

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

## David Knotts Named April Employee of Month

Professor David Knotts has been named Employee of the Month for April. Knotts is the third honoree since the launch of the Employee of the Month program.

Knotts has worked at Lindenwood since Fall of 2005; he is the academic coordinator for the Boone campus and also teaches biology, nonprofit administration and a variety of other courses, including outdoor/life time sports courses, like Wilderness Survival, Outdoor Photography, and Wild Edible and Medicinal Plants.

“I especially enjoy teaching and working with general education courses, as it provides an opportunity to experience and understand a cross section of the student body,” he said.

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, Knotts served as the chief of conservation education for the Missouri Department of Conservation, was executive vice president



Professor David Knotts

of the International Hunter Education Association and has held various other teaching and administrative positions in higher education.

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## Lindenwood Establishes Athletics Hall of Fame

The Lindenwood athletics department has become one of the most successful collegiate programs in the St. Louis area. As a way to honor the top individuals and teams that have helped build the program to this level, Lindenwood has announced that it is establishing an Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame committee, which is led by Director of Athletics John Creer, is currently taking nominations for the 2007 induction class. Nominations can be made in the four categories of student-athlete, coach, meritorious service, or team.

The committee will begin reviewing nominations in May and will announce

the inaugural Hall of Fame inductees over the summer. The honorees will then be honored during Homecoming ceremonies on Oct. 19-20.

For more information on the Hall of Fame or to nominate a person or team, visit the Hall of Fame website at [www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/halloffame](http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/halloffame).

Lindenwood currently sponsors 38 athletic programs, the majority of which compete in the NAIA and the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

Since 1998-99, Lindenwood has finished in the top-five every year in the NACDA Directors' Cup, which annually honors the most successful programs in the NAIA.

### Did You Know...

*The Dec. 30, 1947, edition of the St. Louis Star-Times contained a column written by then-President Franc L. McCluer.*

*Even then, the emphasis at Lindenwood was on character and citizenship. The headline in the Star-Times said “Colleges for Women in St. Louis Area Emphasize Training for Citizenship.”*



## *Student Appreciates LCIE, Her Lindenwood Education*

*Kathy Ferder's literary grace represents the original ideal of the LCIE program that we formulated in 1975. The following excerpts are from Kathy's letter to President Evans:*

I am currently a Lindenwood student and I started the LCIE program in January of 2004. I am now looking forward to completing my degree requirements at the end of this month. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA... The education that I received at Lindenwood University has thoroughly prepared me for the challenges and opportunities that await me.

I appreciate and realize the value of the education that I received at Lindenwood University. As a result of my time spent here I have grown and better understand the world in which I live. I, like most of my classmates, had additional responsibilities that traditional college students do not have. I had children and parents to care for, I have a wonderful spouse, and I have a full-time job. These are the reasons that the LCIE program was created - to provide the opportunity to obtain a college education that otherwise would have been unattainable...

### *Knotts*

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He has also worked as a forest fire fighter and a wildlife law enforcement officer. Knotts has degrees in forestry, forest recreation and outdoor education.

He said he sees Lindenwood strengths in the school's historical legacy, leadership and reputation.

"Lindenwood has a university level reputation with a junior college atmosphere," Knotts said, "and a faculty

As a soon-to-be graduate, I can communicate clearly and concisely, interact in a diverse and complex environment, think critically, and actively learn. Lindenwood knew how important these skills would be, so in every cluster these learning objectives were incorporated into the syllabus to move students closer to their goals...

The feelings of uncertainty and inadequacy that I possessed the first day I stepped on campus are now a distant memory. Lindenwood University has prepared me to move on toward my next step in life - a new career. I am now empowered to deal with the challenges and opportunities of the future that await me...

It is now time for me to embrace my new opportunities and go out and make a difference. I would like to conclude my email with these poignant words from Oliver Wendell Holmes, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Again, thank you so much for providing a program that made my dreams become a reality.

**Sincerely,  
Kathleen A. Ferder  
2007 LU Graduate**

with strong, real-world experience who have the ability to get to know and work personally with the students."

Knotts has five children and six grandchildren, in addition to three on the way. Three of his sons are in the military: one serving in Afghanistan, one serving in Iraq and a third in the Utah Army National Guard.

## *Lindenwood Measures Its Success By Student Success*

*The following letter from President James D. Evans will be published in the 07-08 student handbook. It is a statement of philosophy on campus culture and associated expectations for students.*

Dear Lindenwood Student:

We prepared this *Handbook* specifically for you and hope you will use it to optimize your college experience. Your success – your personal, intellectual, and professional development – is of paramount importance to Lindenwood. This university exists because you do, and we measure our success by your success.

You will find that this grand institution, now 180 years old, has a uniquely warm and supportive campus culture. That culture consists of traditional American values, old and new customs and rituals, beliefs and legends, heroes and characters (whom you will identify for yourself), and a whole lot of community spirit and mutual regard. From your perspective, it will also become increasingly populated with lifelong images and memories as you experience Lindenwood through the coming months and years.

Other important components of any community of higher learning are the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, support structures, and services that determine academic and behavioral expectations and ensure effective behavior and coping. This *Handbook* provides you with information on most of those vital items. *Please take the time to read it*, and then store it in an accessible place for regular use and reference. If you should lose this copy, you will be able to obtain a replacement from the Student Development

Office (Campus Life) at any time. We also have posted the *Handbook* on the Lindenwood Web site – [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu).

The contents of this publication communicate Lindenwood's philosophy of student development: We believe in educating the whole person – socially, physically, morally/spiritually, and intellectually. *We consider all of our students to be adults* and expect each of them to think, speak, and act as an adult. Relatedly, we insist that both our staff and our students exhibit mature adaptation to a rule-governed society. We believe in the dignity and worth of every individual and promote mutual respect among all members of our community. As you can gather from this publication, our goal is not just to provide you with academic content (although that is important in its own right). We intend to prepare you to be a successful professional in your chosen field and a mature human being in all areas of life.

So welcome to Lindenwood – the University that has always placed its students first. It is my personal hope and expectation that you will find the path for your life here. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we might facilitate your experience of self-discovery and actualization on this campus. Enjoy your college years and make the best of them. They are here for just an instant, but their effect will last a lifetime.

Very sincerely yours,



James D. Evans, Ph.D.  
President

## *Amber Seyer Finishes in Top 10 at Miss USA Pageant*

Amber Seyer, a 20-year-old Lindenwood student and the current Miss Missouri USA, placed in the top 10 of the Miss USA pageant in Hollywood, Calif., on March 23. The pageant was won by Miss Tennessee USA Rachel Smith.

Seyer, who finished ahead of 63 other contestants to win the Miss Missouri

USA pageant on October 29, is the second Miss Missouri to attend Lindenwood in recent years; Shandi Finessey won the state pageant in 2003 and went on to win the Miss USA pageant.

A native of Oran, Mo., which is near Cape Girardeau, Seyer won the Miss Teen USA pageant in 2003.

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## *St. Charles Sister Cities Presenting Concert*

St. Charles & St. Louis Sister Cities (SLSSC) will celebrate 10 years of exchange and friendship with classical and modern musical performances by Concertino Stuttgart, who will arrive in St. Louis early in April. Performances include baroque, romantic, contemporary, klezmer, liturgical, and folk dance music.

Concertino Stuttgart will perform at the St. Charles Foundry Arts Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5. Admission is free; however, donations for the group will be accepted at the door.

Concertino Stuttgart has played in many cities throughout the world on this tour - New York, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Charles, Kansas and Arizona.

## *LU Student Receives Statewide Special-Ed Award*

Amy Kurzenoerfer, a Lindenwood student in the teacher education program, was recently awarded the Richard S. and Nelle Dabney Merit award from the Missouri Council for Exceptional Children. The award is presented to outstanding student members of the council to recognize and encourage those who will shape the future of special education.

"Amy has demonstrated outstanding leadership and enthusiasm for the field of special education," said Carla Harrison, chair of the 2007 MO-CEC awards. "We are pleased to present the Dabney award to her."

The award was started in 1971 through the efforts of Richard S. Dabney, a past Missouri director of special education.

## *NAIA Chief Congratulates LU*

NAIA President and CEO Jim Carr wrote a letter last week congratulating athletic director John Creer and wrestling coach Joe Parisi on the wrestling team's first place finish in the 50<sup>th</sup> annual NAIA National Wrestling Championships in Sioux City, Iowa.

"Coach Parisi and his entire staff have made the LU wrestling team a collegiate powerhouse; as evidenced by their second NAIA title in the past three years," Carr wrote.

In addition, Carr commended Parisi for his outstanding work as a member of the NAIA-WCA executive committee and the NAIA wrestling recruitment and retention committee.

## *Shotgun Team Seeks National Title*

SAN ANTONIO -- In most sports, the story of Lindenwood University would be a classic David-and-Goliath saga: little school from St. Charles, Mo., chops down giants more than twice its size -- Texas A&M, Mizzou, Kentucky, Purdue and others -- on its way to a national title. But in shotgun sports, it is Lindenwood who stands as the titan.

With three consecutive national championships, including a daunting performance last year when the Lions broke 1,546 out of 1,600 fast-flying clay targets, and with a deep and talented team loaded with big-match experience, Lindenwood would seem to have another collegiate title clearly in sight.

Coach Joe Steenbergen, however, downplays his team's chances, as well as past accomplishments. "A dynasty? I don't think so. Hard-working athletes? I would agree with that!" he exclaimed. Turning serious, he added, "I think it's anybody's game. I really don't think there's a favorite."

Steenbergen and his Lions aim to continue their impressive run at the upcoming ACUI Intercollegiate Clay Target Championships, April 4-8, at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. ESPN U will televise the competition at a future date.