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## Wehrli Honored By Circle K Group

Dana Wehrli, Lindenwood University Director of Career Development, has been named the Missouri recipient of the Most Distinguished Advisor Award by the Missouri-Arkansas Circle K organization. She received the award in late February during the group's district convention in Springfield, Mo.

Wehrli began serving in 2010 as faculty advisor for the Lindenwood Circle K chapter, a collegiate service organization that promotes fellowship, leadership, and service. Her impressive efforts were so appreciated by the students under her supervision that they nominated her for the district's honor.



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Did you know that prior to the War of 1812, George Sibley's assistant at Fort Osage, Isaac Rawlings, later became one of the founders of Memphis, Tennessee?

"Not knowing much about the club, Dana took on the task of being our advisor and made it very clear that she wanted the group to be a success," said Shannon Schulz, President of the University's Circle K chapter. "Within just a couple weeks she was pretty much one of us, eager to see what she could plan with her new club. She has by far succeeded in doing an excellent job."

"Dana is especially excited for what we have planned in the future and is doing everything she can to get our name out and to make our club grow dramatically," Schultz added.

Recently, the Lindenwood Circle K Club sponsored a clothing drive through which more than 70 pairs of jeans were collected and donated to local shelters. Members of the group have also participated in several University and community service projects.

"When I heard about the opportunity to serve as the chapter's faculty advisor, I knew it was going to be a good fit because I enjoy volunteer work and that's what this group is all about," Wehrli said. "To receive an award was quite unexpected and I'm honored to be associated with such a fine group of students."

## Elam Coaches Top Youth Soccer Team

Mike Elam, Admissions and Financial Aid Counselor at Lindenwood University, recently coached two female youth soccer clubs to the Super F Champions Cup National Futsal Tournament in Shawnee, Kan. His team for girls ages 10 and under, The Golden Girls, took first place in the competition and his team for those ages 11 and under, The Shooting Stars, was named first runner-up.

"I'm very proud of them," said Elam, who has coached the groups for several years through the Lou

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AN E-NEWSLETTER FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES Fusz Soccer Club. "Having the ability to go to a tournament with two teams is almost like a Disney finish, with just one little let down at the end. But, the Shooting Stars played hard and lost to a team they had actually beaten earlier in the tournament. It's tough to beat a good team twice."

Elam coaches youth soccer along with his wife, Silke. In addition to enjoying the hobby, the pair also continually works to include the University in their mentoring efforts.

"We work very closely with Lindenwood's soccer program," Elam said. "Our girls have been able to walk out with the Lindenwood team prior to games and they've even played their own exhibition games. Those are great experiences because it gives the young girls something to aspire to. It's for that reason that we hope to increase the partnership level in the future."

## **Employee of Month Nominations Open**

Don't forget to submit your nomination for Employee of the Month to Judy Shanahan in the president's office.

The Employee of the Month program honors top employees at the University who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time employees who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

To nominate someone, please write a brief 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 Lindenwood; and projection of a friendly, considerate attitude toward co-workers, students, and visitors.

Nominations are not complete without the enthusiastic support of the employee's supervisor. Please send nominations to jshanahan@lindenwood.edu.