

Dec. 2, 2016

## **Today's Headlines**

## **Assigning Honors Grades in Canvas**

This is just a reminder that now that we are using Canvas, there is a <u>new procedure for giving out honors credit!</u> Remember that honors credit in a regular course requires that the student receive an 'A' in the course itself (independently from the honors project). Only honors-only courses may give out 'BH' grades.

Thank you!
Rachel Douchant

## Women's Hockey Home This Weekend; Men's Basketball Plays at Hyland On Monday (STC)

The Lindenwood women's hockey team is playing its best hockey of the year right now, going 2-1-2 over its last five games. The Lady Lions hope their hot play continues this weekend when they host defending conference champion Mercyhurst at the Lindenwood Ice Arena. Friday's game will start at 7 p.m., followed by a 1 p.m. game on Saturday. The Lakers are just one point ahead of the Lady Lions in the conference standings, and Lindenwood will look for a big weekend to jump ahead of Mercyhurst in the CHA race.

The Lindenwood men's basketball team will have its final tune-up before conference play on Monday night at Hyland Arena. The Lions will take on Brescia at 7 p.m.

Admission to all Lindenwood regular season sporting events is free for all Lindenwood faculty and staff.

## **New Issue of Missouri Policy Journal Now Available**

The fourth issue of the Missouri Policy Journal is now online.

## New Alpha Phi Sigma Members (BV)

Congratulations to the <u>Fall 2016 Inductees</u> of the Pi Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, The National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

#### Finals Week/Winter Break Schedules

**Dining Winter Break Schedule (STC)** 

**Evans Commons Finals Week Schedule** 

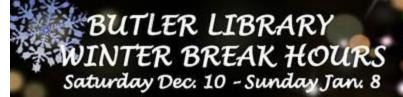
**Evans Commons Winter Break Schedule** 



We are open until 2:00 a.m. Sunday, December 4 - Wednesday, December 7!



Lindenwood University Belleville Library



Saturday

Sunday

Monday - Thursday

Friday

Friday Dec. 23 - Monday Jan. 2 CLOSED

Tuesday Jan. 3

Monday Jan. 9

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Resume Winter Break Hours

Resume Regular Semester Hours

**Student Research Conference** 

The fifth annual Student Research Conference, formerly known as the Student Research Symposium and Exposition, will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. In preparation for the event, faculty are invited to recommend worthy student projects to participate. The Faculty Recommendation form is available from November 30 through Jan. 31, and is a way for faculty members to encourage students to present their research projects. Faculty are welcome to recommend students for individual paper presentations, poster presentations, group projects, theatre, dance, art or music performances, poetry/fiction readings, and panel or roundtable presentations. The form is available at <a href="http://www.lindenwood.edu/academics/beyond-the-classroom/student-research/srse-faculty-nominations/faculty-nomination-form/">http://www.lindenwood.edu/academics/beyond-the-classroom/student-research/srse-faculty-nominations/faculty-nomination-form/</a>. Please contact SRC@lindenwood.edu with any questions.

#### **Excused Absences**

## Fall Fashion Show 2016 Excused Absences

Please excuse this list of students for participation in the Fall 2016 Fashion Show Rehearsals and Fashion Show on the following days and times; Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016 from 6-9 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-9 p.m..

Thank You!

For any questions or concerns please contact: Chajuana Trawick Fashion Design Program Chair <a href="mailto:ctrawick@lindenwood.edu">ctrawick@lindenwood.edu</a>

### **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

# 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 <a href="mailto:CHannar@lindenwood.edu">CHannar@lindenwood.edu</a> 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

## **Recent Editions**

- Nov. 29, 2016
- Nov. 22, 2016
- Nov. 18, 2016
- Nov. 15, 2016
- Nov. 11, 2016
- Nov. 8, 2016

## **Events and Deadlines**

- Through Dec. 2: Christmas on Campus (BV)
- Through Dec. 3: A Christmas Carol (STC)
- Through Dec. 5: Young Artists and Their teachers
- Dec. 2-4: A Christmas Carol (BV)
- Dec. 2: Fashion Show
- Dec. 9: Dissertation Defense: Kelly Ann Hantak; 9 a.m., Roemer 201
- Dec. 30: Gymnastics Fundraising Event