

CAMS Conference Starts at LU

Lindenwood University hosted the first day of a CAMS (Comprehensive Academic Management Solutions) workshop on Monday in the Spellmann Campus Center. The CAMS Enterprise 16th Annual Users Conference is sponsored by system vendor Three Rivers Systems, who will host the rest of the conference Tuesday and Wednesday at the St. Charles Convention Center.

"For our portion, we had about 70 representatives from various colleges and universities attending one of two separate training classes," said Shawn Haghighi, CAMS project manager and associate professor of computer science and math. "We set aside two classrooms in which 12 trainers from Three Rivers Systems presented on creating custom reports and customizing portals."

The CAMS project at Lindenwood was implemented in phases under Haghighi's direction, beginning in 2007 and ending last year. The system efficiently ties together the computer systems of admissions, housing, financial aid, the business office and academic services, as well as allows students to register online.

Did You Know?

Many people at Lindenwood know of alumna Shandi Finnessey, who won the Miss USA pageant in 2004. But did you know that Lindenwood had a Miss Missouri winner in 1950? Carol Romann, who attended Lindenwood between 1948 and 1952, went on to become a Miss America finalist in 1951.

Russell named Employee of the Month for May

Lynn Russell, account representative in the Lindenwood University Business Office, has been named the Employee of the Month for May. She has worked in the role since 2003, prior to which she had served for two years as student mentor.

Russell currently manages student accounts, ensures billing procedures are followed, and works to inform customers of any discounts for which they are eligible. She said she values her co-workers and enjoys interacting with Lindenwood students.

"I work with such a great group of people, and the students keep you thinking young so I like that too," Russell said. "There are some who are enrolled in the master's program now that still come by to say hi. I think that's neat."

Students aren't the only ones affected by Russell's professionalism and positive attitude.

"Lynn is a very hard worker, and she's helped train many of the people in the business office," wrote her nominator. "She's always willing to help both students and colleagues and she's always bubbly and happy."

Outside of work, Russell said she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, two children, and four grandchildren.

"They are my joy," she said.



Hargate to Show Ceramic Work in September

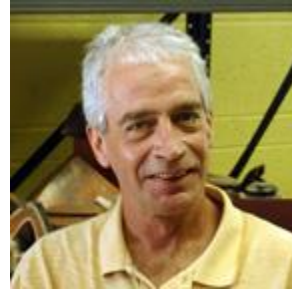
Grant Hargate, professor of fine arts, will exhibit 13 pieces of his ceramic work for a month and a half in the Messing Gallery of the Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School (MICDS). The free exhibit will open with a reception from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19.

"With the demands on faculty being relaxed, I think professional development is going to become more and more important," Hargate said. "It's definitely given me more time to do things like this show."

A professor at Lindenwood since 1983, Hargate has taught painting, design, ceramics, printmaking, color theory, drawing and figure drawing. He typically exhibits in various media at least once a year and has presented throughout St. Charles, St. Louis, New York, Cincinnati, Kentucky, and Illinois. In the past he also has been invited to participate in group exhibitions in Japan and France.

"This MICDS show will be open to general public," Hargate said. "The gallery is on the school's campus, which is easy to get to, so I hope as many people as possible check it out."

For directions to the school, please visit www.micds.org.



Carlos' Shoots Movie Called 'Big Time'

Peter Carlos, LUTV station manager and associate professor of communications, has been filming a short movie for the past several weeks at Lindenwood University. He wrote and directed the piece, which he eventually plans to submit as a film festival entry.

"Big Time" is about a clown who stars in a children's television show. Jaded and lost in life, the clown eventually finds perspective after meeting a child who idolizes him.



Carlos says the project was designed to bring Lindenwood students together with professionals working in the field.

"We had a combination of pro actors, audio people and makeup artists," Carlos said. "It was great to have students interacting and learning from them."

One particularly notable star in Carlos' project was St. Louis native Bill Chott, who starred as the clown. The actor has been in a multitude of films and television shows, including Saturday Night Live, CSI, and Monk.

Other professional actors included Parker Donovan of the St. Louis Muny and actress Adrienne Lamping, who most recently worked on the locally-filmed George Clooney movie "Up in the Air."

Knotts Speaks in Hawaii on Invasive Species

David Knotts, Ph.D., dean of the School of American Studies, traveled in early March to the United States Naval Station in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to speak with members of the Preventative Medicine Division about problems created by invasive species and species of concern. The educational presentation focused on the economic and ecologic impact of non-native plants and animals being introduced into regions from which they did not evolve.



“More than 100 million acres in the U.S. are lost to invasive plants each year, and exotic animals and microorganisms cost the country more than \$100 billion in wildfire, erosion, and flooding damages that result from altered ecosystems,” Knotts said. “It’s important to train naval personnel, who travel around the world, on the importance of taking preventative measures to preserve environments.”

In keeping with naval tradition, Knotts was presented with a commander’s coin as a token of appreciation for his services. The coin is typically given in recognition of a job well done.