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Routh Named December's Top Employee

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Kyle Routh, Director of Grounds, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for December 2013.



The North Dakota native has worked at Lindenwood University since 2002. Prior to that, he served for six years as a forestry foreman for the City of Waterloo, Iowa.

Routh is currently responsible for overseeing the maintenance and beautification of the University's main St. Charles campus and many of its local extension sites. He and his crew of five full-time and two part-time employees cut grass, plant flowers, trim trees, complete landscape designs, and perform many other tasks to ensure the grounds remain in pristine condition.

"I like working with the students, and I enjoy what I do," Routh said. "The amount of acreage my department is responsible for has doubled during the time I've been here, and the entire grounds crew does a great job managing it all. They do amazing work." In addition to performing his regular duties, Routh often assists with special events hosted at Lindenwood. One of the most popular of these annual events is the Christmas Walk, which takes place on the St. Charles campus each December.

"Lindenwood's grounds are always beautiful, thanks to Kyle's tireless staff, but his involvement with the Christmas Walk these past few years has enhanced the magic of the walk even more," said Michelle Giessman, Director of Housing and event co-organizer. "He coordinated the sand, helped set up the filling area, got hay bales for the reindeer, provided tractors and drivers to assist in the candle placement for the more than 3,500 luminaries we displayed, and had his staff assist in decorating, including hanging lights in the trees, wrapping the swings in lights, and decorating the gazebo and front gates."

Routh was surprised by his receipt of the Employee of the Month Award, but said he's always happy to help when needed. His outlook has been strengthened by his long-time service in the Missouri National Guard, which has included three deployments.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood's botany department has had a greenhouse since 1937? Originally, it was located next to Sibley Hall. In 2006, it was named the Monsanto Greenhouse.

“Before I’ve left each time, I’ve told the guys to just help everybody out,” he said. “There’s not an expectation of getting anything back or making anything even, just of making the conscious decision to help the kids, take on special projects, and do whatever it takes.”

LU Represented at Carnegie Hall

Three adjunct faculty members and one student from the Lindenwood University Music Department joined the St. Louis Symphony in a concert performance of Britten’s Peter Grimes on Friday, Nov. 22, at Carnegie Hall in New York, N.Y. Maureen Carlson, Jeffrey Heyl, Sarah Price, and Mark Saunders performed as members of the symphony’s chorus, while Heyl and Price delivered individual solo performances as well.



Founded in 1976, the St. Louis Symphony Chorus is an integral part of the St. Louis Symphony. With 130 singers, the chorus performs on STL Symphony subscription, holiday, and Live at Powell Hall concerts.

“The performance at Carnegie Hall was very well-received and the reviews about the quality of the performance were very positive,” said Katherine Herrell, Assistant Professor of Music at Lindenwood. “In academia, there can be a lot of focus on papers and research, but these types of performances are also in-line with the strengths of our musicians and these performances are a great source of pride.”
