

Gettemeier June Employee of the Month

Jill Gettemeier, financial aid counselor, has been named the Employee of the Month for June. The St. Charles resident will celebrate her two-year anniversary of employment at Lindenwood on July 3.



Gettemeier assembles financial aid packages for new and re-enrolling students, as well as those in the LCIE and evening graduate programs. She pointed out that one of the highlights of her position is assisting students throughout the process.

"They don't always understand how it works," Gettemeier said. "I let them know specifically what they need and just make sure it goes as smoothly as possible for them. They need that guidance and that time."

Gettemeier described herself as a "jack of all trades" during her previous employment as an office manager at a local home health agency. According to her nominator, she's brought to Lindenwood that same willingness to go above and beyond in her daily duties.

"She hit the ground running and never looked back," wrote her nominator. "She offers excellent customer service, is extremely organized, arrives up to an hour early each day and often stays past five, and you'll never hear her utter the words 'that's not my job.'"

Gettemeier said she was surprised to be named Employee of the Month.

"I came from a company that didn't have these kinds of things," she said. "And I haven't been here all that long, so I feel really proud to be honored."

Did You Know?

Did you know that when the NFL's Cardinals played in St. Louis, Lindenwood served as the team's training camp site? Prior to being called the Harlen C. Hunter Stadium, or having many teams of its own, Lindenwood built its football stadium to be used by the Cardinals. The Cardinals used Lindenwood as a training camp between 1976 and 1981.

Parisi Selected for Leadership Academy

Lindenwood wrestling head coach Joe Parisi was recently picked as one of 30 select wrestling coaches to attend the first-ever College Coaches Leadership Academy. Not only was he selected to attend, but he was named one of the event's "Legendary Coaches," which will give him an expanded mentor role at the academy.

The Leadership Academy was designed to help select coaches achieve success in the coaching profession. Parisi and the other coaches will participate in seminars dealing with topics such as leadership, goal setting, and building successful programs. It also provides the participants the opportunity to network with some of the top current and former coaches and administrators in collegiate wrestling.



The Leadership Academy will take place on Aug. 4-6 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The event precedes the

National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention, which takes place from Aug. 6-9.

Parisi has been the head coach of the Lindenwood program for the last 10 years and has built the premier program in the NAIA. Among his many accomplishments over the last decade are five NAIA National Championships, two NAIA National Runner-Up, and three National Dual Championships.

Employee Picnic Wednesday, July 15

Lindenwood University employees and their guests are invited to attend the second annual employee picnic from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, behind the Robert F. Hyland Performance Arena. The picnic will feature free food, games, and prizes.

"We know everyone's busy and there are lots of things that take away from employees' time with their families," said event organizer Eric Stuhler, director of planned giving and in-house legal counsel. "This event is actually a time for families to come together and have some old-fashioned fun."

In addition to typical picnic food, the evening will be filled with ice-cream, pony rides, balloon tosses, three-legged races, and more. The event will take place rain or shine, with activities being moved inside in the event of inclement weather.

Employees are invited to wear casual clothes to work on the day of the picnic. Guests also are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to the event.

Please RSVP with the number of adults and children (including their ages) by July 10 to Maddelene Collins at 636-947-4700 or by e-mail mcollins@lindenwood.edu.

Career Center Among Top 50 College Departments Using Twitter

Lindenwood University was included this month in an on-line blog post at www.job-hunt.org naming the "Top 50 College and University Career Centers Using Twitter." The list recognizes academic institutions across the nation who effectively use the networking tool in support of students and alumni.

Dana Wehrli, director of Career Services at Lindenwood, launched the department's Twitter account earlier this year under the username "@CareerCenter_LU." She has been largely responsible for expanding the account's network of "followers" and "tweeting" about professional development and career opportunities.

"This is due recognition for being a leading higher education enterprise," said James D. Evans, Ph.D., president of Lindenwood. "Great work!"

In addition to staying focused on employment information, the "@CareerCenter_LU" account also met several other criteria considered by job-hunt.org. The Twitter account is easily found when searched, the account name clearly represents Lindenwood's name and links to the school's website, the biography section indicates the purpose of the account, and the account is constantly active in posting relevant "tweets."

Lindenwood Partners with Little Guppy

Lindenwood University and Little Guppy Child Development Centers (LGCDC) have formed a partnership through which employees at each organization may be eligible for discounted services. LGCDC staff are offered tuition assistance options, while reduced child-care rates are offered to full-time Lindenwood employees and students.

Staff, faculty, and students at the university will not need to pay LGCDC's typical \$50 enrollment fee and will receive a 10 percent discount overall per child. The offer applies at both of the organization's two locations in St. Charles County: 1078 Bryan Road in O'Fallon, Mo., and 3151 Elm Point Industrial Drive in St. Charles, Mo.

"It's a win-win situation," said Joe Parisi, dean of day admissions. "This is a wonderful collaboration aimed at making it easier for both adults and their children to attend excellent educational organizations."

For more information about LGCDC's services and programs, as well as their discounted rates for eligible Lindenwood staff and students, please visit www.littleguppy.com.

KCLC to Broadcast Music in Simulcast with Fireworks

Lindenwood University's radio station, KCLC 89.1 FM, will broadcast music in simulcast with the 2009 St. Charles Riverfest firework exhibitions July 3-4 at Frontier Park. The displays are scheduled to begin at 9:20 p.m. both evenings.

"The pyrotechnics are synchronized with the music, so viewers can tune their radios to 89.1 from wherever they're watching and enjoy the total sensory experience," said Mike Wall, dean of the School of Communications. "This is the fifth year we've provided this service and it always turns out well."

KCLC also will be broadcast over the sound system inside the park during both displays. For more information, please visit www.stcharlesriverfest.com.

Jeff Smith Portrays Washington, Barnum for Chataqua Visitors

Like he does every summer, history professor Jeff Smith was on the road in June making history come alive for Chataqua visitors in Missouri and the Carolinas portraying two different historical figures. Smith spent June 11 through 25 making six stops in Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina portraying P.T. Barnum and George Washington. A Chataqua is a traveling tent show that includes a variety of cultural and educational presentations and performances; Smith has been performing as various historical characters in chataquas for several years. In the past, he has portrayed Andrew Carnegie and P.T. Barnum; new this year was Washington, for which he shaved his trademark beard.

Smith said crowds often take great interest in the shows, including a group of youngsters he described from this trip who showed up wearing Washington wigs made from grocery bags and cotton balls. There was also one surprise in his travels.

"In one of our stops in South Carolina, Becky Panagos (from the School of Education) was in the audience," Smith said. "She was on vacation in the area and decided to stop by."



Smith with three of his young fans. He said he was particularly fond of their cotton-ball wigs.