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Dr. Deb Ayres Named Vice President for Human Resources



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Did You Know?

President James D. Evans, PhD, has announced the selection of Dr. Deb Ayres as Lindenwood University's new Vice President for Human Resources. Ayres will replace Dr. Rick Boyle, who is retiring from the post at the end of August.

Boyle was the first to hold the post, which was created in 2007. Ayres has been Chair of the Educational Leadership Department in the School of Education since 2008.

She has also worked as a human resources management consultant since 2000 and was assistant superintendent for human resources for the Kirkwood School District from 1990 to 2008. Prior to that, she held a number of teaching and administrative posts in the Ritenour, Francis Howell, Fort Zumwalt, and Orchard Farm School Districts, going back to 1976.

"Dr. Ayres' wealth of experience as a human resources professional in educational settings, as well as her dedication to Lindenwood's students, made her an excellent fit for the position," Evans said. "I am happy to welcome her to Lindenwood's executive team, and I am grateful for her service to the University."

Ayres, who will work with Boyle up to his retirement date, spoke in highly glowing terms of Boyle's leadership in the post.

"It is an honor to be selected to fill the void that Vice President Boyle leaves behind as he transitions to the next phase of his journey," Ayres said.

She also discussed the importance of the position to the entire university and its impact on the very mission of the school.

"I understand the impact that the Vice President for Human Resources has on providing a quality education and experience for Lindenwood University students," Ayres said. "Facilitating the selection of highly qualified faculty, staff,

Did you know that in 1928 Lindenwood had one of the earliest college chapters of the League of Women Voters? The national League was founded at a St. Louis convention in 1920. In 1930, Lindenwood hosted the third annual conference for college chapters in Missouri.

and administration to serve the students, while supporting the professional and personal success and wellness of all employees, is the mission to which I am dedicated. I look forward to serving and establishing professional relationships with the university's most valuable resource, its people.”

Hannar Selected as May Employee of the Month

Christine Hannar, Registrar at Lindenwood University, has been named the Employee of the Month for May.



Hannar began her employment at the University in 1998 in the Office of Admissions. She transferred to Academic Services in 2002 and became assistant registrar in 2004. After taking a brief hiatus from Lindenwood, she returned and was appointed registrar in 2007.

“I serve as a custodian of records, help manage Academic Services, and spend a lot of time on the degree conferral process,” Hannar said. “I work with students and their advisors to make sure everything is in line so graduates can receive their degrees.”

The O’Fallon, Mo., resident also plays a large part in preparing for the University’s commencement ceremonies each year. She communicates with students and parents, organizes staff assistance, and handles a multitude of other details surrounding the event.

“I’m kind of an introverted and detail-oriented person, so I like all the tracking parts of my job, but I also love working with the students,” she said. “It’s great to see them at graduation, because they’ve worked so hard and they are so excited. I was the first one in my family to graduate from college, so I know that feeling.”

Hannar was nominated for the Employee of the Month Award by Barry Finnegan, Dean of Academic Services. He praised Hannar for her work in contributing to the success of Lindenwood’s graduation ceremonies and for her ability to work well with others.

“Chris works closely with advisors and I receive positive feedback from other staff members all the time,” Finnegan said. “She and Adam Ulrich stepped up to the plate this year to handle Commencement when I had to go to Ireland. They went above and beyond.

“Chris juggles many different responsibilities and always manages to do so with ease. She has daily contact with many other departments, and I know she is the go-to person in Academic Services when people need answers.”

Hannar said she was excited to receive the award and shared the praise with her co-workers.

“It always feels good to get that recognition, especially when you know how many people work here and how hard everyone works. Barry is great to work for, and the rest of my co-workers are one of the best parts about coming to

work every day.”

Stein Busy With Publications

Michael Stein, Professor of Sociology, presented a paper at the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) annual Conference on the State of Higher Education June 14 in Washington, D.C. The paper was titled, “From Syllabus to Evaluation: Electronica, Assessment and the Merchandizing of Knowledge.”



In addition to this accomplishment, Stein also recently co-authored an article and a book chapter with several of his Lindenwood University colleagues. He wrote the article, “Market Forces and the College Classroom: Losing Sovereignty,” along with Chris Scribner, Professor of Psychology, and David Brown, Professor and Chair of the Philosophy Department. The piece has been selected to appear in a future edition of AAUP’s online *Journal of Academic Freedom*.

Stein also co-authored, "From One to Many: Hope and the Lessons of Perspective," along with Dana Klar, Associate Professor and Field Education Coordinator, and Jeanie Thies, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and Dean of Institutional Research. Their work will appear as a chapter in the forthcoming book, *Hope Matters: The Power of Social Work*, which will be published by the National Association of Social Work. The project is an outgrowth of a presentation made by the trio last summer at the 2012 National Association of Social Workers conference.
