

COMMUNIQUE

An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees**Elizabeth Baker Named
December Employee of
Month**

Elizabeth Baker, program coordinator for the School and Professional Counseling Program, has been named employee of the month for December 2008.

Baker, pictured at right, is a 2005 graduate of Hannibal LaGrange College. She has been employed at Lindenwood since 2006, when she joined the staff as a graduate assistant. She switched to full-time in April of 2007 and assumed her current duties.

"I meet with new or prospective students, coordinate course schedules and work with adjuncts," Baker said. "I also teach in the First-Year Experience in the fall. Everything else is basically making sure everything happens the way it's supposed to."

Baker earned her bachelor's degree in Christian education from Hannibal LaGrange, after which she took an education position with the American Red Cross in which she traveled to schools and made presentations to students anywhere from kindergarten to 12th grade on matters such as disaster preparedness.

A native of St. Charles County, she chose Lindenwood to pursue a master's in counseling and later found out about the graduate assistant job while visiting with her advisor. She is scheduled to graduate in May. She said she was excited to learn she had been named Employee of the Month.

"I'm honored," she said. "I've seen a lot of people get it and it's a privilege to be recognized in this way."

Jan Munro, assistant dean of education in school and professional counseling, said she is very pleased that Baker was chosen for the award.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving," Munro said. "Since she came to us as a graduate assistant we have become increasingly dependent on her amazing work ethic, sharp mind, positive interactions with students and staff around the university, and her ability to take initiative. Someone like Elizabeth Baker comes along very seldom and we're so grateful she chose our discipline."

**Did You
Know?**

Do you know who is buried in Lindenwood's cemetery? Located slightly north of the Hunter Stadium, the cemetery contains founders George and Mary Sibley, many parents and other relatives, and three of President Roemer's dogs. The most recent grave in the cemetery is beloved professor Norma Jean Fields, who died in 1998.

Theatre Program to Present 'The Diviners'

The Lindenwood University Theatre Program will present Jim Leonard's play, "The Diviners," at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14 in the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

The play will be performed in the center's Emerson Black Box Theater. Each faculty and staff member is entitled to two free tickets to the show; additional tickets cost \$10 each and are available. To reserve your free tickets or purchase tickets, visit the Scheidegger Center Box Office or call 636-949-4433.

"The Diviners" is set in the fictitious town of Zion, Ind., during the Great Depression. The town's population of 40 is strewn with eccentric characters, perhaps none more so than Buddy, a young boy left mentally diminished following a near drowning from which his mother died saving him. The incident has left him highly sensitive to water because of his intense fear of it, which his neighbors use to help them find water

sources. The lives of the townsfolk are changed when former preacher C.C. Showers appears in Zion looking for an escape from the life he left behind. As the thought-provoking story progresses, the characters and the audience are left to ponder the nature of salvation itself.

The cast features Joshua Payne, Brian Kappler, J.M. Lewis, Colleen Kelly, Taylor Lewis, Kimi Wibbenmeyer, Betsy Bowman, Jason Puff, Hassie Davis, Joseph Bayne and Michael Ginsburg. The director is Shaun Sheley; stage manager is Natalie Piacentini.

Tickets available for Basketball Championships

Tickets go on sale today for the 72nd Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship in Kansas City, Mo. The Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC), including Lindenwood, is the host for the NAIA's most prestigious event. It is called College Basketball's Toughest Tournament, with the champion having to win five games in seven days, and it is the largest continuous national collegiate tournament of any sport.

Thirty-two top basketball teams, including three HAAC schools, over 600 coaches and athletes, and over 40,000 fans will flood the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium March 18–24, 2009, for this event. The winner will be crowned the top men's basketball team in the NAIA.

General admission single session tickets are \$5 for students and \$12 for adults (add \$3 per ticket for reserved seats). There are several different ticket plans available and many events happening, including: wall-to-wall basketball, DST Systems, Youth Day, U.S. Bank Championship Night, Champions of Character events and much more. For a list of complete ticket plans and tournament information visit: www.naiahoops.com.

The tournament will take place on March 18-24 at Municipal Auditorium in the heart of downtown Kansas City.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Feb. 2-8)

--The three Lindenwood hockey teams, all of which are ranked first in the country, host eight games this week. Men's ice hockey has a two-game series versus Arizona State, women's ice hockey host rival Robert Morris twice, and roller hockey has four games at this week's Great Plains event.

--Another Top Five team, the Lions men's volleyball squad, will host the Lindenwood Invitational this Friday and Saturday, an event which includes nine of the top ten teams among NAIA schools.

--Lindenwood's table tennis team will look to earn a trip to the national tournament in its first season by winning the NCTTA Midwest Regional, which Lindenwood will host on Sunday at the Hyland Performance Arena.

The complete Lindenwood athletics weekly newsletter is available at this link: <http://www.lindenwood.edu/athletics/newsletter/current.pdf>