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Mary Stacy-Brewer Named Employee of Month for February

Academic Services Representative Mary Stacy-Brewer has been named Employee of the Month for February 2010. Brewer, who is primarily in charge of scheduling classrooms, is coming off a particularly busy period with the spring quarter, fall semester, and summer schedules recently completed.

"The deans send over their schedules and we try to schedule rooms and make everyone happy," Brewer said. "I also deal with special classroom requests, such as if a professor wants to change rooms or someone needs a room for a meeting."

Brewer has worked at Lindenwood University nearly three years, starting as a student representative in Academic Services and taking on different responsibilities as needed over time. For instance, she handled transcript requests for a while and has been dealing with classroom scheduling since February 2009.

Prior to working at Lindenwood, Brewer was a veteran of retail management, working for 18 years at such places as Kohl's, Gordmans, and Laurie's Shoes. She found out about the opening in Academic Services through Registrar Christine Hannar and decided to apply for it. She has a bachelor's in elementary education from Lindenwood, earned in 2005.

"I thought maybe it was time to change paths," Brewer said. "The biggest difference initially was the change in hours. I had never had a 9-5 job before this. I like it. The rooms are like a big puzzle. It keeps me busy, and I like to stay busy and motivated. It's a good work environment, too. You can't beat that in your job."

Did You Know?

Did you know that prior to the end of the Cold War, Lindenwood was one of a dozen colleges in the United States that had a student exchange agreement with colleges in the Soviet Union? What made Lindenwood's arrangement unique was that unlike places such as Harvard and Yale, who used their status to arrange the exchange, negotiations here were orchestrated by officers in the Lindenwood Student Government.

Panagos Participates in Board Day at United Services

Professor Rebecca Panagos, of the School of Education, recently participated in Board Day festivities at United Services Preschool in Dardenne Prairie. Panagos is a member of the United Services Board of Directors and also donates her time there.

Panagos says United Services is a major employer of Lindenwood early childhood education graduates, with 29 Lindenwood grads. United Services operates preschool locations in St. Peters and Dardenne Prairie and United Services provides special education and therapeutic services in the typical classrooms for the school districts of Fort Zumwalt, St. Charles, Orchard Farm, and Wentzville. Since its inception 35 years ago, Panagos says, United Services is renowned for offering early childhood services with full inclusion of children with disabilities with typically developing children long before the concept was accepted by school districts.

"I can't sing enough praises about the quality of teaching that goes on here at United Services," Panagos said.