

Huffman 2010 Employee of the Year

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Lindenwood University Archivist Paul Huffman was recognized Saturday night as the 2010 Employee of the Year at Lindenwood University. Huffman was honored during the annual faculty and staff Christmas Party at the Lindenwood University Club.



From left: Previous Employees of the Year Whitney Fraier and Michelle Giessman, with 2010 winner Paul Huffman, and President Evans.

Huffman, who has worked at Lindenwood since 2007, was honored as the Employee of the Month in June. As archivist, he is responsible for processing and organizing records and information to ensure their accessibility to students and faculty. He is also the organizer and administrator for the successful Lindenwood University Speaker Series.

President Jim Evans presented the award, quoting one of Huffman's co-workers, who said if Huffman were "an athlete, he would be a triple threat." Huffman was described as tirelessly devoted to students, an exceptional archivist, and a skillful director of Lindenwood's speaker series.

Huffman earned a bachelor's degree in history from Lindenwood University and a master's degree in library science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He completed internships with the Missouri State Archives and the Missouri History Museum before becoming a staff member at the University.

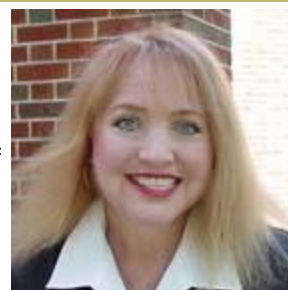
Huffman also teaches a basic bibliographic instruction course and organizes the Academic Speaker Series. He said he enjoys sharing interesting facts with others. "One of the neatest parts of my job is that I'm able to introduce students and faculty to aspects of history they may not have considered before," Huffman said. "It makes the job truly worthwhile when I see that light bulb of interest turn on."

Did You Know?

Did you know that a Lindenwood alum once held the post of Federal Trade Commissioner? In 1979, after many years of working in the State Department, the Department of Justice, and as an advisor to Representative Bradford Morse, Patricia Price Bailey was sworn in as the 57th Federal Trade Commissioner. She replaced Elizabeth Dole.

Hendrix to Discuss Employment Survey Results

Evelyn Hendrix, Psy.D, S.P.H.R., of the Lindenwood University School of Business and Entrepreneurship, will deliver a presentation on the results of her extensive recent study on the employment climate of St. Charles County at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center. The event is free and open to staff, students, and the general public.



With the help of the Lewis and Clark chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management and students in Lindenwood's Human Resources Club, Hendrix distributed surveys to 264 local employers of varying sizes in the for-profit and non-profit sectors. Employers rated the level of difficulty they experienced in attempting to fill open positions and also identified the types of jobs available.

Although individual corporate survey participants remain confidential, Hendrix has identified the proportion of hiring organizations as well as the top 15 categories showing employment opportunity growth in St. Charles County. She believes the information will be of great benefit to job-seekers because it will allow them to better prepare themselves as applicants.

"It's exciting because it's a keen view to the jobs that are most in demand in our own community," Hendrix said. "Knowing where and in what industries the most opportunities can be found allows individuals to fine-tune their resumes, examine their approaches, and make sure they are presenting their skills in a way that's transferrable to the qualifications being sought by those types of employers."

She also noted that the research will help University leaders better prepare students to enter the workplace.

"We can use this information to adjust our curriculum and tailor our courses to more effectively teach our students how to gain employment in the industries the data shows they are most likely to end up working in," Hendrix said.

Biggerstaff Published in Training and Conditioning Magazine

Randy Biggerstaff, chair of the Lindenwood University Health and Fitness Sciences Department and Director of Athletic Training Services, has published an article about becoming a head athletic trainer in the December 2010 issue of *Training and Conditioning* magazine. He is also featured, along with trainer Tom Godar and graduate assistant Lyndi Fuemmeler, on the cover of the publication's December issue.



"I'm not sure how they got my name, but they contacted me back in August and asked if I would be interested in writing a 1,500 to 2,000-word article about being an athletic trainer," said Biggerstaff. "I was kind of shocked because I'd never written anything that extensive before, but it was pretty neat to do this and have it published."

Biggerstaff, who has been working in the field of athletic training for more than 35 years, has been employed at Lindenwood for 14 years. He was named Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer by the National Athletic Trainers Association in 2001 and received the NAIA Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award and induction into the Mid-America Athletic Trainers Association in 2007. He is also a member of the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Sports Medicine Hall of Fame and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

The *Training and Conditioning* issue featuring Biggerstaff's article and cover photo will be available online beginning Tuesday, Dec. 14. To view it, visit www.training-conditioning.com and click on the "issues" tab located at the top of the page.

LU Doctorate Offered in Southwest Missouri

Lindenwood University will begin offering a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, Mo., in January 2011. An entrance committee, comprised of Southwest Missouri Coordinator Terry Reid, Ed.D., Research Specialist Sherry Devore, Ed.D., and Central Missouri Coordinator Terry Wolfe, Ed.D., recently identified the first 18 individuals who will comprise the program's inaugural class.

"The degree enables individuals to work as administrators at the college or university level," Reid said. "It's exciting because other universities in the area don't offer this. Lindenwood has stepped up and taken the initiative to offer what was wanted but not available."

In addition to their current duties, each member of the entrance committee will assume new responsibilities once the program launches. Reid will provide administrative oversight for the program's operation, working with John Feely, Associate Dean of Graduate Education Initiatives to ensure each student enrolled completes the credit hours necessary to meet program requirements.

Devore will oversee the dissertation process, ensuring that proper research methodology and protocols are followed. Wolfe will be responsible for program logistics such as syllabi and curriculum development and implementation, as well as staffing and facility utilization.

"We are very optimistic about piloting this higher education emphasis," said Reid. "I think it's going to be a great program and something we will expand on in the future."



Reid



Devore



Wolfe
