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## Broussard Appears on Fox 2

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Lindenwood University Dean of Online Programs Willie Broussard had an early-morning appearance today on Fox2 touting the university's online programs.



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Know?

Broussard, who has been at LU for six months, was interviewed by Fox 2's John Pertzborn, who said online programs was a "niche market" that Lindenwood was taking advantage of.

Dean Broussard displayed Lindenwood's online website on television and discussed the programs name change from Distance Learning to Online Programs. He talked about the typical online students and why online coursework might be appealing to them.

"They can take their course at 2 in the morning or 2 in the afternoon," said Broussard, who provided a map to an online course and how a student might navigate through the course.

**Did you know that George Sibley named the town of Council Grove, Kan.? The town received the name after Sibley and his group of surveyors made a treaty with the Osage Indians, so that Americans could have safe passage through the area, while on the Santa Fe Trail.**

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## Hutter Inducted into St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame

Lindenwood men's soccer head coach Carl Hutter received a green jacket on Saturday, Oct. 18. The jacket was not for a strong finishing round at Augusta, but instead marked his induction into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame.



Hutter was one of 11 inductees in the 2014 class of the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame. The inductees were honored at the Induction Dinner and Ceremony at the America's Center.

For Hutter, the night was not just about his honor, but about reconnecting with people that have been important throughout his career. One of those was Rev. Thomas Robertson, who is now the chaplain of the St. Louis Hall of Fame. Robertson was one of Hutter's first coaches during his playing days, and they hadn't seen each other in 35 years.

"It was humbling to be recognized by the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame," said Hutter. "The event was an amazing night that let me reconnect with so many people that have impacted by career and brought back so many good memories for me."

Hutter is in his 21st season as the head coach of the Lindenwood men's soccer team, and he is in his 34th season as a collegiate soccer coach. Earlier this season, he won his 300th career game at Lindenwood, and prior to play this week, he had a record of 301-116-32 at the school. He is approaching his 400th overall victory with a career coaching mark of 396-198-60.

Since moving to the NCAA level, Hutter has led the men's soccer program to a 50-16-9 record, two MIAA regular season championships, and two MIAA tournament championships. Last year, the Lions were ranked No. 1 in the country at the end of the regular season and won the school's first NCAA Regional Championship.

Prior to moving to the NCAA, Hutter had one of the top programs in the NAIA, including the 2004 NAIA National Championship.

The St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame was established in 1971 and honors the top personalities that have made the city one of the top soccer towns in the United States. The Hall of Fame is one of the most prestigious city soccer Halls of Fame with 29 honorees also being enshrined in the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

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**Video to Feature van der Graaf**

Vanessa van der Graaf, EdD, Associate Professor in the School of Education at Lindenwood University, recently spoke on a range of topics related to discipline and guidance for young children in a national video produced by Parents as Teachers. The project focuses on the Parents as Teachers “Born to Learn: Three Years to Kindergarten Entry” curriculum, a comprehensive curriculum that guides parents and caregivers of children age 3-5 years to be their child’s first and most influential teachers. The video will be released this month.



Parents as Teachers is a nonprofit resource for professionals and organizations in early childhood and education. Headquartered in St. Louis, the organization is internationally recognized and includes a network of affiliates that supports families in all 50 states as well as seven other countries. Through a proven parent education model featuring in-home visits with parents and their children, Parents as Teachers equips parents with knowledge and resources to prepare their children for a stronger start in life and greater success in school.

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

In addition to her work on the video project, van der Graaf also recently delivered a presentation at a national education conference. She spoke on “Educating English Language Learners in Australia and the United States: How do the School Systems Compare?” in October at the Critical Questions in Education Conference in Louisville, Ky.

Van der Graaf holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri and a master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degrees in educational administration from Lindenwood University. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in educational technology.

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