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**Lindenwood to Offer Summer Youth Program in Non-Profit Administration**

*Deadline for High School Students to Enroll is March 15*

St. Charles, Mo.—This summer, Lindenwood University's Nonprofit Administration program will hold a three-day Summer Youth Leadership Summit called the Lion's Pride Project, designed for high school students who are interested in careers in the nonprofit sector.

The program, which will take place on the main Lindenwood campus in St. Charles from June 16 through 18, is for students who will be completing their freshman, sophomore or junior year in high school in 2010. The program is designed for high school students who possess an affinity for helping others and who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills. Through the program, students will develop a deeper understanding of their roles in social change and will be connected to specific opportunities to act in service to others.

Dr. Julie Turner, who heads the program, said it is in response to a growing need for personnel in nonprofits.

"During the past seven years, there has been a rising sense of alarm in the nonprofit sector about the future of its leadership," Turner said. "Study after study has pointed to an impending crisis, with roughly 75 percent of executive directors/CEOs reporting that they plan to leave their jobs within the next five years. Concerns about how to identify new leaders and issues of workforce development have become high priorities for those thinking about the sector's future."

The program is open to 50 students this year, although it could be expanded in subsequent years. Students will be housed on the Lindenwood campus during the program and will participate in a full schedule of seminars and activities, including site visits to nonprofit organizations in the St. Louis area.

Interested students are encouraged to work through their schools' administration and counselors to apply for participation in the program, although any interested student may call Turner at 636-949-4652 or reach her by e-mail at [jturner@lindenwood.edu](mailto:jturner@lindenwood.edu).

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