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Bladdick Announces Lindenwood-Belleville Arcus Nomination

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Jerry Bladdick, EdD, President of Lindenwood University-Belleville, announced that the school has been nominated to receive a 2014 Arcus Award in the category of Achievement in Educational Attainment. The University was nominated by John Lengerman of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce.



Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood has had a few employees over the years with names of famous people? We had a visiting professor in 1966 named Mohammed Ali (he wasn't a boxer), and we had a tennis coach in 2000-2001 named Mark Furman (who wasn't a detective from the O.J. Simpson case).

Created by the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce in 2013, the Arcus Awards are presented to companies that demonstrate exceptional commitment to advancing the St. Louis region's authentic economic strengths and to championing a greater St. Louis. They recognize organizations that make the St. Louis region a great place to live, work, and invest.

There are seven categories for the Arcus Awards, including biosciences, financial services, health, multimodal logistics, educational attainment, inclusion and talent attraction, and innovation and entrepreneurship. The award for achievement in educational attainment is presented to a company that provides leadership through the creation of a program or initiative promoting college degree attainment, improved educational outcomes, or on-the-job training.

Winners will be selected by an independent panel of judges who are not employees of the St. Louis Regional Chamber. Award finalists will be selected and notified on Oct. 27, 2014.

"We are honored to be nominated for this impressive award," said Bladdick. "It's nice to receive regional recognition for the contributions that Lindenwood University-Belleville is making."

Van der Graaf Presenting this Week for Video

Production

Vanessa van der Graaf, EdD, associate professor in the School of Education at Lindenwood University, is participating in the creation of a national video this week at The National Center for Parents as Teachers conference in Louisville, Ky. She will present “Educating English Language Learners in Australia and the United States: How Do the School Systems Compare.”



Parents as Teachers is based in St. Louis and is a nonprofit resource for professionals and organizations in early childhood education. The organization is internationally recognized and includes affiliates that supports families in all 50 states as well as seven other countries. Parents as Teachers equips parents with knowledge and resources to prepare their children for a stronger start in life and greater success in school.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri, van der Graaf earned a Master of Arts in educational administration and an Educational Specialist from Lindenwood in 2005. She’s currently working on a master’s in educational technology.

“The video shoot for Parents as Teachers was a fabulous opportunity for me to support the evolving needs of families across our nation,” van der Graaf said.

In the video, van der Graaf spoke about a wide range of topics related to discipline and guidance for young children. The video focuses on The Parents as Teachers “Born to Learn Three Years to Kindergarten” entry curriculum, which is a comprehensive curriculum guiding parents and caregivers of children age 3, 4, and 5 years to be their child’s first and most influential teachers. The video will be released this month.
