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Did You Know?

Did you know that on Nov. 7, 1997, Lindenwood hosted the largest sit-down dinner ever given in St. Charles County? Nearly 1,000 civic and business leaders, alumni and friends of Lindenwood gathered for a celebration that served two purposes: the grand opening of the Robert F. Hyland Performance Arena and to burn Lindenwood's last note, symbolizing the University's debt-free status. The evening was hosted by Bob Costas, and speakers included Jack Buck, Dan Dierdorf, and Charles Osgood.

Williamson Named Dean of Students

Dr. Shane Williamson has been named dean of students at Lindenwood University.

Formerly the dean of first-year programs, Williamson has been at Lindenwood since March 2007. She has over 17 years of experience in higher education, including positions at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Montclair State University in New Jersey.



Williamson will now oversee adjudication matters and the offices of Student Life and Leadership, Intramurals, Greek Life, Career Development, Mail and Switchboard Services, and Student Counseling, as well as the Health Center. She will also be integrally involved with strategic planning and assessment initiatives.

“Dr. Williamson is a true higher education professional who embodies the intellectual and other-centered mindset needed in a student development

specialist,” said Vice President for Student Development Ryan Guffey. “The division will be greatly advanced by her participation in the new role.”

Williamson said she is looking forward to enhancing the student development services and opportunities Lindenwood provides to students as well as continuing to provide great leadership and staff development and complementing the vision and mission of Lindenwood in preparation for 2027, the 200th anniversary of the university.

“I am excited to serve in this new position, because it will give me an opportunity to serve as a change agent for our students,” Williamson said. “My degrees and experience in higher education, coupled with learning from Dr. Guffey, have prepared me lead our team into a new era.”

Williamson began her new role on Jan. 14, 2016. In addition to her administrative duties, Williamson will continue to teach in the doctoral program.

Russell Named Director of Residential Life

Terry Russell, EdD, has been named the director for residential life at Lindenwood University’s St. Charles campus. Russell has been an employee at Lindenwood for over 15 years and most recently was director of operations and dean of students



As director of residential life, Russell manages campus housing and collaborates with campus organizations to “provide residents a place they can call home.” This includes more than 200 full-time and part-time student employees, 17 residence halls, and over 300 single-family homes and apartments.

“My priorities for this position are to create an environment of inclusion and community engagement, evaluating our current residential facilities, staffing for our resident halls, and above all student satisfaction,” Russell said. “Being appointed to the director of residential life position gives me an opportunity to work more closely with the Residential Life team and our maintenance staff. With a collective effort as a team, we can continue to give our students the best customer service possible.

Russell’s supervisor, Ryan Guffey, PhD, vice president for student development, is excited about the transition.

“Terry has an amazing plan for our residential life spaces,” Guffey said. “Housing is so much more than just getting a room ready. It is also a

destination to learn, grow, and make new friends. I believe our students will be excited to see what is on the horizon.”

Powell Named Day Supervisor for Housekeeping and Maintenance

David Powell has been named the supervisor for housekeeping and maintenance. Powell has been at Lindenwood for 10 years, all of them with the maintenance department. In his new role, Powell will focus on field supervision of maintenance and housekeeping staff and ensuring the continued functionality and cleanliness of all Lindenwood facilities.



“I have had the privilege to work with David for the last 10 years,” said Joyce Norman, director of campus facilities. “He is a hard working individual who tackles any assignment given to him. David is a very dependable, dedicated employee.”

Powell knows Lindenwood well and has worked in almost every space on campus and most of the off-site campus facilities.

“I look forward to delivering great service to a great university,” Powell said. “I am very excited to lead an already great team. We look forward to serving the students, faculty, and staff.”

Powell begins his new role today.

Our Mission - Lindenwood University offers values-centered programs leading to the development of the whole person—an educated, responsible citizen of a global community.