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Boyle Named Lindenwood's Employee of Month

Rick Boyle, vice president of human resources and dean of faculty, has been named Employee of the Month for April.

Boyle was nominated in recognition of the work he has done recently leading up to his appointment as vice president of human resources. In the past six months, Boyle has served as dean of the Education Division, acting dean of Campus Life, dean of faculty, vice president of human resources, and classroom teacher.

Boyle joined the Lindenwood faculty in 1997 as a professor in teacher education, prior to which he worked for 30 years in public education, most of which was in administration.

In January of 1998 he was named associate dean of education and in 1999 was named dean of education, a post he held until February of this year. He said working those jobs at the same time was possible because of the hard work and support of the staffs of the Education Division and Campus Life department.



Vice president Rick Boyle

“Their support made it feasible for me to do all those jobs,” Boyle said. “Without their hard work, it would have been impossible.”

Boyle said he was surprised to receive the Employee of the Month honor.

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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 about 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.

Midnight Breakfast Is Next Monday!

The Midnight Breakfast will take place Monday, May 14, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Spellmann Center cafeteria. All residential students are invited to participate in this tradition of the faculty and staff serving students.

Last semester, more than 1,000 students attended.

Student Activities director Eric Click said more faculty and staff than ever before have registered, but still more are needed

“It’s a good thing for students to see their faculty and staff out there supporting them,” said Click.

Any faculty or staff member that would be interested in participating in this tradition should contact Click at x4983.

Communique is taking the summer off—sort of. We will continue to distribute important text-only items on Mondays during the spring and summer. The full version of the newsletter will return in late August.

Boyle

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“I am totally shocked,” he said. “It’s a great honor to have people recognize your efforts when they are looking at the whole staff. It’s a monumental honor in my wonderful career.”

Employee of the Month is not the only award that Boyle is receiving at this time. He was recently notified he has been named Educator of the Year by the St. Louis Association of Secondary School Principals. That award is presented by the association to someone it feels has had a global impact on education in the St. Louis area. He will receive the award at a ceremony on Thursday evening at the St. Charles Convention Center.

“That is a tremendous honor as well,” Boyle said. “Any time you are honored

by your peers in that fashion, there is just not much you can say but, ‘thank you.’”

Boyle said that among his best Lindenwood memories are the DESE accreditation visit in 2001 in which the team from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education reported no areas of weakness in the Education division. Another proud moment came in December 2006, when Lindenwood was given permission to offer its doctor of education program.

“It’s still hard to say that those are better than working with students every day and sharing in their successes,” Boyle said. “My career here at Lindenwood has been filled with good times. Every day is a blessing to be here and work with the people I work with.”

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