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Brown Selected as February's Top Employee

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Tracy Brown, accounts payable representative, has been named the Employee of the Month for February.



Brown holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from Southeast Missouri State University. She worked for 18 years in Arkansas in several different capacities, including as a quality auditor, as an administrative assistant, and in accounts receivable and accounts payable.

The Senath, Mo., native moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 2010. She worked in different accounting roles through a temporary employment agency before being placed at Lindenwood University in 2012. Brown was hired into her current, full-time position at Lindenwood in August 2013. She primarily processes invoices and checks for University vendors but says her favorite part of the job is working with people.

"The human interaction is the fun part for me," Brown said. "If I had to sit in a cubicle and stare at the walls, I think I'd lose my mind. I'm a very social person and I love getting to meet different people all the time."

Chad Snider, director of marketing for the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, nominated Brown for the Employee of the Month Award in recognition of her friendly attitude and helpfulness.

"I started working with Tracy when she was still a temporary employee, and I was thrilled when she was brought on by the University full-time," he wrote. "Even when she's shoulder-deep in work she always has a pleasant and funny demeanor, and dropping in on her to say hello is always a treat. She's a very hard worker and I couldn't recommend her more highly for the award!"

Brown said she was surprised to have received the honor but pleased to hear her work is valued and appreciated.

Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to Lindenwood University joining the NCAA in 2011, the college was involved in a collaborative effort with the NCAA and the federal government to help underprivileged youth? The program, called The Summer Youth Sports Program, provided instructors and education in intramural sports for inner-city kids. Lindenwood participated in the program from 1969 through 1980.

“You work every day and think, ‘I hope I’m doing what people need.’ It’s nice to feel like I must be doing something right.”

Mark Roselli is LU-Belleville's First Employee of the Month

Dr. Mark Roselli, assistant professor in the Division of Business and Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University – Belleville, was selected as the January 2014 LU-Belleville Employee of the Month. Roselli is the first employee to be selected by the Belleville Campus Employee of the Month Nominations Committee, a newly established group of Belleville faculty and staff who will collect nominations and select one employee each month to be honored. Roselli was nominated by his Division Chair, Dr. Daniel Frazier, who described Roselli as “a valuable asset to the Business and Entrepreneur Division” and stated that the business students love him as a teacher.



Roselli joined the Lindenwood-Belleville Division of Business and Entrepreneurship in June 2012, and in that time, his extensive international teaching background has greatly benefitted the campus and his students.

Thanks to Skype, Roselli first interviewed for the position at Lindenwood from thousands of miles away at Tan Tao University in Vietnam. A professor in international business there, he helped to shape the curriculum and policies of the new university, which opened in August 2011.

In only two short years at Lindenwood, Roselli made history for the Belleville campus by leading the first international travel program for students to study international business in Malaysia in January 2014. He plans a similar trip to Costa Rica for the J-Term in 2015.

Roselli assists Dr. Dan Frazier, Division Chair, in the ACBSP accreditation process for the Belleville campus. He also started the rapidly growing student business organization, Enactus, which has two purposes: to teach students how to run a real business and to perform service work in the community. Enactus is responsible for operating the Lynx Campus Store on the Belleville campus. Its members also conducted a Christmas drive last year to give presents to the needy, and they are currently starting a recycling program for the Belleville campus.

“Being named the first Employee of the Month at Lindenwood - Belleville came as quite a surprise since I am surrounded by so many who are equally deserving of this honor,” said Roselli. President Bladdick presented Roselli with his certificate at the Sibley Day Employee Appreciation Dinner on February 19.

Patterson and Biri Present on February 28

Marilyn Patterson, EdD, professor of psychology and sociology, and Colleen Biri, PsyD, associate professor of psychology, presented a session on Feb. 28 titled “Ongoing Assessment of Student Satisfaction with Faculty Advising” at the National Association for Academic Advising (NACADA).



Marilyn Patterson, EdD

The NACADA Region 7 Conference, Gateway to Student Success: Sharing Best Advising Practices in the Mid-West, was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. The organization promotes and supports quality academic advising to enhance the educational development and retention of students. Faculty from various Missouri educational institutions attended.



Colleen Biri, PsyD

“NACADA is a great resource for our faculty advisors, and I look forward to continuing to learn more from this organization in the future,” said Patterson. “I started reviewing the academic literature on quality advising several years ago. It makes sense to ask our advisees for feedback and incorporate the information into program assessment, and my colleagues in the Psychology Department agreed that this was important.”

Patterson’s and Biri’s presentation was based on the process utilized by the Lindenwood University Psychology Program to assess student satisfaction with advising, and examined how faculty and students benefit from the feedback generated by this component of the program assessment.

“When I started at Lindenwood back in 2003, I wanted to get a better understanding of what could make our student advising process better, so I have served as an assistant to Dr. Patterson on this process,” said Biri. “We were excited to share our results with NACADA and learn from the feedback they provided to us on how we can make improvements on our process.”
