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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees

Provost Jann Weitzel Receives Prestigious Community Shaper Award

Jann Weitzel, vice president for academic affairs and provost at Lindenwood University, has been selected by St. Charles Business Magazine as the recipient of a "50 over Fifty" Community Shaper Award. Weitzel and other recipients were honored for their achievements during a gala on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Discovery Ballroom in Ameristar Casino.



The bi-annual awards recognize 50 outstanding business professionals over the age of 50 who, through their personal or professional lives, positively impact the community.

"I'm very proud to have received this award," Weitzel said. "I'm humbled and honored to be in the company of great leaders in St. Charles County whom I respect and admire."

An educator for 35 years, Dr. Weitzel currently directs the development of Lindenwood's curricula and coordinates the work of all academic deans. In charge of ensuring academic honesty, she has taken her message on the topic to the national stage as a presenter at conventions and workshops around the country.

Weitzel also hosts a program that airs on LUTV called "Topics in Education," which covers subjects such as student teaching, social security, and cyber-bullying issues. She has been a member of the American Association of University Women, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She has published articles in educational journals, presented at conferences, and received several awards and nominations in her field.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the weathervane located on Butler Library's tower symbolizes two types of learning here at Lindenwood? The owl represents inductive thinking, whereas the parrot portrays deductive thinking.

Lindenwood Breaks Ground on Belleville Welcome Center

Lindenwood University's Belleville campus broke ground last week on a 3,000-square-foot Welcome Center for its beautiful auditorium. An estimated 300 people attended the event, which was also an open house anniversary celebration for the campus.

Numerous community leaders, alumni, students, board members, faculty, and staff attended the event, which also featured tours and a large tent with food and refreshments.

In the photograph is President James D.m Evans, Vice President Julie Mueller, Board of Directors Chairman Jim J. Shoemake, Mayor Mark Eckert, Lindenwood Board member and County Board Chairman Mark Kern, Assistant Vice President Mary Radcliff, and Carolyn Green from William B. Ittner Architects. Vice President Jerry Bladdick emceed the event.



Loberg, Team Volunteer for Autism's Evening of Angels

Members of the Lindenwood University softball teams will serve as volunteers during the "Autism's Evening of Angels" fundraising event at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters. Sponsored by The Center for Autism Education in O'Fallon, Mo., the inaugural event will feature cocktails, appetizers, and silent and live auctions.

"We've volunteered in the past at auctions put on by the family services division of St. Charles, so this year we thought we'd try and help out during this new event," said Dan Loberg, head softball coach. "Although the event is a bit different, the girls will have the same responsibilities of helping the auctions run smoothly."

Nearly 40 softball players also took part in the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraising event on Sunday, Oct. 25, in Tower Grove Park. Freshman Amanda Clark served as a team captain in honor of her mother, who is a breast cancer survivor.

The Lindenwood softball teams also are considering becoming involved in a local Relay for Life event next spring.

"Participating in these events creates a heightened sense of awareness," Loberg said. "And the girls are really enthusiastic, so I don't have any problems getting volunteers."

LU First in Missouri for SHRM Accreditation

Lindenwood University's undergraduate degree program in human resource management has received a full, one-year accreditation from the National Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). The university is first in the state of Missouri and the only one in the St. Louis area to have earned the distinction.

SHRM is the largest global professional society for human resource practitioners with more than 100,000 members worldwide. The organization's accreditation standards are based on the evaluation of precise topics, course areas, learning outcomes, business context, and teaching methods.

"The accreditation is a true honor and it signifies that our program topics are current, thorough, accurate, and serve the needs of organizations that rely on human resource expertise nationwide," said Evelyn Hendrix, Psy.D., SPHR, department chair of the Human Resources Department in Lindenwood's School of Business and Entrepreneurship. "We will strive to maintain this accreditation in future years by continuing to provide the highest quality of education."

For more information, please call Hendrix at 636-949-4668 or email her at ehendrix@lindenwood.edu.

Nominations Due for Employee of the Month

Please submit your Employee of the Month nominations by Friday to Judy Shanahan in the president's office.

The Employee of the Month program honors top employees at the university who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time employees or part-time employees who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

To nominate someone, please 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 jshanahan@lindenwood.edu.