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Castillo Selected as July Employee of Month

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Crystal Castillo, Admissions and Financial Aid Counselor at Lindenwood University, has been named the Employee of the Month for July. She has been in the position since May of 2010, prior to which she served as a graduate assistant in the Athletics Department.

Castillo currently helps students navigate the admissions process, from conducting campus tours to assisting with enrollment days. She recently began serving as a liaison for student-athletes participating in NCAA sports.

“That’s one of my favorite parts of the job,” said Castillo. “I was on the other side of the desk when I came to Lindenwood to play basketball as an undergraduate, and my counselor made the process easier for me. My goal is to do the same for the students I work with by making their transition from high school to college a smooth one.”

She has been successful in achieving this goal, as is evident from the praise she received in her nomination letter from a student’s parents. Jim and Lisa Clark of Fulton, Mo., expressed in their letter the ways in which Castillo has positively impacted their family’s experiences with Lindenwood.

“We first met Crystal when we toured the campus with our daughter, Haley,” they wrote.

Crystal was so kind and helpful in explaining everything, and she was very patient with all of our seemingly constant questions and concerns. Without a doubt, Crystal greatly influenced our decision for Hailey to choose LU over other schools.”

The Clarks also noted that Castillo continues to respond quickly and kindly to all their inquiries, and commented that the University is fortunate to have her as an employee. In response, Castillo said she felt honored and blessed.

“I’m floored,” Castillo said. “I just come to work and try to go above and beyond as much as I can because I know it will benefit everyone in the long run. “

Did You Know?

Did you know that the famed race car family, the Unser, has a Lindenwood connection? Lindenwood Alumna Mary Craven Unser (Class of 1930) is the mother of Al, Jerry, and Bobby Unser. In the earlier days of racing, Mrs. Unser would drive the service car to each of their destinations before a race.

O'Fallon South Location is Dedicated

Lindenwood University’s 11th extension campus, in South O’Fallon, was officially opened with a

ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, August 11, 2011. Lindenwood officials and various individuals with the O'Fallon municipal government and the Chamber of Commerce were on hand to open the new center, which is located at 4701 Highway K, a short distance from Interstate 64.

Master of Ceremonies Brett Barger, Dean of Evening Admissions and Extension Campuses, introduced speakers like Dr. James D. Evans, Lindenwood's President; Bill Hennessey, mayor of O'Fallon; Erin Williams, of the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce; and Grace Harmon, of the Lindenwood Board of Directors. Jann Weitzel, Lindenwood's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, delivered the invocation, and Site Director Angie Hester was also recognized.

The facility houses administrative offices and classrooms equipped with the latest instructional technology. It will be used for the University's popular accelerated evening program, Lindenwood College for Individualized Education (LCIE). Lindenwood's other extension centers are located throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, from Belleville, Ill., to Lincoln County, Mo. For more information about the O'Fallon South Campus or the LCIE program, call the Lindenwood Evening Admissions Office at 636-949-4933.
