

Director and Assistant of Student Life and Leadership Named

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Lindenwood University has hired Angela Royal as its new Director of Student Life and Leadership and Nicole Cornwell as Associate Director of Student Life and Leadership, effective July 2, 2012.



Royal

Royal comes to Lindenwood from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where she had served since 2007 as director of new student programs. She holds from the



Cornwell

university an undergraduate degree in workforce education development with an emphasis in business education, as well as a master's degree in higher education with an emphasis in college student personnel.

In her new position at Lindenwood, Royal is responsible for facilitating and scheduling campus activities, coordinating student organizations, and managing student facilities such as the Evans Commons. She also plans to create additional campus activities, spotlight social hubs on campus, and increase involvement from both residential and commuter students.

"Involvement is critical to student success," Royal said. "I'm looking forward to working closely with students to coordinate co-curricular activities and organizations that will help them develop into tomorrow's leaders, while also having a lot of fun!"

As associate director, Cornwell is responsible for assisting Royal in the management of student programs, overseeing the daily operations of the Evans Commons, and managing student organizations. She will also teach freshman orientation courses.

"I'm ready to meet the students and talk with them about what they would like to

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood's Theatre Department provided the entertainment for the grand opening of Mid Rivers Mall? On October 13, 1987, the Theatre Department performed a selection of one-act plays at the St. Peters mall. The mall's construction helped initiate the beginnings of St. Charles County's development and population boom.

see taking place on campus in terms of activities,” Cornwell said. “I would also love to explore increased involvement from Lindenwood’s evening and weekend students.”

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, Cornwell had served since 2008 as the program director of student involvement at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. She holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing with a minor in communications from Fontbonne University and a master’s degree in college student personnel administration from the University of Central Missouri.

“We are excited to have these two additions to the Student Life and Leadership team,” said John Oldani, Vice President for Student Development at Lindenwood. “Angela and Nicole have a wealth of knowledge and experience that will be of great benefit to our students and will help raise our activities program to an even higher level.”

Women’s Lacrosse Coach Smith Wins Statewide Award

Lindenwood women’s lacrosse assistant coach Brian Smith received the Women’s Commitment Award last week from the St. Louis Missouri Chapter of US Lacrosse. He received the award on Tuesday evening at the St. Louis Missouri Lacrosse Chapter/MSLA Annual Awards Banquet in St. Charles.



“It was a very humbling experience to receive this award,” said Smith. “It was a great night that for me was highlighted by two things. First was seeing the various athletes that I’ve watched grow as players and people over the years receive their awards. The second was being presented an award from the president of US Lacrosse, Michael O’Brien. He was my first lacrosse coach and the man who gave me my first lacrosse stick.”

Smith recently completed his fourth season as the Associate Head Coach of the Lindenwood women’s lacrosse program. He is the team’s offensive coordinator and last year helped the Lady Lions average 17.94 goals a game, the highest mark among teams that played an NCAA Division II schedule. That high-scoring offense led the team to a 15-2 overall record. The Lady Lions went 8-0 in conference play and won the first NCAA Division II conference championship in school history.

In his first three seasons at Lindenwood, he helped the program to a 56-18 record at the WCLA level. His offense produced two WCLA Attack Player of the Year awards, six All-Americans, and three all-tournament selections.

Smith played for the Lindenwood men’s lacrosse program and helped the team win conference titles in 2003 and 2005. He was a two-time first-team all-conference player, the 2003 conference championship game MVP, and a 2005 team captain and winner of the Coaches’ Leadership Award.

“I can’t think of a more deserving person to receive this award,” said

Lindenwood Head Coach Jack Cribbin. "It's terrific to see his years of service to the game of lacrosse formally recognized. Brian's enthusiasm, experience, and commitment to lacrosse in Missouri make him the ideal recipient for this honor."

Owen is Named Swimming and Diving Head Coach

Lindenwood University has hired Jason Owen as its new swimming and diving coach. Owen comes to Lindenwood from NCAA Division II swimming and diving powerhouse Drury University, where he was an assistant coach for the past four years.

During his time at Drury, Owen helped the Panther men's and women's swimming and diving programs become a preeminent national champion contender year in and year out. The Panther men's team just won its eighth consecutive NCAA Division II national championship. The Drury women also won three national championships under Owen.

Before moving into the coaching ranks, Owen was a standout swimmer at Drury. He was a four-year member of the Panthers and was on the 2002-03 national championship team. Owen was a 15-time All-American and a national champion in the 1,650-meter freestyle his freshman year. After his junior season he was named Drury's Most Valuable Swimmer.

After completing his swimming career for the Panthers, he served as a graduate assistant from 2003-05 and earned his master's degree in business. Owen received his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Drury in 2003. He has also been the head age group coach and most recently the associate senior coach for Springfield Aquatics over the past 10 years.

Owen is a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo. His wife, Kathleen, is a former swimming standout and Drury Athletics Hall of Fame member.
