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Wagganer Top Employee for July

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Tom Wagganer has been selected as Lindenwood University's Employee of the Month for July.

Wagganer, who serves as Lindenwood's director of game and event operations, has been a fixture at Lindenwood athletic events for more than two years. After working in the NBA Developmental League for a decade – some of that time as a general manager, Wagganer came to Lindenwood to earn his master's degree. It took no time at all for the athletics staff to recognize what a tremendous asset it had.

"Tom was a perfect fit for us," said Scott Queen, Associate Director of Athletics for External Operations. "His knowledge, experience, and work ethic have already produced wonderful results."

After earning his master's Wagganer was hired and began his current assignment. He has introduced many new concepts to enhance the game day environment at Lindenwood, most recently a student rewards program that allows Lindenwood students the chance to earn free clothing and gear by accumulating points as they attend sporting events.

Wagganer also was the "glue" that helped Lindenwood successfully host another Mullen Sports basketball showcase over the summer, bringing revenue and exposure to Lindenwood and economic impact to our community.

"It is a honor to be selected," Wagganer said. "Lindenwood is expanding rapidly because it has such terrific employees, so it feels great to be associated with them. I hope I can represent this institution well."

Did You Know?

Did you know that Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) spoke at Lindenwood in 1961? Senator Smith was the first woman to serve in both houses of the United States Congress. Less than a year after becoming a senator, in 1949, she attracted national attention when she publicly denounced Senator Joseph McCarthy for his anti-Communist crusade.



Director of Public Safety and Security

John Bowman, a law enforcement professional with nearly three decades of experience, started work today as Lindenwood University's new Director of Public Safety and Security. He will manage the department, develop and execute special event security plans, enforce campus parking regulations, and address student and visitor concerns.



Bowman had been employed for the past 29 years as a police officer, most recently in the City of Ferguson, Mo. He was assigned for 19 years to the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, 17 of which were spent in a supervisory role. He possesses seven years of experience as an investigator and has been a school resource officer for the past 10 years. He has also been a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E) officer and a board member for the Missouri D.A.R.E Officers Association.

"Working with Lindenwood's young adults on ways to keep themselves and the campus safe will be a new challenge for me, because it's ultimately everyone's individual responsibility to make that happen," Bowman said. "Plus, I'm looking forward to being a part of the University's rapid growth."

Bowman currently resides in St. Charles, Mo., with his wife, Teresa. They have five children and four grandchildren.

Kalkbrenner First at Water Skiing Competition

Erin Kalkbrenner, Graduate Assistant in Lindenwood University's Center for International and Global Studies, recently took first place overall in the 2012 GOODE Water Ski National Championships. She also took first place in the jump portion of the tournament, which was held August 14-18 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The title is the most recent of Kalkbrenner's impressive 2012 season accomplishments. She has set a new Missouri state trick skiing record; won slalom, trick, jump, and overall titles at the Missouri State Water Ski Championships in July; and won the trick, jump, and overall titles at the Midwest Regional Water Ski Championships earlier this month.

Kalkbrenner currently coaches two ski teams in addition to pursuing a master's of business administration in finance and a doctorate in educational leadership from Lindenwood. She anticipates a graduation date of May 2014.
