

An e-newsletter for the employees of Lindenwood University

Pass Along Your 2007 Graduation Stories

As we prepare for Commencement 2007, faculty and staff members are encouraged to dig for those unusual or heart-warming graduation stories.

Remember the Lindenwood family that graduated together a few years ago and was on the national news? That story came to fruition via a faculty suggestion to the PR office.

The same goes for the wonderful story of the mom who was graduating from Fontbonne... at the very same time her son would be graduating from Lindenwood!

Officials at this university worked very hard to make sure the two could graduate

together here at LU. That heartwarming story was sold to the local media because someone thought enough to alert the PR office.

There are lots of wonderful stories on our campus...everyone has a story to tell. Please help the Lindenwood Communications office know some of those stories—we want to make sure Lindenwood is well-represented in the media. But to do it, we need your help.

Send us an email with your graduation stories!! Send your emails to squeen@lindenwood.edu.

Employee of Month Nominations Due to Judy Shanahan

Don't forget to submit your nominations for Lindenwood University's new Employee of the Month program. The most recent monthly winner—Professor David Knotts—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) in the president's office.

Horsemanship Big Part of LU History

A February 1973 advertisement in National Horseman Magazine touted the solid four-year education one could get at Lindenwood while training for a career in horsemanship. It said "Our students obtained positions as veterinarian assistants, stable managers, assistant race horse trainers...some have become stable owners and stable leaders."

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Schultz to be Recognized in Business Journal for Fund Raising

After running in a half marathon to support MS research last year, Jeri Schultz was contacted to be a part of the MS 2007 Corporate Challenge Team this year, which is tasked to raise as much money as possible for MS research. Schultz will soon be recognized for her efforts.

In order to be recognized as a 2007 Corporate Achiever, she had to raise \$2,007; she wound up bringing in more than twice that with total donations of just under \$5,000. Schultz was

recognized for her efforts along with 19 other top fund raisers at a recent dinner at the Coronado Ballroom, and she will be recognized again in the April 27 edition of the St. Louis Business Journal.

“Leadership is about community awareness and giving back,” Schultz said. “This is why we choose to be leaders. I do not want to read about people who have done great things I want to do great things and be a role model.”

Be a Part of the Lindenwood Legacy Newspaper

The last spring semester issue of the new Lindenwood student newspaper will be out Wednesday, May 9, and the editors would like to publish your thoughts regarding this week’s events at Virginia Tech University.

Expressions of sympathy, support, sorrow, outrage – The Legacy staff invites you to send your comments to journalism@lindenwood.edu by Friday, April 27. All contributions will

be considered and edited for publication as part of the newspaper’s coverage of Lindenwood student, faculty and staff reaction.

Thank you for your concern and participation, and for your support in creating what will become our Lindenwood legacy – an innovative and vital student newspaper.

-The Legacy Staff

Science Notes...

...Dr. Jennifer Firestine and nine students attended the 40th Anniversary Symposium of the Center for Molecular Toxicology at Vanderbilt University Friday and Saturday. The title of the Symposium was "Advances in Mass Spectrometry: Basic and Clinical Research and Applications in Environmental Health Sciences." We had a great time and the students were introduced into the professional world of scientific research on the cutting edge.

...On Monday, April 16, Andrew R. Wilhelm (he goes by Ryan) received the Outstanding Junior Chemistry Award from the St. Louis section of the American Chemical Society. Drs. Firestine and Tammi Pavelec attended a

banquet at Kemoll's restaurant where he received his award. His name will also be added to a plaque here at Lindenwood with past winners.

...LU Biology major Jeremy Hicks has received a prestigious undergraduate research internship with Dr. Loretta Battaglia at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Hicks will be spending 10 weeks on the gulf coast researching the effects of climate change on coastal vegetation in Louisiana. The study is funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Battaglia was at Lindenwood in the fall to present a research seminar in our department and became familiar with the high caliber of our biological sciences program.

Poet Ruth Ellen Kocher Scheduled to Read

Acclaimed poet Ruth Ellen Kocher will read her work in an event sponsored by the Lindenwood MFA in Writing program at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Sibley Chapel. Kocher is the author of three books of poetry: "One Girl Babylon" (New Issues Press, 2003), "When the Moon Knows You're Wandering" (New Issues Press, 2001) and "Desdemona's Fire" (Lotus Press, 1999).

The latter two were winners of the Green Rose Prize in Poetry and the Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award, respectively. Her work has appeared in various literary journals, including the Washington Square Journal, Ploughshares, Crab Orchard Review, Clackamas Literary Review, the Missouri Review, the African American Review, the Gettysburg Review, and Antioch, among others, and has been translated into Persian in the Iranian literary magazine She'r.

She has also worked as a fellow in the Cave Canem Workshop and Retreat. She teaches in the MFA program at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Natural Science Club to Participate in WalkAmerica

Lindenwood's Natural Science Club has put together a team for WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes to raise money for the fight against premature death and birth defects in infants. The walk is Saturday April 28 in Forest Park. The club is looking for volunteer walkers and sponsors for walkers.

If you'd like to sign up to collect donations and to walk, please go to this website:

<http://www.walkamerica.org/>. Click on "Register Online Now," then "Join a Team," then type in "Lindenwood Science Club." You can set up a website where others can donate directly through the site, or you can collect donations using a printable form.

Anyone who would like to donate directly may do so at this website:

http://www.walkamerica.org/s_team_page.asp?SeId=386897&si=7A4FFD59-608A-48D1-B906-FF991132A7DE.

Joanna Finch Receives Awards from Circle K

Joanna Finch, director of Day Admissions Services, earlier this month received the Builder Award and an Advisor of the Year award from the Circle K organization at its annual convention in Springfield, Mo.

Finch is the advisor of Lindenwood's Circle K club and is assistant district administrator of Circle K. The Builder Award is the highest award a non-Circle K-er can receive from the organization for work done throughout the year.

"I was very surprised when my name was called, because there are many other deserving individuals," Finch said.

Biology Department Plant Sale Slated for May 1-3

The second annual LU Plant Sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, in the Monsanto Greenhouse at Young Science Hall.

Hanging baskets will sell for \$10, assorted planted arrangements for \$5 to \$7, large vegetable plants and herbs for \$1 each and small vegetable plants for 50 cents. You are invited to visit the greenhouse to review the selection beforehand. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Seminar Speaker Series and community programs that provide plants to preschool and grade school children.

Anyone interested in the sale is encouraged to come early; the inventory moved quickly in last year's sale. For more information, call Paige Mettler-Cherry at ext. 4710.

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Planet Watch Tonight at Spellmann Center

The LU Streetlight Astronomers, led by Professor Steve House, will hold a "Planet Watch" in the upper plaza of the Spellmann Center from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday evening, weather permitting. All faculty, staff and students are invited to view Saturn, Venus and the moon. Telescopes will be available.

The viewing will be cancelled in the event of cloudy weather.

Events Coming Up at Daniel Boone Home

April 28: American Music & 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.