

## COMMUNIQUE

An e-newsletter  
for Lindenwood employees**Whitney Fraier Selected as 2008 Employee of Year**

Congratulations to Whitney Fraier, director of alumni affairs and Lindenwood University Employee of the Year for 2008. Fraier's award was announced at the Lindenwood faculty and staff Christmas party on Dec. 12; she was employee of the month for October 2008.

"I was really surprised and shocked," Fraier said. "I had no clue it was going to be me; I thought it would probably go to someone else."

Fraier, pictured above, was presented with an engraved clock commemorating her selection as employee of the year. She had been named employee of the month in recognition of her work on the successful 2008 Homecoming Weekend.

Fraier said Homecoming was marked by about 300 participating alumni (roughly twice the number from 2007), 50 of which were from the honored class of 1958. She credits the heightened participation to a robust publicity push in the months leading up to the event, including e-mails, letters and articles in the alumni magazine Connection.

"We had many out-of-town alums who had not been to campus, in 20 or 30 years," Fraier said. "I'm very excited alumni support is increasing, and we look forward to providing additional opportunities for alums to participate throughout the year and not just for the one big event."

Prior to coming to work at Lindenwood, Fraier was special events manager at the Magic House in Kirkwood. Before that, she worked for the St. Charles Convention Center. She is currently working toward a master's degree in nonprofit administration at Lindenwood.

**Did You Know?**

**Did you know that between 1900 and 1980 Lindenwood's alumni association had a network of more than 40 regional clubs? These clubs, which were as distant as San Francisco and New York City, were mostly found in smaller cities but contributed substantially to student enrollment and financial aid for Lindenwood.**

**LU Community Mourns Loss of Professor John Dougherty**

Former Lindenwood faculty member John Dougherty passed away on Monday, Jan. 12, following a battle with cancer. He came to Lindenwood in 1994 as an education professor and later served as the dean of the School of Education during 2007 and 2008 before stepping down for health reasons.

Those who worked with Dougherty, pictured at right, fondly remembered his unique sense of humor and dedication to teaching.

"Our Doctor of Education degree will forever have his print upon it, for he was a central figure in the program's conceptualization and launch," said James D. Evans, Ph.D., president of Lindenwood University. "We will miss his wry but magnanimous humor, his dedication to student learning, and his programmatic ambition."



Roger Deppe, Ed.D., retired professor of education and former dean of the education division, also recognized Dougherty's commitment to excellence.

"Dr. Dougherty was a friend and colleague, and it was obvious to me that that he always had the best interests of the university and the students at heart," he said.

Cynthia Bice, Ed.D., dean of the School of Education, plans to continue in Dougherty's path of preparing educators for the 21st century.

"He looked to bring the latest instructional technology to teachers through higher education," she said. "The School of Education promises to continue that bold commitment, following through with the vision of Dr. Dougherty while we continue to seek new opportunities to enhance the preparation and development of future and veteran educators in order to create the best possible learning environment for our children."

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## **Please Join Coalition; Oppose Access Missouri Grant Changes**

Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, Ph.D., is urging the school's students, faculty and staff to actively oppose a current effort in Missouri's legislature to eliminate funding to students in private colleges from a specific state grant program.

Currently, an effort is under way in the legislature to limit or completely eliminate funding from the Access Missouri grant program to students that attend independent schools. Access Missouri is a need-based grant program designed to help needy students attend college. Evans pointed out in a message to faculty and staff on Jan. 20 that this would curtail funding for 15,000 students statewide, 1,400 of which attend Lindenwood.

"Lindenwood remains committed to helping all of our students find the financial aid that meets their needs, and we are taking action to protect Access Missouri funding for our students," Evans said. "It is critical to let the Missouri Legislature know that you support keeping financial aid available to all Missouri students attending any Missouri college through Access Missouri grants."

Evans encouraged Lindenwood faculty and staff to contact their legislators and voice their opposition to the proposed changes in the grant program and directed them to a website ([www.KeepMeInCollege.org](http://www.KeepMeInCollege.org)) to learn about a coalition that has been formed to protect the program as is and keep funding available for all Missouri students.

"Your involvement in this matter is vital to our students and the university," Evans said.

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## **Crowd Celebrates Opening of Downtown Campus Site**



St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, center, cuts the ribbon on Lindenwood's new downtown site. From left are President James D. Evans, Board Chairman Jim Shoemaker, Slay, Jim Clear, president and CEO of Downtown St. Louis

Lindenwood University hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Thursday, Jan. 22, at its newest extended campus, 1409 Washington Avenue in St. Louis.

Partnership, and Brett Barger, director of evening and graduate admissions.

Lindenwood President James D. Evans addressed a large crowd gathered in one of the newly constructed classrooms and spoke of Lindenwood's commitment to residents of the rapidly growing area.

"We felt that the young professionals living and working here were underserved in terms of higher education," said Evans. "We believe this is a good match between what we offer and what we think this market needs."

Jim Cloar, president and CEO of Downtown St. Louis Partnership, echoed Evans' sentiments and welcomed Lindenwood as an important presence on Washington Avenue.

"These residents and these office workers need more services and education is at the top of that list," Cloar said. "So, we're very excited that Lindenwood has made this commitment."

St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay commented on the return of young professionals to the downtown region in recent years and on the impact the new campus has on that shift.

"Lindenwood has confidence, even in this economy," he said. "And that confidence adds to the overall perception of what's happening in St. Louis."

The downtown campus is the university's 10th satellite location and features six newly constructed classrooms with Internet access and other high-tech features. Evening classes offered at the new facility include undergraduate courses in communications and graduate programs in business, communications, and human resources.

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## Tretter Blogs about Teaching in Germany

Sue Tretter, Ph.D., professor of art and American studies, is currently "across the pond" teaching at the University of Leipzig in Germany as part of the Fulbright Scholar program. To help colleagues and friends keep track of her adventures, she is blogging about her experiences in "Have Fulbright, Must Travel," online at <http://stretter.travellerspoint.com>.

Tretter's first post covers her eventful journey overseas and a series of challenging situations she encountered upon her arrival. She entertainingly describes losing her passport, getting lost in the snowy city, problems with her coat, and an unfortunate dental issue.

Tretter will be updating the blog and posting pictures as frequently as possible. Be sure to stop by the site and post a friendly comment.

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## Students, Faculty and Staff Turn out to Celebrate King Day

A large crowd of students, faculty and staff gathered on Monday, January 19, in the third-floor atrium of the Spellmann Center to attend a ceremony commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr., day.

The program consisted of readings of excerpts from King's speeches by students Reggie Cunningham, Connie Jones and Charo Richardson, as well as an address by Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D. A banner commemorating the event was on display, and keepsake bookmarks were given to all in attendance. On a projection screen behind the speakers was a series of images of King.

"This year marks the first time the Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting the MLK Day event," said Cathy Hart, faculty sponsor of the Black Student Union, prior to the program. "The entire program is designed

and conducted by students. BSU is optimistic that the entire Lindenwood community will benefit and be energized by this opportunity to participate in Dr. King's dream."

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## Levin, Hogan, Shreve Newest Belleville Employees

Lindenwood University proudly welcomes Lacey Levin, Dan Hogan, and Melissa Shreve as the newest employees of the Belleville, Ill., campus. The trio is the first of several new employees expected to be hired as the campus prepares to offer daytime classes in the fall of 2009.



Left to Right:  
Melissa Shreve, Dan Hogan, and Lacey Levin.

Lindenwood alumna Levin ('04, '05, '08) has been named associate director of day admissions for the Belleville campus. She earned master's degrees in education and education administration from Lindenwood and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in education administration at the university.

Prior to coming to Lindenwood, Levin worked for 10 years as an English teacher at Belleville East High School. She says she is looking forward to giving back to the community and to her alma mater.

"Being an alum, I want to help the university in any way I can," Levin said. "I want to see it thrive."

Hogan also is originally from the St. Louis metropolitan area, and recently returned to Missouri to serve as the head men's and women's soccer coach and admissions counselor at the Belleville campus. He previously had worked for nine years as the head men's soccer coach and academic advisor of athletics at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Ind.

Recruitment is Hogan's first order of business as he works to have teams ready for competition by fall.

"I'm looking forward to starting a program from scratch," he said. "It's the first time I've had the opportunity to do that in my 20 years of coaching."

Shreve, admissions counselor and financial aid officer, worked for three years in academic services at Southwestern Illinois College before coming to Lindenwood's Belleville campus. She says she feels honored to be part of the location's expansion process.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to help build something new, to give students another opportunity to continue their education close to home," Shreve said.

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## Ross Named Coach of the Year

Lindenwood football coach Patrick Ross was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year last week by the College Fanz Sports Network. Four Lion players were honored on the group's All-American squads that were voted on by ten NAIA football coaches and NAIA expert Jason Dannelly of the College Franz Sports Network.



Ross, pictured at right, led the Lions to an 11-2 record in 2008 and the first-ever playoff victories in school history. Lindenwood, which came up two points shy of advancing to the NAIA Championship Game, had the most prolific offense in school history, averaging over 40 points a game.

Lindenwood's Jeff Hynes was named a first-team All-American as he continues to be recognized in every major football organization as the top 2008 NAIA offensive center. Quarterback Ben Kisner, wide receiver Rudy Fleming and cornerback Brandon Gould were honorable mention All-American selections.

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## Murphy Takes Over As Cycling Coach

The Lindenwood University athletics department has announced that Adrienne Murphy will take over as the school's cycling head coach. Murphy will replace Darren Marhanka, who helped start the varsity program in 2007.

Murphy brings 20 years of experience to the Lindenwood program. Since 2000, she has served as the head coach of the Mesa Cycles Racing team, a Junior/Under-23 team based out of St. Louis. In addition to her administrative duties with that team, she also writes training programs and directs pre- and post-race day strategy.

Murphy was also a rider for the Mesa Cycles Racing team from 1989-1999, a span in which she had multiple wins at the local and regional levels. She and her husband own and operate Mesa Cycles Inc., a bicycle retail store in St. Louis.

Murphy graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1985 with a bachelor of arts in Physical Education. She holds a USAC level two coaching certification, and has attained a Pro Mountain Bike license and a Category 2 road license.

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## Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Dec. 8-14)

--The Lindenwood men's ice hockey team, which can make a convincing case to move up to the top spot in the new national ranking that comes out this Friday, will host a three-game series against Minot State this weekend at the Lindenwood Ice Arena.

--The men's and women's basketball teams begin the second-half of HAAC action with a road game against Culver-Stockton and a Saturday home contest versus Baker.

--The first synchronized swimming competition in Lindenwood history will take place this Saturday at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. The four-team competition includes two of the Top Four finishers at last year's national competition.

--The women's wrestling team concludes its first season with a trip to the WCWA College Nationals.

The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link:

<http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf>