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### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that, though it has won many since, Lindenwood's first national championship was in men's indoor track and field in 1998? The team, coached by John Creer and led by athletes like Sharif Karie and Gezachw Yossef, finished the meet with 62 points, six more than second place finisher Asuza Pacific. The team was inducted into Lindenwood's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

### **O'Neal Appointed Assistant Vice President for Development**



Kate O'Neal has been named Lindenwood University's new assistant vice president for development. O'Neal began her new role on Dec. 1.

O'Neal began her Lindenwood career in May 2001 as an office manager. Prior to her new position, she was the director of advancement services. She holds

a Bachelor of Science from Lindenwood in human resources and a Master of Arts from Lindenwood in human resource management.

In addition to her regular duties, O'Neal is managing the capital campaign for the new Academic Resource Center and is the liaison between Lindenwood and the J.F. Smith Group, a consultant group working on the campaign. She plans to continue to teach and communicate to all donors the meaning of their gifts to Lindenwood and share her knowledge of fundraising, and believes that honesty, communication and kindness are the keys to fundraising.

"A large part of my job for years has been to teach parts of fundraising with integrity," O'Neal said. "Each part that I pass on to new members of the team is done with honesty and sincerity. I am introducing team members to new fundraising techniques they have not practiced before."

O'Neal said her years at Lindenwood have afforded her a wealth of familiarity with Lindenwood's donors.

"Being able to share history and stories of our donors to team members gives them the opportunity to really match the donor with the right opportunity," O'Neal said.

O'Neal said that being named the new assistant vice president for development means that her previous experience in fundraising has truly paid off.

"I've had wonderful teachers and mentors who taught me what it means to steward donors and communicate with faculty/staff and board members," said O'Neal. "I appreciate Dr. Shonrock's confidence that I can help lead our team to extraordinary heights."

In her spare time, O'Neal isn't far from Lindenwood. She enjoys watching Lindenwood volleyball and performances at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. She also enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

## **Revis Named Interim Director of Day Admissions**

“I am pleased to announce that Kristen Revis will be leading our day admissions team as the interim director of Day Admissions,” said Vice President for Enrollment Management Joe Parisi. “Kristen comes to our department with many years of commitment and experience at Lindenwood.”



Revis has been at Lindenwood since 2008, where she has spent seven years as a day admissions counselor, a year as site director at Wildwood, and over three years as the Golden Line head coach.

In addition to her positions at Lindenwood, Revis has served on several committees and councils. She has a BA in business administration with an emphasis in marketing and is certified in secondary education. She has an MA in education administration and will finish her EdD in instructional leadership with an emphasis in higher education administration in 2016.

“I am looking forward to working with the day admissions team as we strive to increase enrollment in the upcoming semesters,” said Revis. “Having been a student, admissions counselor, and coach at Lindenwood University I am thrilled to be able to continue on at Lindenwood as the interim director of Day Admissions. It has been my desire to achieve this position, and I am excited to see what the future has in store.”

## **Derek Dadian-Smith Named Belleville Employee of the Month for November**

Derek Dadian-Smith, assistant professor of communications, has been selected as the Belleville campus Employee of the Month for November.

A member of the Lindenwood faculty since January 2014, Dadian-Smith helped to spearhead the Belleville campus' interactive media and web design major in its early stages.



“In four semesters of teaching at Lindenwood, I have prepped 14 different courses,” he said. “I have never taught two sections of the same course in one semester.”

Dadian-Smith serves as faculty advisor for the student organization Hyperlynx, which recently assembled a functioning 3D printer, and the Noise Collective. He is also a member of the Speaker Series Committee, Technology Committee, and Belleville IT Committee. Over the last year, his artwork was published by Close/Far Recordings and was exhibited and performed in St. Louis and Stanford, Calif., as well as online at TheConceptBank.org.

Dadian-Smith was nominated for Employee of the Month by Erin Mann, assistant professor of English.

“Derek’s energy and joy in his work--teaching, advising, committee service, the whole shebang--is both delightful and a little intimidating,” said Mann. “All that, and he has glowing student evaluations from his innovative and creative teaching. I’m not entirely sure where he gets his endless font of dedication, but I’m envious of it and think it’s deserving of Employee of the Month.”

“It was very special to be named Employee of the Month in the same week that we had our first group of graduates in the interactive media and web design degree,” said Dadian-Smith. “I’m thankful for my amazing students and colleagues that make everyday challenges totally worth it. They keep me motivated.”

## **Jones Honored by Alma Mater**

Lindenwood Assistant Professor of Theatre Emily M. Jones was named the Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts Distinguished Alumna by her alma mater, Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, during its alumni association’s Homecoming brunch Oct. 31.

Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts in theatre from MSU in 1998 and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Arkansas in 2010 with an emphasis



in directing. Jones participated in the Shakespeare in London program with King's College London Study Abroad.

She has taught at Lindenwood since 2010 and is now chair of the Department of Theatre. She serves on the Board of Directors of ACT INC theatre group in St. Louis, Mo.

"It was such an honor to receive the award," Jones said, "but more importantly I had the opportunity to publicly thank the faculty members who helped shape me as an artist and as a future educator. That was an incredibly special moment for me."

Each year, MSU's six colleges honor an alumnus whose accomplishments and careers have brought credit to the university. Honorees must be distinguished in their profession or life's work. They must have integrity and demonstrated ability to inspire others by their recognition. They must reflect the importance of their education at MSU and show pride and a continuing interest in their alma mater.

## **November and December LindenStar Recipients**

The LindenStar program, Lindenwood's peer-to-peer employee recognition program, had 10 nominations in November and 19 in December.

To nominate an employee for the program, employees may access the nomination form in the ADP Human Resources portal. Click on "Resources" under the "Home" tab on the portal home page and click on "Lindenstar" under the "Commonly Used HR Forms."

Fill out the form, print out, and send it to Maddelene Collins. Each employee may nominate up to 12 people per year in a variety of categories. In May, the top nominees in each category will receive a special recognition.

The recipients for November are

Lucy Cohen	Pamela Love
Laura Dougan	Ashley Minton
Anna Girdwood	Melisa Philips
Dana Hoff	Candace Roberts
Gennie Keck	Shannon Wright

The recipients for December are

Ann Arthur  
David Aubuchon  
Wendy Broadwater  
Nenad Curic  
Michael Fetters  
Emil Gianini  
Suzanne Gleason  
Angie Hester  
Comela Mathis

Eric Mircsov  
Wade O'Heron  
Melisa Philips  
Chantel Powell  
Steve Redshaw  
Angie Royal  
Samantha Shadrach  
Kristine Sieve  
Mary Stacy-Brewer  
Candace Terry

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