fly Day - When you tour the Boone Home or Boonesfield Village, you will get a bonus on this day. Bring your fishing pole or kite and enjoy the afternoon in the

beautiful meadow fishing or flying. Roasted hot-dogs and lemonade will be served.

July 4: July 4th Country Celebration - Tour the Boone Home or Boonesfield Village and enjoy an old fashioned country afternoon. Hot dogs and apple pie will top off your visit and send you home with that old time feeling.

August: Dog Days Tours - Each day in August visitors can buy-one-get-one-free tour for an end of summer special.

September 29 & 30: Pioneer Days - A pre-1840s folkways festival and encampment. Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village come to life for a fall festival. Artisans, music, historic encampment, a black powder shoot and good food make this a glorious day in the beautiful Femme Osage Valley. Step into the past to experience life on the early Missouri frontier and learn about the Boone legacy.

October 27: Halloween Concert and Campfire Storytelling Festival - Come to Boonesfield Village for an evening of good old fashioned fun. Music and tales will enchant you to the flicker of candles and campfires. Marshmallows and cider will sweeten up the evening.

November 23 & 25: Harvest Home Days - Tour the Boone Home and Boonesfield Village during the hustle and bustle of getting ready for the annual Candlelight Tour. Decorating the Boone Home and Village buildings will entice you to get ready for the holidays.

Nov. 30 & Dec 1, Dec. 7-8, 14-15: Candlelight Tour - Usher in the holiday season with a visit to the Boone Home & Boonesfield Village. Each building is decorated in 19th century fashion and illuminated by thousands of candles, bonfires and starlight.

For information call (636) 798-2005.

Legislators Luncheon

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A presentation by Rick Boyle, former dean of education and now vice president of human resources, detailed Lindenwood's tremendous success in teacher preparation. He asked the legislators to "watch" the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and keep it from regulating independent institutions and especially teacher education programs.

Dean Don Heidenreich outlined for the group how assessment has become such a key word in higher education today, particularly at Lindenwood University. Heidenreich said assessment was

important at all levels of higher education—from the classroom level all the way to the top.

"It is exceptionally important," he said. "It is how we understand who we are and where we are going."

President James D. Evans welcomed the group and closed the luncheon with a thank-you for the legislators' hard work on behalf of Lindenwood and its students.

Members of the Lindenwood Board of Directors who attended were: Dave Cosby, Elizabeth Rauch, Libby Huss, Ben Blanton and Pat Sullivan.

Direct Deposit Approved for Lindenwood Employees

The Future Planning Committee met with Lindenwood President James D. Evans earlier this month and he has approved direct deposit for Lindenwood.

The exact date of implementation is May 31.

Direct deposit enrollment will be open to full-time staff and faculty only. Part-time employees or adjunct faculty are not eligible. Employees will receive enrollment forms in their March 30 paychecks.

Larch to Speak to Students about Communications Industry

Melissa Larch, head of marketing and corporate communications for Mercy Health Plans, made a presentation to students on Monday titled, “Diverse Communications for the Best Personal and Professional Business Results.”

The presentation was from 3 to 4 p.m. today in the Leadership Room of the Spellmann Campus Center. Prior to joining Mercy Health Plans, Larch worked as a television news anchor,

reporter and producer, including for KSDK-TV in St. Louis. Larch has a bachelor’s in journalism from the University of Missouri and a master’s in integrated marketing communications from Emerson College. She has also worked as an adjunct professor for Lindenwood.

President Announces Four Promotions

President James D. Evans announced several appointments last week. They include:

John Dougherty was appointed dean of education, and Don Heidenreich was appointed dean of humanities. Both appointments were effective Feb. 16.

Brett Barger was appointed dean of evening admissions and extension campuses on Feb. 16.

Joe Parisi was appointed dean of day admissions on Feb. 21.

Employee of Month Nominations Due

Nominations are due by next week for Lindenwood University’s new Employee of the Month program. The first monthly winner—LCIE’s Pauline Hammen—was announced earlier this month.

The program is to honor top employees at the university who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent FT or PT employees who perform at a high level and who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

To nominate someone, please 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.

Nominations are not complete without enthusiastic support of the employee’s supervisor. Please send nominations to Judy Shanahan (jshanahan@lindenwood.edu) in the president’s office.

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LU Hockey Game to be Webcast Wednesday

The Lindenwood University men's hockey team will be involved in the historic first live webcast of the ACHA National Hockey Tournament at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The Lions (27-11) will be in Youngstown, Ohio, to play Oakland University. Lindenwood is seeded No. 7 in this year's tourney, and Oakland is seeded No. 10.

The address for the webcast is
<http://www.mvpphantoms.com/broadcast.asp>.

Congrats to Coach Derek Schaub, and good luck to LU!

Professor Tretter Presents Paper

Professor Sue Tretter attended the 17th Annual Teaching Renewal Conference Feb. 22-23 at University of Missouri -- Columbia. The focus of this year's conference was innovation, accountability, and internationalization. Tretter presented a paper, "Computer-Based Developmental Writing," along with a demonstration of various computer programs she has used in her Effective Writing courses.

The purpose of her presentation was to stress the importance of meeting individual students' needs when teaching remedial and ESL students. Such a daunting task can be met most efficaciously using computer programs, which allow students to work at their own pace and keep track of their progress while teachers address individual weaknesses and work one-on-one with the students.

Knotts to Lead Boone Academic Efforts

Lindenwood University is blessed to own the Daniel Boone Home, a national historic landmark. The Boone Center facility and surrounding acreage offer a wide variety of opportunities for field experiences to enhance delivery of current and future academic programs.

Dr. David Knotts has been appointed to serve as academic program coordinator for the center and will assist faculty with the development and implementation of courses for resident and commuter undergraduate and graduate students as well as professional development opportunities for public school teachers, natural and historical resource managers and parks staff.

One program being immediately implemented is the training of students and professionals to become Certified Interpretive Guides, (CIG). The CIG credential recognizes that the student understands and can successfully apply the National Association of Interpretation (NAI) principles of interpretation to deliver quality historic- and natural history-based programming. The credentials are important to gain a competitive edge in the marketplace for seasonal, part-time and full-time employment in the interpretive field with private state and federal agencies. The applications of interpretation are universal in any future instructional settings and will be of value to the individual regardless of the nature or employment one pursues.

Sue Tretter, Elaine Tillinger, Ray Scupin, Paige Mettler-Cherry, Gail Johnston and Kris Smith are serving on an academic advisory committee chaired by Knotts, as well as offering courses and/or conducting field studies at the center. The goal for 2007 is to identify and begin implementing appropriate courses and programming. LU students may commute to the center for some courses or enroll in the residential program, which allows students to take a series of courses while participating in hands-on learning experiences. Courses scheduled for the Boone Center for the summer of 2007 are in the summer schedule.

Should you have questions or desire to become involved with the academic programming of the center, please contact Knotts at ext. 4309 or email him at dknotts@lindenwood.edu.