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Letter Writing/Phone Effort Regarding State Education Cuts Set for Wednesday

The Lindenwood University Student Government Association (LSGA) has organized a letter writing and phone call campaign from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, in the Connection Room on the lower level of the Spellmann Center. Participants will have the opportunity to voice their opposition to Missouri Governor Jay Nixon's proposal to eliminate Bright Flight and Access Missouri state grant funding for students attending independent colleges and universities.

Nearly 20 percent of students attending Lindenwood currently receive Access Missouri grants. If the program is eliminated, many will likely suffer financial hardship in order to continue attending their school of choice.

"The state budget should not be balanced on the backs of students with demonstrated financial need who choose to attend Missouri's independent institutions, as they are certainly no less deserving of assistance than those who choose to attend public institutions," said Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D. "These students and their parents are Missouri taxpayers with real financial need, and they have a right to receive Missouri's educational grant support. It is critical that students, parents, and alumni take the time to voice their opposition to this measure."

Students, faculty and staff who attend the April 7 event will be encouraged to express in their own words what the state funding means to them. Those who are unable to attend are invited to contact the governor by mailing letters of opposition to The Office of Governor Jay Nixon, P.O. Box 720, Jefferson City, Mo., 65102, or by calling his office at (573) 751-3222.

For more information, please visit www.keepmeincollege.org.

Did You
Know?

Did you know that between 1858 and 2009 Lindenwood graduated nearly 38,000 students, most of which graduated during the last 20 years.

Dr. Tretter Presents a Paper at the College English Association

On March 25, 2010, Dr. Sue Tretter of the English and American Studies Programs presented a paper, "We Wear the Mask: 'Trickin' Ol' Massa' in African American Literature," at the College English Association's 41st Annual Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

The focus of the program was voices heard in literature. Dr. Tretter's thesis is that American black slaves used satire or a mask or what some might call "the inclusion of the opposite" as a subtle device to make the masters believe their slaves were ignorant, uneducable, and content. In this way, slaves diffused frustrations through ridicule hidden in folk songs and stories, both oral and written.

One can detect the "mask" through semantics in African American literature up to the present if the reader is aware of the device. Tretter, when teaching at the Universitat Leipzig during her Fulbright semester, found that teaching about this strategy at the beginning of her African American Literature course made the material much easier for the German students to understand, as she says it has for her students at Lindenwood this semester.

Third Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser April 30

The Lindenwood University School of Business and Entrepreneurship will host its third annual golf scramble fundraising event on Friday, April 30, at Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles, Mo. Registration will begin at 11 a.m., and a shotgun start will take place at 1 p.m.

A silent auction and sit-down dinner will be offered immediately following the tournament. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The cost to participate in the golf scramble is \$400 per four-person team or \$115 per individual. The cost to attend only the dinner and silent auction is \$25 per person.

Sponsorship and donation opportunities also are available. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lindenwood University School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. For more details concerning donations or tournament information, including team registration forms, contact Abby Weber at 636-697-7350 or by e-mail at AWeber@lindenwood.edu.

Leavitt is Selected Vice President of Region IV of Alpha Chi NHS

Congratulations to Lynda Leavitt, Assistant Professor in the School of Education, who was recently appointed vice president of Region IV of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a national scholarship recognition society with approximately 300 chapters across the nation.

The society is divided into seven regions; region IV (which includes Lindenwood University) consists of 43 chapters. The society offers opportunities for scholarship, national and regional conventions, publication possibilities, and interaction with other top scholars and graduates. The Missouri Pi chapter was installed at Lindenwood University in the fall of 1999.

Being selected for membership is one of the greatest academic honors that Lindenwood University can give to a student. For membership in Alpha Chi, a student must rank in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior class.

"We recently returned from the Super-Regional Convention in Little Rock, Ark., where Lydia Langley, a senior majoring in sociology, delivered a presentation titled, 'The Culture of Aging,'" Leavitt said. "Serving as a regional officer and a co-sponsor to Alpha Chi is a privilege and an opportunity to highlight Lindenwood University and its scholars."

Please Submit Nominations for March Employee of Month

Don't forget to submit your nomination for Employee of the Month for March. The program honors top employees at the University who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time or part-time employees who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

To nominate someone, write a 75- to 100-word essay explaining why a particular employee should be considered. Some qualities might include outstanding achievement, performance, creative contributions, or improvement beyond what is normally expected of employees; demonstration of outstanding service to Lindenwood; and projection of a friendly, considerate attitude toward co-workers, students, and visitors.

Nominations are not complete without the enthusiastic support of the employee's supervisor. Please send nominations to Judy Shanahan at jshanahan@lindenwood.edu.