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Powell Selected as August Employee of the Month

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Chantel Powell, Admissions Counselor at the Wentzville Extension Center, has been named the Employee of the Month for August. She has been in the position since January of 2011, prior to which she served in a clerical role in the Evening Admissions Office on the St. Charles campus.

“I worked at a resort and then was a stay-at-home mom before coming to Lindenwood through a temporary employment agency in 2010,” said Powell. “I helped the office with file upkeep, transcript organization, and so on. I jumped at the chance to become a full-time employee when the opportunity came up in Wentzville.”

Powell currently moves applicants through the admissions process by maintaining consistent contact, answering questions, and ensuring all necessary documentation is submitted in a timely manner to appropriate departments. She said she enjoys interacting with the many different people she encounters, which shows in her daily work.

“Her positive attitude has resonated with all the faculty and staff,” wrote Powell’s nominator Angie Hester, St. Charles County Centers Director. “Her cheerful demeanor and kindheartedness are shown daily to all those she comes in contact with.”

Hester also wrote in her nomination letter that she received several messages from students praising Powell for her work as an admissions counselor and location representative. One student remarked ‘It’s no wonder Lindenwood succeeds’ after Powell purchased water for an individual who had an issue with a vending machine.

“I truly believe that because of Chantel, students have a higher regard for the University,” Hester wrote. “It’s a great pleasure to nominate such a caring individual who goes above and beyond the call of duty each and every day.”

Powell was more than pleased to learn she’d been named Employee of the Month, saying she believes it is a great honor.

“I just think it’s totally awesome. It’s so nice to be told you’re doing a good job and that your work is appreciated. The award might be something small to others, but I’m really enjoying it.”

Did You Know?

Did you know that one of the editors of the **St. Louis Post Dispatch** was named after Lindenwood founder George Sibley? George Sibley Johns was the son John Jay Johns, a charter member of the Board of Directors. A biography, **Time of Our Lives**, written by his son, Orrick Johns, mentions the pranks that his father and friends played on the students at Lindenwood in the 1880s.

Mangels Heads Up Corporate, Foundation Relations

Susan Mangels has been named Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Lindenwood University. Her duties include raising funds for key university initiatives, strengthening the school's planned giving program, and developing community business partners within the St. Louis region.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to do my favorite thing, which is linking community resources with education," said Mangels. "It's great to be able to connect people who are currently doing good business to help fund the education of our future business leaders."

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, she served for 14 years as president of Lexington College in Chicago, Ill. She holds a master's degree in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University and a doctoral degree in policy studies in education from the University of Illinois.

Mangels serves or has served on the American Council on Education's Commission on Women in Higher Education, the Board of Directors of the Women's Foodservice Forum, as a Trustee of Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, Ill., and as Board Chair of the Chicago Culinary Guild. Her research interests include leadership, female executives, and career theory. She frequently delivers addresses on the topics of professional women, work-life balance, and wine.
