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LUTV's Voss Selected as Employee of the Month

Ed Voss, director of operations for Lindenwood University's Charter Communications LUTV HD Studio, has been named the Employee of the Month for September. He has been in the position since 2006, overseeing a wide range of responsibilities within the studio and offering students valuable learning opportunities.

"Ed is probably the hardest working guy here," said Associate Professor of Communications and LUTV Station Manager Peter Carlos. "All the students really like him because he's very professional but also very approachable. He's just a great guy to work with, and I don't think we'd be where we are without him."

Voss directly supervises one production manager, eight graduate students, and more than 20 Work and Learn program participants. He also oversees the studio recording schedule and ensures coverage of Lindenwood's many sporting and special events.

"Ed Voss is more than deserving of this award for all of the quiet, hard work he does for LU's video and TV programs," said Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D. "He and Peter Carlos are everywhere capturing footage and sound bites."

Voss has extensive broadcasting and production experience, having worked for 15 years as a weekend operations shift supervisor for the television station KTVI Fox 2 and for eight years prior to that as a freelancer for organizations such as Maritz, St. Louis University Hospital, and the St. Louis Cardinals. He is connected to many industry professionals, whom he often calls on to serve as resources for the University and his students.

"One of my roles here is to teach, and another is to provide opportunities for students to teach themselves," said Voss. "By connecting them with people in the industry and treating the LUTV studio as a real business, students learn the expectations of a real professional setting. So, when they come out of our program they have the skill sets they need to go to work and be an asset to their employers."

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Did you know that the Fitness Center was once the stables for Lindenwood's equestrian program? Founded in 1932 by a group of 60 students and a faculty advisor, the equestrian program was a favorite among students for nearly 50 years. The program ended in a cost-cutting

Christine Magnusen, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Education, delivered a special presentation last week to more than 200 students and faculty members during a meeting of the Lindenwood University Student Council for Exceptional Children. She discussed "Strategies for Facilitating Friendships with Children Who Have Autism" in the Anheuser Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Campus Center.

"The goal of the presentation was to reach individuals who are going to teach or are already teaching and inspire them to learn techniques that will allow them to better meet the needs of those with autism," said Magnusen. "It wasn't so long ago that many children with autism weren't even allowed in public schools, but now we can help teachers learn how to help those students in their greatest areas of need. We can help by broadening the knowledge that teachers have about children of the autism spectrum in the classroom."

While Magnusen is new to Lindenwood, having arrived at the start of the 2010 fall semester, she is not a newcomer to the field of special education. She holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership, is a certified speech pathologist, has worked as an administrator and superintendent during her more than 30 years as an educator, and was most recently the director of a large special education cooperative in Belleville, III.

"At Lindenwood I'm teaching courses at both the Belleville and St. Charles campuses as well as two online courses that help graduate students become special educator directors," Magnusen said. "I just love it, it's really neat."

Mack Awarded Doctoral Degree

Jennifer Mack, assistant professor of accounting, has earned a doctoral degree in applied management and decision sciences with a specialization in accounting from Walden University. She successfully defended her dissertation, "The Impact of Formal Education Factors on Moral Reasoning: A Comparative Study of Accounting vs. Non-Accounting Majors," last week.

Mack was inspired to research the topic after examining recent corporate scandal issues across the nation.

"In light of the sort of things happening in businesses such as Enron, I began wondering what avenues of learning ethics helps to deter that kind of activity," she said. "We teach ethics quite a bit in business classes, so I also examined things like student involvement in different extracurricular activities to see if there was any effect on how students view ethical situations and how they react to them."

Mack joined Lindenwood University as full-time employee in July, 2010. She teaches both undergraduate and graduate accounting courses.