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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees

Johnson Named Employee of the Month

Debra Johnson, associate professor of social work and criminal justice and department chair of the Lindenwood University Criminal Justice Program, has been named Employee of the Month for September. She has worked at the university for six years and has more than 30 years of experience in the social work and criminal justice fields.



Johnson works hard to combine theory with practice by giving students opportunities to gain experience outside the classroom.

"I try to connect them with internship opportunities, and each January I take students to Europe," she said. "They can gain valuable cross-cultural perspectives."

Johnson not only enriches the learning experiences of her students but is also highly dedicated to the university's faculty governance initiatives.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the Lindenwood faculty," Johnson said. "I'm honored not only to teach and mentor students, but also to be part of the expanding role of faculty involvement in governance through the faculty council."

President James D. Evans praised Johnson for her work as chair of the faculty council. "Debra Johnson has been a hidden jewel within the great leadership potential residing, often quietly, within Lindenwood's professoriate," he said. "We are fortunate to have someone of her capability who is willing to commit so much of herself to leading our faculty members into an era of distinction and unprecedented opportunities."

Did You Know?

Did you know that before World War II, Lindenwood had a farm where it grew its own food to be served in the cafeteria? Located in the vicinity of what is now the parking lots between Harmon Hall and Harlen Hunter Stadium, Lindenwood farmed 83 acres where corn, wheat, oats and other vegetables were grown.

Alpha Lambda Delta Honored for Growth

The Lindenwood University chapter of the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) honor society has been named a recipient of the organization's Delta Gold Award for its 113 percent increase in membership from the 2007-2008 academic year to the 2008-2009 year. Society members are students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and are in the top 20 percent of their class during their first term of higher education.

Lindenwood recorded 50 initiates in 2009 in comparison to around 20 members the previous year.

Professor Peter Griffin, department chair of the History Program and ALD faculty advisor, said the increase in membership is due largely due to the school's updated methods of communication.



"We used to send individual letters to students who met the requirements, but then we started sending the information to their Lionmail accounts," he said. "Our e-mail invitations to join the society obviously reached many more eligible students than we had before."

ALD members not only enjoy the benefit of listing the accomplishment on their resumes but also access to fellowship and scholarship opportunities offered through the national organization.

Caribbean Policy Expert Will Speak on Cuba

Daniel P. Erikson, Caribbean foreign policy expert, will speak on the future of Cuba in the second installment of the 2009-10 Lindenwood University Speaker Series. The presentation will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center. Erikson's speech is titled, "The Future of Cuba and What it Means to the United States."



Erikson is senior associate for U.S. policy and director of Caribbean programs at the Inter-American Dialogue, where his work focuses on U.S. foreign policy challenges in the region. His articles have appeared in *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, *Cuba in Transition*, *Current History*, *Journal of Democracy*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Miami Herald*, *The National Interest*, *SAIS Review*, *The Washington Post*, and *World Policy Journal*.

He is coeditor of *Transforming Socialist Economies: Lessons for Cuba and Beyond* (New York, Palgrave MacMillan, 2005). Erikson frequently speaks on radio and television and is often cited by the U.S. and international press. He has been a research associate at Harvard Business School and a Fulbright scholar in U.S.-Mexican business relations. He earned a master's in public policy as a Dean's Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a B.A. from Brown University. He is a native of Maine.

Erikson is the author of *The Cuba Wars: Fidel Castro, the United States and the Next Revolution* about the future of Cuba in the wake of Fidel Castro stepping down.

Accounting Club is Featured in Bulls and Bears Press

Lindenwood University's Accounting and Finance Club was recently featured in the prestigious *Bulls and Bears Press* intercollegiate financial news publication. The publication posted the article on Sept. 29, which included an interview with Lindenwood senior Jimmy Baker, the president of the club.

In the article, Baker answers questions about the club and its activities and also gives his opinion of the current state of the markets and the federal governments' various stimulus and bailout packages.

Baker said he was approached by the co-founder of the publication, who asked him if he would consent to being interviewed for a new column that features a different subscribing club in each issue. Previously, Baker and student Nikunj Marbania, who has since graduated and is now a grad student at LU, wrote articles for the publication.

Bulls and Bears Press, which is based at Carnegie Mellon University, is distributed to more than 60 member universities around the world and boasts that it is the most widely distributed intercollegiate financial news publication. Baker pointed out that the member schools to which the publication is distributed include Stanford, Cambridge, Harvard and Princeton, among others.

"It goes to student finance clubs in some of the nation's leading universities," said Ed Morris, dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship. "Lindenwood being featured in such a prominent way is a real feather in our cap and speaks to the quality of our students and the university."

The article can be found at Club Focus: Lindenwood Accounting & Finance Club

Annual Fall Dance Concert Oct. 22-24

Lindenwood University's School of Fine and Performing Arts will present its annual fall dance concert series at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts on Thursday, Oct. 22, Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Nearly 60 students and each of the dance program faculty members will perform a variety of styled and choreographed pieces. Guest artists are Jamell Jacobs, owner of Dance Plus, Inc., in Florissant, Mo., and Paula David, formerly of the Hubbard Street Chicago Dance company.

Lindenwood faculty and staff are entitled to receive two free tickets. General admission tickets cost \$10.

For more information, please call the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts Box Office at 636-949-4433, or visit www.lindenwood.edu for a complete list of upcoming shows.