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Williamson Selected Dean of First-Year Programs

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Shane Williamson, Ed.D, has been named Dean of First-Year Programs at Lindenwood University. She brings more than 10 years of experience to the role and has the distinction of being the first and only director of the school's first-year initiatives.

Prior to coming to Lindenwood in 2007, Williamson was employed for three years as assistant dean of academics for the Albert Dorman Honors College at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She worked for three years as a first-year counselor at Montclair State University in New Jersey prior to that.

"I'm passionate about helping new students learn to navigate the university setting," Williamson said. "Ultimately, it helps them to succeed and reach their career goals."

Under her supervision, Lindenwood's First-Year Experience course has grown to include five days of academic and spiritual events designed to foster a sense of community among new students. The week-long program takes place at the beginning of each school year and has contributed greatly to significant increases in student retention rates at the University.

As dean, Williamson continues to oversee the organization and execution of all first-year programs and freshman seminar courses, as well as monitor academic success and retention rates. She also continues to serve as an associate professor in the School of Education while working to expand the academic portion of Lindenwood's first-year programs.

"I'm looking forward to creating learning communities in which students can take more than one course together during the semester," Williamson said. "I'd also like to institute a common summer reading program through which students share the same assigned readings and discuss them together during First-Year Experience."

Did You
Know?

Did you know that prior to becoming President of Lindenwood College, Dr. John Roemer was the pastor of the Tyler Place Presbyterian Church in St. Louis? This is the same church pastored by our own Dr. Mike Mason before he came to teach at Lindenwood University.

Queen is Employee of Month for July

Scott Queen, Director of Communications and Marketing, has been named Employee of the Month for July 2010. Queen's nomination cited the work he did assembling Lindenwood's application materials for entry into the NCAA.

The nomination points out that, while many people were involved in Lindenwood's attempt to gain entry into the NCAA, Queen was responsible for assembling the application itself, which was 39 pages long without addenda. The final document was 200 pages long. This required compiling data from numerous sources inside and outside of the campus and translating all of it into a single, cohesive document with nothing less than the University's admission to the NCAA riding on the finished product. As most in the Lindenwood community already know, Lindenwood was accepted into NCAA candidacy in July.

"We assembled a great, diverse group of faculty, staff, coaches, and alumni," Queen said of the group working on the application. "We looked at everything. Lots of people spent many hours researching. Deep down, we knew we'd end up here. It was the beginning of an 11-month immersion into athletics. So many people made valuable contributions, including John Creer and Chanda Jackson, and we couldn't have been successful without the support of Dr. Evans and the Board of Directors."

Queen has been at the helm of the Public Relations Office since 1996, prior to which he was managing editor of the Suburban Journals in St. Charles County and Illinois.

On becoming Employee of the Month, Queen was quick to point out that his work in the NCAA application process was not a solitary pursuit.

"I'm honored, but I look at it as something that really belongs to many people," Queen said, "from the PR staff who picked up the slack while I was busy with all this to the athletic staff and LU administration who made it a success."

Film Series Set for Launch

The new Lindenwood University Film Series is scheduled to launch in September, featuring a combination of classic, international, and contemporary works. The series will debut with the award-winning film *Easy Rider* at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, in Young Hall on the main St. Charles campus.

Created by Associate Professor of Communications Peter Carlos and directed by Philosophy Department Chair David Brown, Ph.D., the Lindenwood University Film Series will focus on offering movies with high artistic, cultural, and intellectual value. Group discussions will follow each presentation.

A selection committee comprised of Lindenwood faculty and students hand-picked the more than 30 films that will be shown throughout the fall 2010 semester. Highlights of the lineup include *Planet of the Apes*, *Night of the Living Dead*, *District 9*, *Lord of the Flies*, *The Lives of Others*, and *Black Narcissus*.

The series will be presented in the renovated Young Hall Auditorium. The space boasts 180 theatre seats, handicap-accessible sections, a large high-definition projection screen, and a Dolby Digital 7.1 surround sound system.

Concession items will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Lindenwood Student Activities Office. Free parking will be available on-campus.

Admission to all Lindenwood Film Series events is free for those who possess staff or student identification. The cost to attend for members of the general public is \$5 per person, cash only.

A full schedule of titles and show times is posted on the Lindenwood University Film Series website at www.lindenwood.edu/film. For more information, e-mail film@lindenwood.edu or contact Brown at 636-949-4411.
