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### **Did You Know?**

The first paid botanist of Grand Canyon National Park is a Lindenwood alumna. Rose E. Collom was born in Georgia and attended Lindenwood in 1886-87 and 1888-89. In 1938, she took a field trip to the park and exchanged letters with E. McKee, the co-founder of the Grand Canyon History Association. He offered her a grant to enable her to collect specimens in the area, which she did each year until 1954, except for 1948 when her husband was ill. The herbarium at the park has over 800 of her collected specimens.

### **Lively Named Assistant Dean of New School**

Dr. Jason Lively accepted the position of assistant dean for academic affairs for the School of Arts, Media, and Communications on March 3. The position begins in August, when the official merger of the School of Communications and School of Fine and Performing Arts begins.

Lively has taught web design and interactive media for over 18 years. He has been at Lindenwood University since 2007 as a professor and chair of the Interactive Media and Web Design program. Prior to Lindenwood, Lively was a programmer and webmaster at a large computer manufacturing firm and an associate professor at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, where he was also the director of the multimedia program.



Lively said that he is excited for the position, but his primary focus will be to act as a catalyst for positive change when the schools of Communications and Fine and Performing Arts merge.

“I am eager to work with the wonderful faculty, staff, and administration of the School of Arts, Media and Communication,” said Lively. “I am certain that great things are around the corner for the school, and I know that achieving greatness will not rest solely on the shoulders of any one individual, myself included. Through collaboration, innovation, and dedication, I am certain that we will be successful.”

Joseph Alsobrook, dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, said he is pleased with Lively’s appointment to the position.

“Dr. Lively is a proven leader with a rich history of service to Lindenwood,” Alsobrook said. “He is also an exceptional teacher with extensive experience in higher education. I am most confident that his many strengths will help us to best serve the students, staff, and faculty of the new School of Arts, Media, and Communications.”

Lively has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Howard Payne University, an MBA in computer information systems from Tarleton State University, an Educational Specialist degree from Nova Southeastern University, and a Ph.D. in computing technology in education, also from Nova Southeastern University.

## **Felzien New Director, Hammond Institute Administration**

Dean Roger Ellis in the Robert W. Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship has selected Carol Felzien to serve in the capacity of director of Hammond Institute Administration in the school. In her new role, Felzien will provide marketing, special event planning and administrative support for directors overseeing the Hammond Institute’s three focus centers: Howard Wall, Hammond Institute director and director of the Center for Economics and the Environment; Rachel Douchant, director of the Liberty & Ethics Center; and David Rosenwasser, director of the Duree Center for Entrepreneurship



Felzien spent nearly the last decade as a member of the leadership team in the City of St. Charles, most recently in the capacity

of communications director. In addition to public service, Felzien has more than 30 years of experience in the public relations arena – both corporate and non-profit – having formerly worked in the telecommunications, healthcare and transportation industries.

As the newest member of the Hammond team, Felzien said she's delighted to be a part of the institute and looks forward to showcasing a number of events and activities already slated for 2016.

"I've been interested in working at the Hammond Institute since participating in a beta test version of the Who Owns the Ice House? entrepreneurship course in the fall of 2014," she said.

"We're thrilled to have Carol on board," said Wall. "This is an opportunity to take our institute's mission to the next level, as we're continuing to host events and activities for students, faculty, staff, and the local community."

## **Render Selected as Belleville Employee of the Month**

Erik Render, academic success assistant, has been named the Lindenwood Belleville Employee of the Month for January.



Serving in the Academic Success Center (ASC) as a graduate assistant in 2012 and later as an employee, Render has played a pivotal role in shaping the structure of this important office over the last four years. Currently, he oversees day-to-day functions of the ASC, including maintaining the computer lab, arranging tutoring and mentoring appointments to accommodate day and evening students, and adding useful academic resources for students and tutors. He also manages tutors, tracks, and analyzes all data on tutoring sessions, and assists success mentors in their efforts to provide students with academic guidance.

Over the fall 2015 semester, Render scheduled more than 1,000 peer tutoring sessions, nearly three times the amount offered when he first began tracking the center's progress in fall 2013. He also attended a workshop put on by the Higher Learning Commission that served as a springboard for the ASC's current strategies and goals for improving student retention and graduation rates.

Render was nominated for Employee of the Month by Dr. Suzy Jones, director of academic student success and retention, and Jessica Coser, assistant registrar.

“Erik is the most supportive, dedicated, and committed staff member when it comes to assisting students and making the ASC run smoothly and efficiently,” said Jones. “He goes above and beyond to make our center a welcoming and encouraging place for all members of the LU-Belleville campus. I am extremely grateful for his hard work and willingness to step in when needed.”

“I was surprised when Dr. Barger told me that I was Employee of the Month,” said Render. “I’m very grateful to work with such wonderful people at Lindenwood. Working with the students, faculty, and staff here always encourages me to do what I can to help make Lindenwood even better.”

## **February LindenStar Recipients**

The LindenStar program, Lindenwood’s peer-to-peer employee recognition program, had six nominations in February.

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.

Lucy Cohen  
Kathleen Kinkeade  
Robert Pecoraro  
Steve Redshaw  
Kyle Routh  
Greg Scaturro

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