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Did You Know?

Did you know that there are more students attending Lindenwood this academic year than the first 110 years combined? This fall, there will be approximately 12,000 students enrolled at Lindenwood. The 1973-1974 academic year was the first time that the University enrolled more than 1,000 people.

Morgan Named New Director of Game and Event Operations

Mike Morgan has been named the new Director of Game and Event operations at Lindenwood. Morgan, who has been the assistant sports information director since 2009, began his new role Aug. 1.

His new position places him in charge of promotions, concessions, ticketing, and the many other duties necessary to successfully run an NCAA event.



Morgan said he will miss working directly and traveling with the studentathletes and coaches, but his new position involves helping not only the teams, but also the fans, in a different manner.

"I'm a Lindenwood guy and try to promote the 'Lindenwood Way' to fans and people attending our games," Morgan said. "The athletes and coaches work hard on and off the court, and my job is to make the game day experience for fans, coaches, and athletes the best it can be."

Morgan graduated from Lindenwood in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and earned his master's degree in 2010 in communications.

Lori Crow Wins Adjunct Teaching Award

Lori Crow, an Adjunct Instructor of Exercise Science, received the 2014-2015 Adjunct Teaching Award on Aug. 15 during the Adjunct Instructor Conference at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. Lindenwood System President Michael Shonrock presented the award in the Lindenwood Theater to a surprised Crow.

"This was surreal," Crow said of the award.
"Given such a large adjunct population, it's quite an honor."



Crow, 43, came to Lindenwood in January 2011 with 12 years of experience in physical training to teach the group fitness instructor course.

"I love that course," Crow said. "It brought me to the University."

Crow also brought to Lindenwood experience in competitive cheerleading direction, gymnastics coaching, and corporate fitness administration. Crow sold her company, Corporate Fitness Midwest, before coming to the University as an adjunct instructor. She now teaches sports fitness administration, foundations in exercise, the exercise physiology lab, and exercise prescription and implementation.

"I feel like I enjoy my job so much, and I want every student to leave my class inspired," Crow said.

The nominating document for Crow listed her outstanding teaching ability and enthusiasm as reasons for her winning the award. Student evaluations also boasted of her approachability and knowledge.

Dean of Sport, Recreation, and Exercise Sciences Cynthia Schroeder agreed: "Overall, Lori is a passionate exercise science professional. Her enthusiasm is contagious with her students, and they are always eager to learn. She is well deserving of this award and her tireless efforts as an LU educator are truly an inspiration for our students!"

Crow did not know she would receive the award, but said she had an inkling. Crow was scheduled to work for her second job as a competitive cheerleading program director and put her assistant in charge so she could be present at the conference.

Alsobrook Named Interim Director of Lindenwood Online

Dr. Joseph Alsobrook, Dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, assumed the role of interim director of Lindenwood Online in July.

Some of the responsibilities facing Alsobrook include providing student and faculty support and working with schools, divisions, and departments to develop new and existing courses and programs. He also coordinates state authorizations to offer distance education and works with faculty and staff across the University



to ensure that the online learning management systems function as required.

"It has been exciting to discover the great online courses and programs that we currently offer," Alsobrook said. "The detail and creativity I've seen to engage students and encourage active learning is impressive."

Alsobrook says that upcoming challenges for Lindenwood Online include student authentication, making courses mobile-friendly, and accreditationrelated requirements.

"HLC (Higher Learning Commission) expects us to be assessing our fully online programs and reporting annually on those assessments just as we do for all other programs," he said. "Our 2017 Assurance Argument will need to include an accounting of online program assessment of student learning, demonstrating that assessment leads to continuous improvement of our online programs and evidence of alignment between the online unit and HLC Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education."

Alsobrook said he has great expectations for Lindenwood Online.

"With such tremendous support from the administration, the future of Lindenwood Online is very bright," Alsobrook said. "Just as we've done in so many areas, Lindenwood will become an innovator in providing exemplary distance education."

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