



**Nov. 1, 2016**

## **Today's Headlines**

### **Key Offices Open on Limited Basis During Holiday Break (STC)**

While most of the Lindenwood University campus offices in St. Charles will be closed from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, for the convenience of students, prospective students, and their families, several key offices will remain open on December 28-29.

The Admissions Office, Financial Aid, Business Office, and Academic Services will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29.

The office closures are in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. All Lindenwood offices will reopen for business on Tuesday, January 3.

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### **Assessment Tip of the Week**

As we prepare our Assurance Argument for the November 6-7, 2017 HLC site visit, we are addressing how we meet the five [HLC Criteria for Accreditation](#). [Read more](#)

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### **Smith Part of Media Literacy Forum**

Professor Andrew Smith from the department of Arts, Media, and Communication will participate in "Local Media and Informed Voting," at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the downtown St. Louis Public Library. The forum is to help voters sort through political media.

Joining Smith on the panel is Shula Neuman, executive director of St. Louis Public Radio; a local television reporter; and Gilbert Bailon, editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The event is free, but registration is required at [STLtoday.com/literacy](http://STLtoday.com/literacy).

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## Open Enrollment for 2017

I am pleased to announce that Open Enrollment for the 2017 calendar year will begin on **Monday, October 31** and end on **Friday, November 11**! I am even more excited to present you with the following changes for 2017:

- **NO INCREASE** for [medical insurance premiums](#) for 2017!!!! That's right! No changes will be made to the cost of premiums or the out of pocket expenses!
- **ALL** enrollments will be completed online through Workday. **NO** more paper forms!! Please be sure to attend an open enrollment meeting for training on navigating through this process. A helpful video and manual will be available in the Workday Portal.
- **NEW Benefit Offering: Voluntary** Critical Illness Insurance. Please enjoy this short informational video for introductory details: [Critical Illness Chalk Talk Video](#)
- **NEW Benefit Offering: Voluntary** Accident Insurance. Please enjoy this short informational video for introductory details: [Accident Chalk Talk Video](#)
- **NEW** Flexible Spending Account Vendor! Enjoy the same FSA benefits with BeneFLEX this year for greater a customer service experience!
- **Supplemental Life Insurance & Short-Term Disability Coverage:** You will be able to make enrollment changes to these voluntary coverage options; however, please be advised that you will be subject to evidence of insurability by the Hartford.
- **Dental Coverage:** All levels of coverage will experience a rate increase of 8% for dental coverage for 2017.
- **Vision Insurance:** No changes to this plan for 2017.

Please mark your calendars to attend one of the following scheduled open enrollment meetings:

### St. Charles Campus:

- **Tuesday, November 1 at 2 p.m. in the Dunseth Auditorium**
- **Thursday, November 3 at 1 p.m. in the Dunseth Auditorium**
- **Monday, November 7 at 9 a.m. in the Dunseth Auditorium**

### Belleville Campus:

- **Wednesday, November 2 at 9 a.m. in the Dixon Center**
- **Wednesday, November 2 at 2 p.m. in the Dixon Center**

Please log into the Workday Portal and access the “Useful Links” worklet. Under the benefits section you will be able to locate all corresponding plan documents. If you experience difficulty with your username or password please contact the help desk. I look forward to presenting you with another year of great benefits and navigating you through Lindenwood University’s first ever electronic Open Enrollment!

**Excused Absences (STC)**

**Nov. 1, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

The following students will be going on a field trip to visit the psychology labs at Washington University.

The field trip will take place between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Emily Barrett David De la Cruz Abigail Dobrich Katherine O’Dea	Claire Van Vranken Madison Vander Wielen Shelby Werkema
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**Nov. 3, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

The following students will be going on a field trip to visit the psychology labs at Washington University.

The field trip will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Tommi Donnelly-Julian Baylie Fowler Lauren Friend Kristine Garrett Katherine Gierer	Roberta Keroševic Collyn McCarthy Chloe Oliva Jessica Smith Madison Vander Wielen Katelynn Wilson
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Michiko Nohara-LeClair  
Professor of Psychology

**Faculty Regalia Order Deadline is Nov. 1 (STC)**

Faculty,

The Herff Jones website is available to take your online orders for the December Commencement Ceremony. The deadline to place an order will be Nov. 1. The regalia will be shipped to the Barnes & Noble bookstore and will be available for pick-up in late November.

<https://facultydirect.herffjones.com/>

## Recent Editions

- [Oct. 28, 2016](#)
- [Oct. 25, 2016](#)
- [Oct. 21, 2016](#)
- [Oct. 18, 2016](#)
- [Oct. 11, 2016](#)

## Events and Deadlines

- **November (Multiple Dates):** [Academic Technology Workshops](#)
- **Nov. 1:** [Faculty Deadline to Order Regalia for December Graduation](#)
- **Nov. 3-5:** [Macbeth, Lindenwood Theatre](#)
- **Nov. 4:** Dissertation Defense: Douglas Edward Erwin at 9 a.m. in Roemer 201
- **Nov. 5:** [Urban Warrior Games](#) (BV)
- **Through Nov. 8:** [Selections from Wells Fargo Collection](#) (STC)
- **Nov. 7:** [Faculty Colloquium Series](#)
- **Nov. 8:** [Jazz Band Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 9-10:** Student One Acts in Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 9:** [Faculty Reads Series](#)
- **Nov. 9:** Curriculum Mapping Follow-Up; 3 p.m., AB Leadership Room
- **Nov. 9:** [Orchestra Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 10:** [Wind and Percussion Ensembles Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 11:** Dissertation Defense: Matthew F Glazer at 9 a.m. in Roemer 201
- **Nov. 11:** [Choir Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 12:** Metro Honor Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 3 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** Choir Concert, Lindenwood Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 12:** Student One Acts in Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16:** [Dragging Up the Past, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 17:** [Geographic Information Systems Day](#)
- **Nov. 17:** [Percussion Ensemble, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)

- **Nov. 18:** Matt Hormann Recital, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 18:** Dissertation Defense: Lauren Elizabeth Jansen at 9 a.m. in Roemer 201
- **Nov. 19:** [String Ensemble Concert, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 4 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 19:** [Jazz Combo 1 Concert, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 20:** [Guitar Ensemble/Jazz Combo 2 Concert, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 4 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 20:** [Recital, Emerson Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.](#)
- **Nov. 20-Dec. 5:** [Young Artists and Their teachers](#)
- **Dec. 9:** Dissertation Defense: Kelly Ann Hantak at 9 a.m. in Roemer 201