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Bice to Receive Educator of Year Award

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Cynthia Bice, EdD, Dean of the Lindenwood University School of Education, has been named the Educator of the Year by the St. Louis Association of Secondary School Principals (SLASSP). She is the only higher education professional to ever receive the award.



Nominations for the SLASSP awards were accepted in the following categories: Educator of the Year, Consummate Professional of the Year, High School Principal of the Year, Middle School Principal of the Year, Assistant High School Principal of the Year, Assistant Middle School Principal of the Year, and Exemplary New Principle.

One winner from each category was selected by members of the association's Executive Board. All recipients have been invited to formally accept their awards during a ceremony on April 3 at Syberg's in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Bice was nominated as Educator of the Year by Ed Gettemeier, principal of Hardin Middle School and current SLASS president. He surprised Bice with a personal presentation of the award March 11 at Lindenwood, praising her for her tireless work at the University and in the larger education community.

Bice said she was humbled to be the first higher education award recipient and thankful for the tremendous support she's received.

"I could not help but think of my dad, who was the best principal I have ever known and the driving force behind my desire to fortify and continually improve our principal program as the best in the state and nation. This feat could not be accomplished if it were not for all of the great colleagues who work with me on a daily basis."

Bice joined Lindenwood University in 2006 after having served seven years in

Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to the first men's football team in 1989-1990, Lindenwood had a women's team that participated in intercollegiate play? Though short-lived (1974-1977), the Lindenwood women's football team played SLU, UMSL, Fontbonne, Meramec Community College, and a team from Kansas City, Mo. During this time, the team received some training from the St. Louis Football Cardinals.

higher education and 17 years in public school education in various capacities. She has received many prestigious awards throughout her career, including the VIP Award and the Pearl School Award from the Missouri Commissioner of Education, the Ten Year Honor Award from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Employee of the Year award from Francis Howell School District. In addition, she has been named Most Influential Teacher by the Rolla High School National Honor Society.

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) bestowed upon Bice a commendation letter for her work in preparing Lindenwood's Doctor of Education degree program proposal and also requested permission to use her prepared proposal as an example for other university programs pursuing doctoral degree programs.

Bice also received a letter of commendation from The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) regarding her preparation for the MoSTEP accreditation evaluation, citing her leadership in demonstrating and establishing a new level of excellence in developing documentation, reporting results, and hosting a review. DESE also asked permission to use her prepared accreditation documents as an example when training other programs for accreditation evaluations.

Mandie Wood Selected as Belleville's Top Employee for February

Amanda (Mandie) Wood has been selected to be the February 2014 Employee of the Month for Lindenwood University-Belleville. Mandie is the first full-time staff member to be elected Employee of the Month for the Belleville campus.



Joining the Academic Services Department in October 2011, Mandie began work for the university as a graduate assistant to the Dean of Academics. She completed her Master of Arts in communications from Lindenwood in December 2012 and began working as an independent contractor with the title of Academic Services Coordinator in January 2013. Mandie's exceptional attention to detail, warm personality, and dedication to her work in Academic Services made her an indispensable member of the Lindenwood Belleville family, and she was hired as a full-time employee in June 2013.

As the Academic Services Coordinator, Mandie manages all classroom reservations and assignments for the Belleville campus, as well as creating and maintaining all Belleville course offerings on student and faculty portals. She works closely with adjunct and full-time faculty and oversees the tracking of class rosters each term. She is currently assisting the Dean of Academics in editing the 2014-15 Lindenwood Belleville course catalog.

"Mandie's amazing work for this university should be self-evident to anyone who has had to deal with the multitude of academic policies at this university," said Dr. Amy Gangloff, who made the nomination. "What makes Mandie unique is her unwavering commitment to trying everything within her power to help meet

the needs of professors and students. She has an ability to think outside the box and an integrity that makes working with her a pleasure. I believe the university should be proud to have her as an employee, let alone the Employee of the Month."

Mandie said she was surprised and honored to be named the Employee of the Month.

"I work with a great team in Academic Services," she said. "I wouldn't be able to do my job successfully without them. I love working with such a wonderful academic community, and I am, once again, honored to be selected from the amazing employees that work on the Belleville campus."

Dr. Keith Russell, Dean of Academics, is Mandie's direct supervisor and stated, "Mandie is one of the most efficient and gracious individuals with whom I've had the pleasure of working in my 15 years in higher education. She's an invaluable member of our team in Academic Services, and we're fortunate that she works with us at LU-Belleville."

A member of the Employee of the Month selection committee also commented, "Like many, Mandie attends to a broad series of functions daily; however, what makes the difference with Mandie is that you can walk into her cubicle at any given time knowing full-well that she is busy--perhaps overwhelmed even--and yet, never get the sense that you interrupted her."

Carlos Named President of Local MCA-I Chapter

Peter Carlos, Associate Professor in the School of Communications has been named president of the Media Communications Association-International (MCA-I) St. Louis Chapter for 2014. As an MCA-I board member for the past two years, Carlos' has spearheaded various meetings in digital media and production, sharing his 30-plus years of experience, training, and teaching in the film, television, internet, corporate video, and education arena.



MCA-I is an organization of media communications professionals that provides opportunities for networking, forums for education, and resources for information. Carlos said he accepted the appointment because he felt he could help the organization. As the President of the MCA-I, Carlos is in charge of board meetings, delegation of assignments, and increasing membership and awareness of the St. Louis chapter.

Carlos said he will also be able to enhance his teaching by getting students involved in networking and educational meetings that might help them. He says that he saw the appointment coming but it was still a great surprise to him at the same time.

"If I can help the organization grow and add value to it, then I think I can feel that I've done something," he said. "If I can help our students in the media/communications field to get a footing, learn something, and make a connection, even better."

Anderson to Present at Mizzou This Week

Richard Anderson, senior research fellow at the Center for Economics and the Environment in the Hammond Institute of Lindenwood University's School of Business and Entrepreneurship, will present a manuscript he co-authored, "Nonlinear Relationship Between Permanent and Transitory Components of Monetary Aggregates and the Economy" at the 14th annual Missouri Economics Conference. The conference will take place March 21-22 at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., and is sponsored by the Research Divisions of the Federal Reserve Banks of St. Louis and Kansas City and the Department of Economics at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



The purpose of the conference is to promote economic research in Missouri, both by showcasing work done in Missouri to an international audience and by bringing numerous academic researchers to the state.

Anderson co-authored the manuscript he will present at the conference with Marcelle Chauvet, professor of economics at the University of California – Riverside, and Barry Jones, professor of economics at Binghamton University, (State University of New York.) Their research seeks to model the relationships in the US economy among gross domestic product (GDP), inflation, and the behavior of monetary aggregates.

"The study concludes that the relationships vary through time in complicated ways that change with the passage of time, albeit ones that are well-captured by the statistical model," said Anderson. "Shifts in the relationships from one pattern to another complicate policymaking and are difficult to predict – yet understanding their historical patterns and frequencies is an important part of economic policy formulation."

The manuscript will be featured in an upcoming issue of the professional journal, *Econometric Reviews*.
