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Emo Gianini Named Employee of the Year

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Lindenwood University Maintenance Department employee Emo Gianini was named Employee of the Year at the University's annual Christmas party on Dec. 3. He had been named Employee of the Month for March because of his actions during a fire at one of Lindenwood's residential houses in the Linden Terrace neighborhood.

The fire started when heavy winds took down an electrical line attached to the house, which ignited the grass in the backyard and then the deck. Gianini, who was first to the scene, acted quickly with the first extinguisher in his truck and a garden hose to limit the rapid spread of the fire, which was difficult because of the persistent wind. By directing water onto the eaves of the house, he sought to keep the fire out of the attic.

Dr. James D. Evans said at the presentation that his actions, which were praised by the St. Charles Fire Department, most likely saved the structure.

"His efforts saved thousands of dollars in damages to the house and in personal belongings," said Julie Mueller, Lindenwood's Vice President for Operations and Finance and COO.

Gianini has been at Lindenwood since February of this year. Previously, he had worked at Schnucks for 35 years.

The other employees of the month for 2011 were Tim Canavan (December 2010), Rick Vogt (January), Dana Wehrli (February), Sara Gress (April), Barry Finnegan (May), Luis Basantes (June), Crystal Castillo (July), Chantel Powell (August), Steve Johnson (September), Elizabeth MacDonald (October), and Rebecca Ruff (November).

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood has a long history of being involved in community service projects? Over the years this has included everything from volunteering for the Red Cross during WWI and WWII to teaching inner city kids during the summer. Today's LU students provide over 6,500 hours of community service each year.

Brown-Hudson Marries Over Thanksgiving Break

Heather Brown-Hudson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English and French, recently wed Jason Miltenberger during an impromptu ceremony in Clearwater Beach, Fla. The event precedes a larger wedding the couple is planning in July 2012 in Cape May, NJ.

"We had originally planned to have a beach wedding in New Jersey where we met in 1994, but it

turned out it just wasn't going to work out logistically," Brown-Hudson said. "We happened to come across the most beautiful beach while we were in Florida over Thanksgiving break, and we just decided to go for it."

The pair went shopping on Black Friday and purchased a wedding dress and veil, the groom's attire, and wedding bands. A close friend of the couple's officiated and a hotel concierge served as the photographer.

"We had so much fun and we can't wait until the formal ceremony in July," said Brown-Hudson. "The official paperwork is done now, but we are looking forward to the celebration part of it with our children and all of our family and friends."

Professor Featured in Orlando Magazine

Maryann Townsend, Associate Professor of Management and Management Information Systems, was featured along with her Fly Rod Building and Fishing Preparation course in the December 2011 issue of *Greater Orlando Coastal Angler Magazine*. The article was submitted by Lindenwood student Taylor Matheny, an academic advisee of Townsend's who enrolled in her most recent January Term class.

"Taylor told me he was going to submit an article, but I wasn't exactly sure what it was going to be about," said Townsend. "When I saw it I was impressed that it was basically about Lindenwood and the class and not just about fishing. I thought it was neat that the experience students often have in the class was showcased."

The Fly Rod Building and Fishing Preparation class is offered each semester, as is an advanced class. Enrolled students are encouraged to take several individual components and create a customized fishing rod over the course of one term.

"The students enjoy putting those pieces together and learning a new skill in a less formal environment," Townsend said. "The majority say they find it rewarding to have their own finished product to take home."

For more information about the classes, contact Townsend at mtownsend@lindenwood.edu. To read the article, visit <http://www.coastalanglermag.com> and view the December issue of the Orlando publication.
