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Ziegenfuss Named September Employee of the Month

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Lis Ziegenfuss, Director of Financial Aid Assistance Planning at Lindenwood University, has been named Employee of the Month for September. Samantha Shadrach, Program Manager for Graduate Assistant Affairs, nominated Ziegenfuss for her help and support to ensure the GA program was in compliance with new federal and state regulations.



Did You Know?

Did you know that the first known record of intercollegiate competition at Lindenwood was from June 1930? Organized as a "play day," women from 13 Missouri colleges participated in volleyball and softball.

"Lis is the epitome of what Lindenwood represents," Shadrach said. "She has been extremely helpful and patient and understanding. She is always there for me."

In Shadrach's nomination, she stated Ziegenfuss was continuously there to teach her and to help her. Recently, a situation occurred that prompted Ziegenfuss to stop performing her duties to assist Shadrach, who said Ziegenfuss is kindhearted, smart, and always willing to help any student or fellow employee.

"To me, she is the true embodiment of the Lindenwood spirit," Shadrach stated.

Ziegenfuss has been employed at Lindenwood since February 1989. She was the University's Employee of the Month in August 2013. She grew up near the campus and lives in St. Peters.

She said her office is split into a customer service side and technical side. Ziegenfuss is in charge of the customer service side. She meets with students and sets up financial plans for them. Ziegenfuss said when she first started working at Lindenwood, there were about 50 graduate assistants; there are now 600.

"When Sam came to Lindenwood, (her job) was a new position," Ziegenfuss said. "She was having to familiarize herself with how the program works and make it compliant with new federal laws. I tried to help her with some of the

problems.”

Hauser named top employee in Belleville for August

Jessica Hauser has been selected as Lindenwood University-Belleville’s Employee of the Month for August 2014. Hauser currently serves as the academic services assistant, where she handles transfer equivalencies for LCIE and day programs, along with all student registration activities and student records.



Hauser came to Lindenwood Belleville in 2012 as a graduate assistant and earned her master’s in healthcare administration in 2013. Her indispensable skills and experience in LU-Belleville’s Academic Services Office prompted the campus to create a position for her, and she was officially hired in July 2013.

“I am truly humbled by this award since this growing campus is filled with amazing and devoted faculty and staff,” said Hauser. “I am proud to be a part of such an enthusiastic Academic Services team that illustrates the mission of the University day in and day out.”

Hauser was nominated by Dr. Rahim Karimpour, Division Chair for Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Sandy Mulitsch, Assistant Registrar.

“Jessica is a hard working individual who goes the extra mile to assist faculty as well as students to resolve academic issues,” said Karimpour.

“Jessi is a rare find; her work ethic and ability are second to few, if any,” said Mulitsch. “She is professional, and her attention to detail is amazing! Additionally, because of her ‘what can I do to help’ attitude, Academic Services has been able to grow both in the quality of what we do and in the processes and services we are able to provide. She learned the intricacies of her position in record time and continues to be a valuable asset in our department.”
