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Jose Jones Selected as June Employee of the Month



Jose Jones, Student Account Representative for the Business Office, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for June.

Jones came to Lindenwood University in 2002 from the Republic of Panama to pursue an undergraduate degree in mass communications. He completed the program in 2005 and became a graduate assistant in the Business Office while enrolled in graduate school. He earned a master's degree in international business from Lindenwood in 2007 and was promptly hired into his current role as a student account representative.

"I serve as the liaison between students and the appropriate departments for their needs," Jones said. "I've always wanted to help and I believe education is the key to success."

Amy Hess, LCIE Account Representative in the Business Office, nominated Jones for the award, praising his efficient and selfless help.

"He was a student and is now a staff member and role model to all that he meets," she said. "Many international students arrive here not knowing anyone and Jose has the warm personality to greet them, make them feel welcome, and help them through the financial steps to be successful at this University. On top of that, his bilingual abilities have made it possible for the Business Office to expand our communications among other countries."

Jones is also a boxer with more than 25 amateur fights and two professional fights under his belt. He teaches a one credit-hour class called, "Boxing Therapy Boot Camp." The class is aimed at helping students manage stress and boost their self-esteem.

"Boxing is a lifestyle," Jones said. "Life is a fight, and no matter what you have to keep moving forward."

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Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood has had a historic relationship with KMOX radio since the 1920s? In the early days, Lindenwood choirs would provide live performances in its studios. Over the years, KMOX provided training and equipment to the college's own station, KCLC. Several KMOX and CBS personalities participated in Lindenwood events. By the 1970s, KMOX General Manager Robert Hyland was the Chairman of Lindenwood's Board of Directors. Hyland Arena is named after him.

As a natural leader who's always looking for ways to improve and help others, Jones adheres to this philosophy in his daily life. He believes that learning is a healthy addiction and a lifelong process.

Jones earned master's degrees in professional counseling and school counseling from Lindenwood in 2011 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in instructional leadership with an emphasis in andragogy. He is very passionate about his studies and anticipates completion of the program in 2014.

ELA Journal Chosen to Present Award at Conference

The Lindenwood University *Journal of Educational Leadership in Action* was chosen to present the award for "best paper" on June 4 at the International Conference on Education in Chicago, Ill. The ELA journal's editor, Lynda Leavitt, EdD, Associate Professor in Educational Leadership, presented the award.



Educational Leadership in Action is an open-access online peer review journal for dialogue on research-based education practice.

"ELA was honored to be selected to present the best paper award and represent Lindenwood University at an international conference," Leavitt said.

Lindenwood partnered with Concept Schools and a number of other institutions to organize the International Conference on Education, which aims to increase student success with stronger communications amongst the academic community through the exchange of research and perspectives. Vanessa Coe, PhD, Assistant Professor in Education, served on the ICE editorial board along with Leavitt and as a moderator, and Dean of Education Cynthia Bice served on the advisory board.

The Lindenwood University ELA has already been chosen to present the award again in 2014.

"We look forward to next year's conference and once again presenting the best paper award," Leavitt said.
