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New Security Director Kurt Smith Begins Work at LU

Kurt Smith, a law enforcement professional with more than two decades of experience, has been named Director of Public Safety and Security at Lindenwood University. He will oversee the management of the department, develop and execute special event security plans, enforce campus parking regulations, and address individual student and visitor issues.

Smith brings to the position nearly 25 years of experience as a member of the law enforcement community in Creve Coeur, Webster Groves, and O'Fallon, Mo. He also has experience in executive protection, regional security management, and investigative agency work.

Most recently, he was employed as criminal justice program manager for Allied College-South in Fenton, Mo. He also teaches courses at the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Academy in St. Peters, Mo.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lindenwood in 1997 and a master's degree in human resource management from the university in 1999.

"I absolutely love Lindenwood," he said. "I graduated from the school with both of my degrees and it makes me happy to be ending up here. It's just a great fit."

Smith resides in St. Charles, Mo., with his wife, Kimberly. They have a daughter, Karla, 19, and a son, Matt, 15.

Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to pastoring a church in Missouri (and later, becoming President of Lindenwood College), Dr. John Roemer pastored in Chillicothe, Ohio? While there, Dr. Roemer offered the opening prayer for newly elected Ohio Lieutenant Governor and rising politician, Warren G. Harding

Mettler-Cherry Dean in Belleville

Paige Mettler-Cherry, Ph.D., has been named Associate Dean of Academics for Lindenwood University-Belleville. She replaces the retiring Boyd Morros.

"It's going to be nice because Boyd will be there a couple days each week until September helping me get acclimated," she said.

In her new role, Mettler-Cherry will be responsible for a variety of duties and initiatives. She will assist in the operation of the LCIE program, work toward the continued growth of the traditional day program, supervise faculty, and more.

"It's pretty broad," Mettler-Cherry said. "I'll also be helping with student recruitment and retention, facility development, including the remodel of the first lab facility for science courses, and teaching one of my favorite classes, Concepts of Biology, as part of the new pre-nursing program."

The career move will also mean a shorter commute for Mettler-Cherry, as she and her husband, Don, live only a couple miles from the Belleville campus.

"I'm really excited because my husband gave me a new bike for my birthday and Mother's Day so I'll be able to

bike to work," she said. "And my 7-year-old daughter, Dorothy June, helped pick it out, so it has bright pink wheel rims. I'll be easy to spot."

Mettler-Cherry will stay busy outside of work taking care of her new baby, Christopher James, who was born in February of this year. She also plans to continue working on several personal research projects.

Ricardo Delgado, Associate Professor and Chair of the Chemistry Department at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, will also serve as Chair of the Biology Department following Mettler-Cherry's departure.

Bailey named Employee of the Month for April

Lindenwood University Housekeeper Vanessa Bailey has been named the Employee of the Month for April. She has worked at the University since October 2009 in Margaret Leggat Butler Library and the Lillie P. Roemer Memorial Arts Building.

"It's a beautiful spot to be, right in the middle of the historic part of campus," said Bailey. "I love looking out and seeing the beautiful landscaping and all the activity."

Bailey's work ethic in the library's high-traffic hallways has become a source of inspiration for her co-workers.

"Vanessa has waxed the marble floor, thoroughly cleaned the hardwood floors, and shoveled snow at the building's entrance during Lindenwood's two snow days," wrote Bailey's nominator.

"In the past year, she has taken on major projects such as removing graffiti from the study carrels and dusting hundreds of bookshelves. It's not an easy place to keep clean, and we are continually amazed by the way she regularly goes above and beyond her daily duties."

The feeling of respect is mutual for Bailey, who praised staff and students for their role in creating a positive atmosphere at Lindenwood.

"Everyone is so happy, upbeat, and dedicated. I absolutely love it here."