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Mamone Selected as January Employee of the Month

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Darrin Mamone, Computer Lab Supervisor, has been named the Lindenwood University Employee of the Month for January 2015.

The native New Yorker moved to the St. Charles area in 2003 to be closer to family two years after the birth of his daughter. He didn't initially have his sights set on returning to school, but his plans changed suddenly.

"I was driving past Lindenwood one day, and I thought to myself, 'I have a kid now and I want something better than what I'm doing,' so I stopped in and talked to someone in admissions. I was in school a week later."

His Work and Learn Program assignment as an undergraduate student was in the computer lab. After receiving his bachelor's degree in history in 2008, he assumed his current position as supervisor of the lab. He immediately made it his mission to create a quiet environment that served as more of a study space, and less of a social one.

"When I was in school it was so loud with people talking on the phone and yelling across the room, you just couldn't concentrate," said Mamone. "Now students know there is no talking or cell phone use allowed in the lab. It's a place to focus and do homework."

Mamone also operates the University's Copy Center, where he assists students and faculty members with scanning, printing handouts and papers, and e-mailing documents. His upbeat attitude and willingness to go the extra mile earned him the Employee of the Month nomination from Ana Schnellmann, Professor of English.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first professional biologist for the Grand Canyon National Park was a Lindenwood alumna? Known as the "inspiring force" behind some of the earliest conservation laws in Arizona, Rose Wilson Collom (class of 1889) was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame in 2013.

“Darrin is King of the Copy Center,” said Schnellmann. “He is always at work, always helpful and willing to go above and beyond, and is always cheerful.”

Shawn Haghighi, Mamone’s supervisor, also shared praise on his behalf. He cited Mamone’s first-class customer service and called him one of his most valued employees.

Mamone graciously accepted the praise, but said he truly enjoys serving as a resource for those who need his assistance.

“I especially like working with the students,” he said. “It’s neat to see them come in as freshman, watch them grow, and leave ready to take on the world.”

“With a little guidance, the transformation for some is amazing. Sometimes, I’m just the right person to give them that guidance.”

Stidimire Named Employee of the Month for Belleville Campus



Vernon Stidimire has been named the Lindenwood Belleville Employee of the Month for December.

Stidimire has served as a custodian at the Belleville campus since October 2013. Prior to that, he worked on campus as a food service staff member for Pfoodman, now Pedestal Foods. As custodian, Stidimire oversees the maintenance of the main gym in the Lynx Arena, all locker rooms, and the Fitness and Training Center, all of which are heavily trafficked by a student-athlete population of approximately 850.

In addition to his assigned duties, Stidimire takes it upon himself to varnish the floors in Old Main Hall, bringing back the old gleam to the historic building’s original tile.

Stidimire was nominated for Employee of the Month by Amy Gangloff, assistant professor of history, for his friendly personality and service to the campus.

“Vernon always puts in 110 percent,” said Gary Lopez, Facilities Manager. “He knows what needs to be done to keep the campus looking nice and is very self-motivated. His hard work ethic and friendliness to everyone on campus make

him deserving of this award.”

Stidimire was surprised to be named Employee of the Month, saying, “I just really appreciate everybody at Lindenwood.”
