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Hundelt Named August Employee of the Month

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Lisa Hundelt, administrative assistant for the Lindenwood University Athletic Department, has been named Employee of the Month for August. Brett Barger, Associate Vice President for Operations and Finance and Chief Purchasing Officer, nominated Hundelt for going above and beyond her normal duties.



Did You Know?

Did you know that there will be more students attending Lindenwood this academic year than in the first 100 years combined? When Lindenwood was founded in 1827, there were around 10 students per year. By 1930, total student enrollment was approximately 460.

In his nomination letter, Barger wrote that Lindenwood alumni had traveled in July to St. Charles from Italy and Spain to attend the wedding of other alumni. The former students were touring the Student-Athlete Center when they realized they hadn't made travel arrangements to Chicago. Hundelt jumped into action and checked ticket availability through Amtrak and the airlines and finally secured a car rental for them. Barger said Hundelt handled the situation with patience and grace.

"From talking to the people in her department, I understand she does these things on a daily basis," Barger said. "It would have been much easier for her to say, 'good luck,' but she figured out a way to help out."

Hundelt's normal duties include purchasing uniforms, equipment, and supplies for all of the athletic department's 27 NCAA sports. She's in charge of all the vehicle rentals and athletic department revenue, including deposits. She handles online summer camp registration and the contracts for non-conference away games.

Hundelt said she's always eager to take on new work responsibilities. Recently, she was made the Athletics Department's graduate assistant coordinator.

"I love the people here," Hundelt said. "The students are so kind and friendly. I'm a sports enthusiast. Truly, there's not a day when I wake up and dread going to work. I'm always anxious to add and learn new responsibilities."

Jacobs Named Top Belleville Employee for July

Dr. Diana Jacobs, associate professor of psychology, has been selected as the Lindenwood Belleville Employee of the Month for July.



Dr. Jacobs joined the Lindenwood community in 2011 as the Belleville campus' first full-time psychology professor. She has played an active role in recruiting students to the psychology program, which has remained in the top five most popular majors on campus for the last two years.

With more than 20 years of experience as a professor, Dr. Jacobs teaches a range of classes from Behavioral Science Statistics to Positive Psychology. She is also the faculty sponsor of the student Psychology Club, whose active engagement of the entire campus community has brought such events to campus as Puppy De-Stress Day, a time for students to de-stress during finals by interacting with puppies.

"I was so deeply moved and surprised being named Employee of the Month," said Jacobs. "There are so very many deserving faculty, staff, and outstanding previous winners that to be selected is an inexpressible honor."

Jacobs was nominated by fellow faculty members Drs. Trisha Prunty and Amy Gangloff.

"Diana is a truly passionate educator," said Prunty. "She spends countless hours a week meeting with students, and faculty often seek her out for advice. Her cheerful attitude is infectious."

"Dr. Jacobs has built one of the most vibrant majors in the University," said Gangloff. "Her students speak of her with a love and reverence I think we all strive for. Not only has she diligently worked to build the psychology program, but she contributes regularly to the University community."

Kalkbrenner wins Water Ski Title

Dr. Erin Kalkbrenner, Director of Student Development at Lindenwood University, captured first place in the jump event and won the overall title at the 72nd U.S. GOODE National Water Ski Championships in San Marcos River Ranch, Texas. The U.S. Nationals were held Aug. 11-17.



Kalkbrenner scored 899.1 points in the slalom, 848.9 points in the trick, and 926.3 in the jump. Her overall score of 2,674.3 was more than 100 points better than the second-place finisher. She won the jump and the overall championship at U.S. Nationals in 2009 and 2011. Competitive water skiing consists of three events – slalom, trick, and jump – and an overall title based on the combination scores from those three events.

“It was pretty close,” Kalkbrenner said of the finish at this year’s U.S. Nationals. “You always aim to get three thousand points overall. This girl I beat, we were only 35 points apart before the last trick event.”

Kalkbrenner said she’s been water skiing since she was five years old and competing since she was seven. She said she’s the best at the jump events and her farthest jump is 136 feet. During the offseason, Kalkbrenner is a competitive trail runner and she also is a rock climber. Both activities keep her fit for the next water skiing season.

“Jumping is the most exhilarating and I always get a little nervous before I go,” Kalkbrenner said. “You always get that rush and excitement and adrenaline while you’re jumping.”

This skiing season, Kalkbrenner has won slalom, trick, jump and overall titles at the Missouri State Championships and the jump event and overall title at the Midwest Regional Water Ski Championships in Chicago.

Kalkbrenner is the coach of the Missouri Junior Elite and Development teams and the Kansas Junior Water Ski team.
