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An e-newsletter  
for Lindenwood employees**Lori Malloy named Employee of the Month for October**

Lori Malloy, Office Manager for Lindenwood University College for Individualized Education (LCIE), has been named the employee of the month for October. She has been employed in the role for nearly two and a half years.



"I was referred to the position by Terry St. Clair of the criminal justice program," Malloy said. "At the time, I was looking for something different and knew it would be the perfect fit and a great time for me to return to an office setting."

Malloy currently coordinates the LCIE office, handling the needs of both students and instructors. She also coordinates the work of graduate assistants and Work and Learn students assigned to the department.

"I really love it here, and this particular group is one big happy family where everyone helps everyone," said Malloy. "We just laugh, focus, and stick together to get everything done."

Malloy's upbeat attitude and team spirit were highlighted in her nomination letter. "She provides excellent service and she does it all with a smile and very willing manner, even when there are 10 people lined up at her desk," wrote her nominator. "She embodies the true spirit of service and dedication."

Malloy said she was extremely shocked to learn she had been named Employee of the Month. "OMG was my first thought," she said while laughing. "That's my line around here. But it is really very exciting news."

**Did You Know?**

**Did you know that the author of the "Serenity Prayer," Reinhold Neibuhr, spoke to students here in 1948? While it isn't known what he said during his lecture, Neibuhr was a notable spokesman for the neo-orthodox movement in theology which influenced a generation of ministers. Neibuhr was born in St. Charles County.**

**Kline Assumes Role of Grants Manager**

Melissa Kline has been hired as the newest member of the Lindenwood University Institutional Advancement team. As the grants manager/prospect researcher, she is responsible for the development and management of the University's grants program and for conducting prospect research in support of the Lindenwood's fundraising and alumni relations programs.

Kline comes to Lindenwood with an important background in development and fundraising. She served as the Director of Development at Progressive Youth Connection, a United Way Agency in St. Louis. In the past two years, she has increased grant income to her organization by 35 percent and expanded the number of new businesses contributing to her organization by 25 percent.



Previously, Kline served as the director of planning for the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. There she developed and enlarged the constituent base for her organization, developing new relations and fundraising for the Chamber of Commerce. Kline has worked in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors. She worked for Edward Jones in the client research area and wrote about the investment market.

Kline received both her undergraduate degree in business and marketing and her MBA from Maryville University. She resides in St. Peters with her two children, Madelyn and Marc.

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## Durbin, Alsobrook, Nohara-LeClair Receive Faculty Awards

Winners of Lindenwood University's faculty awards for 2009 include Nancy Durbin, Joe Alsobrook, and Michiko Nohara-LeClair. Each was honored during a ceremony yesterday at the Sheldon Concert Hall and Ballroom in St. Louis.

Nancy Durbin is Lindenwood's recipient of the Emerson Award for Teaching Excellence, sponsored by Emerson Electric, Inc. It recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated the best combination of innovation, student-centeredness, and effectiveness as a classroom teacher.

Durbin has been a professor of French at Lindenwood since 2001 and is involved in several service projects at the school. She administers the exchange program for all French majors, is a distinguished mentor to at-risk students and serves as faculty sponsor for the French Club and Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society and more.



"I was so pleased to hear I had won the Emerson Award," said Durbin, pictured at far right. "I'm also very grateful to my colleagues who recognize and appreciate my dedication to teaching and who took the time to write letters in support of my nomination."

Alsobrook received the Scholar of the Year Award, which is presented to a faculty member who, in the judgment of his colleagues, has exhibited the highest level of professional scholarship during both the current and prior academic years.

In addition to being Chair of the Lindenwood University Music Department, Alsobrook is an accomplished author who has published two books in less than eight years. His first book, *Pathways: A Guide for Energizing and Enriching Band, Orchestra, and Choral Programs*, is a GIA Publications, Inc., bestseller. His latest work, *Destinations 4K12 Music Educators*, will be released in December but has already received a personal commendation from the GIA president.

"I am honored and humbled to be recognized by a faculty of such brilliance," Alsobrook said of receiving the Scholar of the Year award.

Michiko Nohara-Leclair, pictured at left, received the President's Scholar-Teacher Award (formerly the Governor's Award). The honor recognizes a faculty member who has most effectively merged professional scholarship with effective teaching practices.

Nohara-LeClair has been an associate professor of psychology at Lindenwood since 2002 and has bolstered the department's focus on research through the formation of the Institutional Review Board and the creation of the Human Subject Pool. Under her direction, the Lindenwood Psychology Department will host the Fifth Missouri Undergraduate Psychology Conference (MUPC) on Friday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 7.

"I feel very honored to receive this award," said Nohara-LeClair. "It only makes me want to work even harder to do what I love best, trying to inspire students to excel in whatever they set out to do."