

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

## Commencement Moving to Family Arena

The 2007 baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies for Lindenwood University will be May 18-19 at the St. Charles Family Arena.

University officials announced the change in location on Thursday. Commencement had been indoors for the past three years at the Hyland Performance Arena, but the ceremonies had “outgrown our available space,” said President James D. Evans, Ph.D.

Evans said the university had been planning to hold commencement outdoors this year in the Lindenwood Athletic Stadium, but decided to switch to the Family Arena when it became available at the last minute. Lindenwood will begin negotiations with arena officials on a long-term arrangement for commencement. Lindenwood held commencement outdoors on the main campus for many years before

moving it inside in 2004.

Evans said the decision was the best one possible for graduates, who will now receive up to 10 tickets apiece for their graduation guests. In past years, graduates had received only three to four tickets because of limited seating in the Hyland Performance Arena.

Lindenwood expects 630 graduates to participate in Friday night’s ceremony and up to 800 on Saturday. More than 2,800 have been invited to participate both days.

This year’s commencement speaker is Rift Fournier, internationally-known screenwriter, producer and director.

The baccalaureate and graduate commencement ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18. The undergraduate commencement will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday May 19

## Employee of the Month Nominations are Due

Don’t forget to submit your nominations for Lindenwood University’s new Employee of the Month program. The second monthly winner—Professor Hollis Heyn—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 full-time or part-time 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 the enthusiastic support of the employee’s supervisor. Please send nominations to Judy Shanahan ([jshanahan@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jshanahan@lindenwood.edu)) in the president’s office.

### Did You Know...

*Miss Pauline Weissgerber made history in 1921. She was the first graduate of Lindenwood College to receive a four-year degree! Weissgerber, from Lebanon, Mo., was addressed by President John Roemer as a “pioneer in the beginning of a greater Lindenwood.”*



## *Sigma Aldrich Exec to Speak at Lindenwood April 4*

Michael R. Hogan, chief administrative officer and CFO of the Sigma-Aldrich Corporation in St. Louis, will speak at Lindenwood University at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, as part of the school's Distinguished Executive Lecture Series.

The lecture will be held in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room in Lindenwood's Spellmann Campus Center. The title of Hogan's lecture is "The Company 'DNA' of a Leader in Life Science and High Technology." The lecture is co-hosted by the Lindenwood Division of Management and Lindenwood's Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment.

As a life science and high technology company, Sigma-Aldrich, based in St. Louis, is a major supplier of biochemical and organic chemical products and kits for the research, medical and pharmaceutical industries. Hogan, who has an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg

Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University (where he ranked first in his graduating class), has been at Sigma-Aldrich since 1999. He has been chief financial officer throughout his time there and CAO since 2000.

Prior to that, he was corporate vice president and controller at Monsanto from 1996 through 1999 and held a number of other executive and management positions at firms in Chicago and Minnesota, starting in 1980.

Hogan has also served on a number of public, private and not-for-profit boards, including Pulaski Financial Corporation, St. Louis World Trade Center, Olin School of Business National Council and Sigma-Aldrich Foundation.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Kenneth Chilton at 636-949-4742 or [kchilton@lindenwood.edu](mailto:kchilton@lindenwood.edu).

## *Finnessey on 'Dancing with the Stars'*

Lindenwood graduate Shandi Finnessey, Miss USA 2004, will begin competing tonight in the popular TV game show "Dancing with the Stars" at 7 p.m. on ABC.

Finnessey, who grew up in Florissant, graduated from Lindenwood University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Finnessey is currently featured on the Game Show Network's "Lingo" and "Playmania." She has written a

children's book, "The Furrtails," and recently published another called "Suzanna the Banana." Finnessey also supports many charities, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

On "Dancing with the Stars," Finnessey will be partnered with the professional dancer Brian Fortuna, who is a newcomer to the show. Other stars to be featured include Joey Fatone, Billy Ray Cyrus, Laila Ali, Paulina Porizkova and many more.

## *Belleville Campus Adds New Employees*

The Lindenwood Belleville campus announces the addition of two new employees: Ken Caudillo and Shannon Highley.

Caudillo is a new LCIE advisor at the Belleville Campus. He has worked extensively in the education field with St. Louis Community College, Fontbonne University, City College of Chicago-Europe, and United State International University. He has more

than 20 years experience in the corporate world.

Highley is the new full-time LCIE faculty advisor at the Belleville Campus. She has taught graduate and undergraduate marketing as an adjunct faculty member at Lindenwood since 2005. Additionally, she has more than 15 years of sales and marketing management experience in the service, manufacturing and non-profit industries.

## *International Student Enrollment Reaches Milestone*

Lindenwood University and the International Student Center have reached a milestone in the total number of international student enrollments. The number of international students on campus has increased from 480 students (from 70 countries) one year ago to 585 students (from 76 countries) this spring. With this student increase comes an expanding level of student diversity. We now have students from every region of the world and even students from some of the richest and poorest areas on the planet. Our international students represent every major religion, including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism. Their religious views, cultures and attitudes bring a breadth of knowledge to our campus. This mix of internationalization not only brings the world into focus for our students, but to us, as faculty and staff.

As a result, the International Student Center has designed programs to assist our students to better integrate into the American university system. Starting this fall, each international student will be given a three-day orientation prior to the start of classes. This orientation will cover issues that affect our students each year, such as immigration rules, living in the United States, and university expectations. Campus policies and

procedures, such as Work and Learn, housing, ordering books and the like, will all be covered as well. English assessment testing will also be a part of this orientation, ensuring that students are enrolled in the proper English course.

The International Student Center, with guidance from the Office of Academic Services, has begun using an outside vendor to evaluate transcripts. This will make sure that every transcript, regardless of country, will be evaluated according to national guidelines. This will ensure that all of our incoming students and their advisors will know exactly what classes have been transferred into their Lindenwood studies.

Finally, the Campus Y, a non-profit student organization at Lindenwood, has teamed up with the International Student Center by taking students shopping for “essentials” on Friday afternoons. As this service grows, more locations and times will be offered. The Campus Y also has many opportunities for students to volunteer to help children in the St. Charles area and even has a program for volunteering abroad. If any students are interested, please have them contact Kate at 636-949-4787. She is located in the Campus Y House on First Capital Drive.

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## *LU Open Golf Tournament will be April 15*

The 2007 LU Open Golf Tournament will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 15, at Incline Village. Cost will be about \$40. Mark your calendars. Get your scramble team together. Tell your colleagues. Please contact John Guffey if you are interested in co-chairing this event.