

Woodruff to Direct Corporate Relations Efforts

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Judith M. Blase Woodruff has been named Director of Corporate Relations at Lindenwood University. Her duties include managing the strategy and growth of the school's corporate relations initiatives and fostering positive working relationships with the regional business community.



The Illinois native brings three decades of fundraising and advancement experience to the role, most recently serving as executive director of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias. Prior to that, Woodruff held positions as Director of Development for the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville School of Business, Fontbonne University, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and McKendree University.

Woodruff holds a bachelor's degree in music and is a Certified Fundraising Executive.

"We're delighted to bring Judy on board to strengthen our outreach and relationship-building with our region's corporate neighbors," said Susan Mangels, PhD, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Lindenwood University. "Her work in this area will benefit Lindenwood's fundraising programs and also enable us to strengthen our internship programs, sponsorship opportunities, and avenues for adult enrollment in our degree programs."

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the First Lady of Panama visited Lindenwood in 1997? Her visit came several months after President Dennis Spellmann signed an agreement with Panama to send some of their brightest students here to study. Over the years, one of the largest segments of our international student population has been from Panama.

Burns' Debaters Succeed in Dallas

Robert W. Burns, PhD, Director of the Debate Program and Adjunct Professor in the School of Communications, is pleased to announce that the Lindenwood University Debate Team recently started the second half of its season with the most successful tournament in the team's brief history. Members entered and won two of the three available competition divisions during the ninth annual Fear and Loathing in Dallas Intercollegiate Debate Tournament, Jan. 5-7, hosted by the University of Texas at Dallas.



Students Carlo Barth and Charles DeLeon won Lindenwood's third-ever tournament championship in the novice division, while Nicole Nave and Tatyana Wingo won the school's first-ever tournament championship in the junior varsity division. Two team members placed fifth in quarterfinals, and four Lindenwood debaters were recognized as top speakers in the novice and junior varsity categories.

Burns noted that as a second-year program, Lindenwood does not presently enter teams into the open division of competition, but he has set a goal of readying a competitive varsity team by next year.
