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LeClere Selected As January's Top Employee

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Katherine LeClere, St. Louis City Center Director, has been named the employee of the month for January. She has worked in the position for two years, overseeing admissions, marketing, and growth

of the location dedicated to the Lindenwood College for Individualized (LCIE) program.

"I do a little bit of everything because there are so many different unique situations that come up," LeClere said. "There's a wide range of duties, from helping students sign up for classes and getting their financial aid sorted out to giving presentations in the community and meeting with local businesses to raise awareness about what we offer. We want to make the LCIE program and the center a success for the University and for our students."

LeClere's work has so positively impacted students that a large group recently gathered to honor her kindness, hospitality, and empathy. They presented her with flowers and a card and also submitted a note of appreciation to Lindenwood administrators on her behalf.

"Katherine LeClere has turned our location into a beautiful collegiate atmosphere," wrote student Johnnie Mae Davis. "She has brought life, vitality, and a sparkle of grandeur into our midst! She demonstrates at all times the excellence that represents Lindenwood University."

LeClere expressed humble gratitude for the kind words and the gesture.

"It was so sweet. It's a great feeling watching people, especially those who initially had doubts about going back to school, graduate with their degrees. I just love helping people, and it's amazing to offer students guidance that helps them change their lives."

Did You Know?

Did you know that in an effort to increase enrollment at Lindenwood, Colonel James Butler offered students \$25 (\$565 in 2011 dollars) for each new pupil they were able to attract to the college. Subsequently, the student population quadrupled between 1907 and 1928.

Cox Receives Event Planning Award

Kerry Cox, Director of Student Life and Leadership, has received from Power Performers the 2011 Event Planner of the Year Award in the Most Memorable Event category. The New York-based entertainment agency selected Cox for his work on the “Robert Channing- The World’s Greatest Mind Reader and Hypnotist” event that took place at the University in 2011.



Cox was chosen for the honor from among more than 4,000 of his peers at college campuses nationwide. Criteria for the award included event organization, originality of theme, audience response, and planner professionalism.

“I’m surprised, honored, and excited to receive this award,” said Cox. “But I have to give credit to my co-workers Ben Mullins and Giang Tran, along with our graduate assistants. They deserve a ton of praise for all they do in pulling these events together, and I couldn’t do it without them.”

The Lindenwood Student Life and Leadership Office plans approximately 30 events annually and also assists the school’s 70-plus student organizations with the staging of events each year. Crowds have regularly numbered in the thousands for functions ranging from concerts by the Plain White T’s and Switchfoot to performances by top comedians such as Dan Cummins.

“One of our main roles is to provide entertainment and relaxation opportunities outside the classroom,” Cox said. “The events instill pride in the University among our students.”

Educator Resource Fair Coming to Campus in April

Frank Thouvenot, Ph.D., Assistant Professor and Chair of Elementary Education in the School of Education, has worked with Lindenwood University’s Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society to sponsor an Educator Resource Fair from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Campus Center. The free event will showcase a variety of local organizations and the teaching tools they offer to local educators.



“For several years my colleague Nancy Snider and I have enjoyed a similar fair that takes place at the St. Louis Zoo each fall, but we wanted to bring that same opportunity to our students and to teachers in north St. Louis, St. Charles, Warren, and Pike Counties,” Thouvenot said. “It’s a great way for them to know what educational resources are available, such as take-home kits, weekend workshops, and more.”

Event organizers expect nearly two dozen organizations to be represented at the fair. Confirmed participants already include the World Aquarium, the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, and the Gateway to Peace Museum.

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