

IT's Butterhorn Selected as November's Top Employee

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Matt Butterhorn, Information Technology Technician, has been named the Employee of the Month for November.



The St. Charles resident became an independent contractor at Lindenwood University shortly after graduating from the school in 2009 with an undergraduate degree in information technology. He was hired into his current position as a full-time employee in 2011.

"In general, I'm a help desk technician, so I handle hardware and software issues," he said. "I'm also in charge of document management and point-of-sale systems across campus, including concessions for athletics and Spirit Shoppe systems."

Sprit Shoppe Manager David Dickherber was impressed with Butterhorn's work with the store and submitted a glowing Employee of the Month award nomination on his behalf.

"Our point-of-sale has outgrown the Shoppe, and Matt has been doing yeoman's labors to hold it together," Dickherber wrote. "Matt stayed on the phone with me for almost two hours while remoting into our system at the Hyland Arena from Belleville, Ill. His efforts allowed us to conduct business at Lindenwood's first basketball game, and we would have had to close the doors if not for his expertise."

"Matt is a true example of servant leadership," Dickherber continued. "He has multiple responsibilities in his department and he always stops what he's doing to keep the Spirit Shoppe up and running."

Butterhorn responded to the news of being named Employee of the Month with surprise, saying it was an unexpected honor for which he is grateful. He said he finds the rewards of his work enjoyable and its challenges appealing.

"I like that technology is constantly evolving and I'm always learning about something new and exciting," he said. "I consider myself a problem solver, and there's always something different to take on. It keeps things interesting."

Did You Know?

Did you know that 2013 marks the 30th year that Lindenwood has hosted its annual Christmas Walk? The Walk was designed as a thank you to the community for all of its support over the years, and to remind people the reason for the season.

Schrader Invited to Speak at GPA Meeting

Vicki Schrader, Grants Manager at Lindenwood University, has been invited to speak at the Grant Professionals Association (GPA)—St. Louis Regional Chapter meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Central Reform Congregation Church.



Schrader will review a presentation titled “Your Proposal Must Say This,” given by Cheryl Kester at the 2013 National Grant Professionals Association Conference in Baltimore, Md., in November.

Kent Hornberger, president of the chapter, invited Schrader to talk.

“During the national conference, the president approached me and asked me if I would speak about Kester’s proposal,” said Schrader.

Schrader’s talk will focus on the importance of communicating the right message to funders, making a convincing case that Kester’s proposal is the right investment in the funder’s grant dollars. She will also discuss the power of choosing the right words and “share some great one-sentence stories.”

With her talk, Schrader wants to inform the regional chapter members who were not able to attend the national conference.

“I am very excited to share what was presented at the conference session,” said Schrader. “Only three people from the St. Louis chapter attended, so this will give those who were not there an overview of a successful proposal.”

Susan E. Mangels, PhD, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, said this invitation will not only allow Schrader to share her expertise but will also show the faculty’s efforts.

“I’m delighted that Vicki has been asked to share her wisdom with grant writing colleagues,” Mangels said. “This will also showcase the good work that Lindenwood faculty is doing in bringing in foundation support for our programming.”

Schrader joined Lindenwood University in August of 2012. As a Grants Manager, she works with faculty in all schools to develop and administer grant applications and foundation relations.

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, she was the annual fund manager at the Center for Hearing and Speech. She has been a member of the Grant Professionals Association since 2012 and is also a member of the Community Service Public Relations Council.
