

Panagos Presents Results of Education Collaboration at Conference



Rebecca Panagos (right) with literacy leader Melissa Armbruster and Harris Elementary Principal Melvin Bishop.

On March 12 at the National Association for Professional Development Schools conference in Daytona Beach, Rebecca Panagos presented with Melvin Bishop, principal of Harris Elementary in the St. Charles School District, and literacy leader Melissa Armbruster on "Data that Delivers: School-wide and University Collaboration."

The presentation described the reading achievement gains of K-4th grade students during a partnership between Panagos' elementary reading methods students Kathleen Smith, Leah Shephard, Jenel Darrow, and Liz Lasman, who taught small groups of students who were performing below grade level.

Data showed a marked improvement in students performing at or above reading proficiency as a result of the interventions. For the past six years, Panagos has maintained a partnership with Harris Elementary School. One of her elementary reading methods classes meets at Harris Elementary School instead of meeting on campus.

After the class lecture, her Lindenwood students are assigned to a master teacher and the Lindenwood student observes, models, and is coached to teach effective practices for the teaching of reading.

Panagos also works with Drummond Elementary School and Willow Brook Elementary School of the Pattonville School District, where her other two elementary reading methods classes meet.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Lindenwood's work-and-learn program started under George and Mary Sibley? According to an 1884 issue of the *New York Evangelist*, the Sibleys started the school with 12 students. Six students were required to pay tuition, while the remainder did "the work of the establishment" in kind, for lessons.

Lerman Assumes Department Chairmanship

Mark Lerman, Ph.D., is the new department chair of the LCIE human resource management program. He brings to the position more than 22 years of experience as a human resources director, most recently with Enterprise Bank and Trust.

In his role as department chair, Lerman's responsibilities include revising the curriculum, advising students, teaching, and expanding the program to include clusters specific to professional certifications.

"Once developed, these clusters will prepare students for skill areas they'll be tested in when working toward these certifications," Lerman said. "Given by organizations like the Society of Human Resource Management, these additional certifications provide a boost to professionals working in the field."

Lerman also is working with Evelyn Hendrix and Don Otto, assistant professors of management, to more closely align LCIE human resource management courses with those offered through the day program. An additional goal is to heighten awareness of the program through partnerships with local businesses.

"We'll be able to train employees who've been promoted to management positions in core competency areas, such as resistance to change, managing work, and so on," Lerman said. "We can help them be effective leaders and plan to customize our program to meet those needs."



Researcher Dowdall Will Speak about Guatemalan Coffee Workers

Doctoral researcher Courtney Dowdall will speak on the lives of coffee workers in Guatemala at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center as part of Lindenwood's inaugural Speaker Series.

Dowdall, a native of St. Charles, earned her bachelor's in sociology and anthropology at Truman State University, after which she taught English in Taiwan for a year.

Upon returning to the U.S., she worked in St. Louis as coordinator of an employment rehabilitation program helping students with disabilities transition from high school into the working world. In 2006 she entered a Ph.D. program in comparative sociology at Florida International University in Miami, Fla.

Since then, she has been developing research to bridge the gap between the rhetoric of the fair trade movement and the reality of life in coffee producing cooperatives in Guatemala.

Recently she has been engaged in fieldwork in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, studying the history of Guatemala's economic development, ethnic struggles, recent civil violence, and efforts to improve the standards of living for its millions of agricultural laborers.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call Paul Huffmann at ext. 4823 or visit www.lindenwood.edu/academics/speakerSeries.asp.

Appliance Sales Tax Holiday Scheduled during April

A new sales tax holiday will take place April 19-26 in the City of St. Charles. During the week, city and state taxes will not be charged on Energy Star-certified appliances purchased within the city limits and costing up to \$1,500. While a 1.25 percent county tax will remain in effect, consumers will receive an average discount of about 5 percent.

Appliances include washers and dryers, water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, ovens, heating and

cooling appliances, refrigerators and freezers. Participating retailers located within the city limits include Home Depot, Lowe's and Sears.

For more information please contact Scott Tate, president/CEO of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, at 636-946-0633.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (March 16-22)

--The Lindenwood men's ice hockey team won its first-round tournament game over the weekend and is now in the ACHA quarterfinals. The Lions will face Liberty on Monday evening, hopefully followed by semifinal and final games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

--The Lindenwood clay shooting team will look for its sixth straight ACUI Collegiate Championship at the national competition this Wednesday through Sunday.

--The top two ranked baseball teams in the HAAC, Lindenwood and William Jewell, will meet for the first time this Tuesday with a doubleheader at the Lou Brock Sports Complex in St. Charles.

Postseason Results

--The women's ice hockey team won its second straight national championship and third in the last four years on Sunday. It took three straight third period comebacks for the Lady Lions to win the 2009 title. In the championship game, Lindenwood was matched up with Robert Morris for the fourth straight year. The game was tied 1-1 late when tournament MVP Lisa Moreau scored the game-winner with less than two minutes remaining.

--It took nearly 24 hours, but the Lindenwood men's ice hockey team won its first-round national tournament game by a 14-2 score over Penn State Berks. Due to the suspended first-round game, the Lions lost their off day on Monday when they will now face Liberty, a team they split a series with in the regular season.

--The men's and women's bowling teams both finished second at their sectional tournaments last week and earned a spot in the national tournament. Robert Klann finished third in the singles competition to earn an individual bid to nationals.

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