



Nov. 29, 2016

Today's Headlines

Student Course Evaluation Reminders

Dear Faculty,

Due to the Canvas Minimum Use standard that requires faculty to keep a running grade book, students will no longer be required to fill out a course evaluation in order to see their final grade in a given course. While we believe that the students' ability to see their grades throughout a term will ultimately be to their benefit and thus to the benefit of retention, it does mean that we must be more conscientious about reminding students to fill out course evaluations.

Please remind students to fill out evaluations for your courses. The administration and IT will work to provide additional reminders to students to fill out evaluations, but only faculty can express the value of evaluations to their personal pedagogy. It may help them to understand why they should fill out evaluations:

1. Evaluations are reviewed by individual faculty to determine what was and was not effective in a particular course.
2. Evaluations are uploaded directly into a faculty member's Evaluation Portal and are reviewed regularly by the faculty member's supervisor.
3. This fall, students who fill out evaluations for all of their courses by the end of term (December 13 for MBA and semester students; December 21 for ADP students) will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card—we will have eight available and drawings will be open to all students from both campuses. To ensure that evaluations remain

completely anonymous, IT will create a report for this drawing that identifies all eligible students by ID number.

As a university, we're using the data that evaluations provide in conjunction with faculty evaluations to make strategic decisions about initiatives that will directly impact faculty and students, including hiring and staffing, retention efforts, and classroom quality. Therefore it's critically important that we work together to get the best response rate possible.

Thank you for your assistance,

Marilyn S. Abbott, PhD
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Trends in Higher Education

This contribution marks the start of a regular posting of articles on Issues in Higher Education. The inaugural article discusses increasing pressure that the US Department of Education that is applying to higher education accrediting agencies, such as HLC. That in turn is causing the accreditors to press colleges and universities to show improved results, particularly in graduation rates. These changes are affecting decisions made by universities around the country.

<http://www.educationdive.com/news/graduation-rates-at-core-of-potential-accreditation-overhaul/426854/>

List of Graduates for Approval Available Now

Dear Faculty Members,

As is the practice at Lindenwood University, the faculty members approve the list of graduates for the commencement ceremony. Your role in this process is very important. We ask that you review the list of graduates available on the faculty drive in the folder titled "Commencement Information". The faculty will vote to approve the list at the faculty meeting on Wednesday, November 30.

Please remember that the list contains the names of those students who submitted an application to graduate; the list does not necessarily represent those students who will actually receive a diploma. Degrees are posted after final grades are submitted and graduation audits are complete.

Thank you,



Barry P. Finnegan
Dean, Academic Services

Witherspoon Receives Alumni Merit Award at SEMO



Congratulations to Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Pernell Witherspoon, who received the [Merit Award](#) presented by the Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association on Nov. 4 at the Copper Dome Society/Merit Recognition Dinner in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Started in 1958, the award “honors alumni who have brought distinction to themselves and the University.”

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Lindenwood University has partnered with USA TODAY to bring students, faculty, and staff a new app that offers access to the latest national, world, local, and campus news. The Buzz: Lindenwood University includes content powered by the news section of Lindenwood’s website, the online format of the *Legacy* student newspaper, known as LindenLink, USA TODAY College, and USA TODAY.

“We made the decision to move away from newspapers and toward this app because we want students to have access to news at their fingertips 24/7,” said Director of Student Involvement Angie Royal. “It not only allows us to bring news to the students, but it also has cool features like Lindenwood’s social media feeds, an events calendar so students can stay in-the-know about what’s happening around campus, and live streaming of our radio station, The Wood.”

The Buzz: Lindenwood University is free and can be downloaded from the iTunes or Google Play stores.

“It’s accessible to everyone, so parents, alumni, and even our students studying abroad will be able to enjoy the app,” Royal said. “We encourage everyone with ties to Lindenwood to visit their app store and download The Buzz: Lindenwood!”

Assessment Tip of the Week

We need your examples of “closing the loop” for the HLC Assurance Argument! How have you used assessment findings and other evidence to make improvements? Here are the specific HLC criteria for accreditation that address the issue: [Read more](#)

Lindenwood Belleville Tunnels Getting Media Attention (BV)

Several stories about the tunnels beneath Lindenwood Belleville have been published recently.

- [Cold War Secrets Hidden for Decades Beneath Belleville Campus to be Revealed](#) (Lindenwood University)
 - [At Lindenwood-Belleville, Remnants of Another Era Surface Underground](#) (Belleville News-Democrat)
 - [Lindenwood Discovers Untold Past in Tunnels Beneath Belleville Campus](#) (KTVI Fox 2)
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Notice of Accreditation Site Visit for MSN Program (STC)

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Nursing and Public Health Sciences at Lindenwood University will host an accreditation site visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on February 22, 23, and 24, 2017. The purpose of the visit is to review our program for initial program accreditation. [Read more](#)

Two Weekday Basketball Games at Hyland Arena

The Lindenwood basketball teams will both have weekday basketball games this week at Hyland Arena. On Tuesday night at 7 p.m., the Lady Lions will take on Lindenwood-Belleville. Lindenwood won its home opener last week against Puerto Rico-Mayaguez and will look to stay perfect at home against a Belleville squad that is 4-2 on the year. Wednesday evening, the men’s team takes the court at Hyland Arena at 7 p.m. against Robert Morris-Springfield. The Lions are 7-2 and riding a three-game winning streak.

Admission to both games is free for all Lindenwood faculty and staff.

Full Faculty Meeting Nov. 30 (STC)

There will be a full faculty meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room. Please see the linked [agenda](#).

De-Stress Fest Dec. 1

Join Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Lindenwood University for De-Stress Fest Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. See the events and activities [here!](#)

Exempt Staff Volunteers Needed for December 10, 2016 Commencement (STC)

It's that time of year again, Academic Services is seeking exempt staff members to volunteer to assist with December Commencement. It is an opportunity to earn a \$100 stipend and cheer on our graduates on this special occasion! This does not include staff that already have assigned duties each year such as the Academic Services, Maintenance, Housekeeping, or PR. Please email Christine Hannar at CHannar@lindenwood.edu by **Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016** if you would like to volunteer.

Please indicate [your](#) first two job choices. You will need to arrive at the Family Arena between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Dec.10.

- 10 positions for student check-in table – greeting students, giving them their name card and possible honors cords, directing them to the student line-up area
- 15 positions for student line-up area – greeting students, reviewing name card with line-up information and directing the students to their specific area, assisting graduate students with hoods
- 4 positions for faculty line-up – assisting faculty with lineup
- 6 positions for programs – greet guests and hand out programs
- 5 positions for VIP parking

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Events and Deadlines

- **Through Dec. 2:** [Christmas on Campus](#) (BV)
- **Through Dec. 5:** [Young Artists and Their teachers](#)
- **Nov. 29:** [Dr. Richard Millett](#)
- **Nov. 30:** Global Leadership Speaker Series: Scott Alberson, 11 a.m. in Dunseth Auditorium
- **Dec. 1:** [Graduating Student Day](#) (STC)
- **Dec. 1:** Barnes & Noble De-Stress Fest (11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Bookstore)
- **Dec. 1-3:** [A Christmas Carol](#) (STC)
- **Dec. 2-4:** [A Christmas Carol](#) (BV)
- **Dec. 2:** Dissertation Defense: Aedryan Nathanael Cox; 8 a.m., Roemer 201
- **Dec. 2:** [Fashion Show](#)
- **Dec. 9:** Dissertation Defense: Kelly Ann Hantak; 9 a.m., Roemer 201
- **Dec. 30:** [Gymnastics Fundraising Event](#)