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An e-newsletter  
for Lindenwood employees**Moore Employee of the Month for March**

Christina Moore, student refunds processor, has been named the Employee of the Month for March. The St. Charles resident had worked since 2006 as an account representative at Lindenwood before assuming her current role.

Moore, pictured at right, helps students access extra funds left over from their financial grants. She said she enjoys constantly meeting new people and making a difference in their lives.



"I like being able to help someone afford child care, a new computer, or just the general expenses of college," Moore said. "They're so grateful when they hear they'll have money for books they thought they weren't going to be able to afford, or whatever other expense they might not have been able to cover."

In addition to her compassionate attitude, Moore's commitment to prompt service was also noted by her nominator.

"Christina has done an outstanding job with refunds," said Kathleen Steenbergen, Lindenwood account representative. "She had 900 in one week, and she has worked so hard to get the students' money to them as quickly as possible."

As a single mom, Moore also keeps a hectic schedule outside of work. In addition to pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Lindenwood, her family and extracurricular activities keep her quite busy.

"I spend time with my two boys, Michael and Matthew, and with my wonderfully supportive boyfriend, Rick," she said. "I also sing in a church choir and a women's ensemble, and I hunt and fish."

**Did You Know?**

**Did you know that between the 1920s and 1940s Lindenwood had a golf course on campus for the exclusive use of its students? While smaller than most modern-day golf courses, this 18-hole course was located in the area where Cobbs, Irwin, and McCluer halls are located, over to the Old Water Tower.**

**O'Mara Selected as Coach of Year in ACHA**

Women's Hockey Coach Vince O'Mara has been named the 2009 ACHA Division I Women's Coach of the Year. It was the second national coach of the year award for O'Mara as he also won in 2005-06.

O'Mara, pictured at right, opened up the year with a team that had graduated two-thirds of its team's goals, assists and points from last season. After starting the year with a 5-2-2 record, the Lady Lions began to click and went 27-1-1 the rest of the way. Along the way, Lindenwood captured the CCWHA regular season and playoff championships and won its second straight ACHA Division I National Championship. In the national tournament, O'Mara led his team to three straight third period comebacks, including a 2-1 victory over rival Robert Morris in the championship game.



O'Mara has been at the helm all six seasons for the Lady Lions and has a combined record of 165-21-7 record, an amazing .855 winning percentage. He has led Lindenwood to three ACHA National Championships in 2006, 2008, and 2009 and a runner-up showing in 2007.

O'Mara works at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville and helps with management duties at the facility.

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## **National Geographic Photographer to Speak**

Renowned *National Geographic* photographer Jodi Cobb will finish the 2008-09 Lindenwood University Speaker Series with a talk on 21st century slavery at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at Lindenwood's Spellmann Center.

The event will be in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room.

Cobb, pictured at right, specializes in large-scale, global stories exploring such topics as 21st-century slavery, as well as more intimate stories set inside closed and secret worlds. A staff photographer for *National Geographic*, she has worked in more than 50 countries, primarily in the Middle East and Asia.



Cobb was one of the first photographers to cross China when it reopened to the West, traveling 7,000 miles (11,000 kilometers) in two months for the book *Journey Into China*. She was the first photographer to enter the hidden lives of women of Saudi Arabia, welcomed into the palaces of princesses and the tents of Bedouins for a landmark article in 1987. And she was the first woman to be named White House Photographer of the Year.

For her book *Geisha: The Life, the Voices, the Art*, Cobb entered another world closed to outsiders, the geisha of Japan. She was also given special access to photograph inside a different sort of closed world, the Gore presidential campaign of 2000.

Cobb has produced numerous articles for *National Geographic*, including "This Thing Called Love," "21st-Century Slaves," "The Enigma of Beauty," and "Bahia: Where Brazil Was Born," and she has contributed to several *National Geographic* books.

Cobb has also photographed for the *Day in the Life* series of books and was a prime contributor to *Vietnam Veterans Memorial: The Wall, Here Be Dragons, and The Way Home: Ending Homelessness in America*. Her work was also featured in the book *Women Photographers at National Geographic* and its accompanying exhibitions.

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## **President Evans Speaking at Orchard Farm Graduation**

Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, Ph.D., will deliver the commencement address during Orchard Farm High School's 2009 graduation ceremonies. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the school's Performance Center.

Evans, pictured at right, said that although he has given several dozen public addresses during his career, this will be his first commencement address. The title of his presentation is, "Your Threshold, Your Island, Your Life."



"The main messages will concern the importance of embracing adulthood, the determining effect of one's decisions, the career value of general education principles, and the opportunities for lifelong learning," he said. "My goals in the presentation will be to

engage individuals who are two generations removed from my experience as a youth and to provide them with truth rather than advice.”

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## Ground Broken for LU Commons Building

Lindenwood University broke ground last week next to the Hyland Performance Arena for its new, state-of-the-art LU Commons building. When the \$20-million-dollar project is finished, students will have access to 115,000 square feet of space in which to enjoy food, fitness, and fun.

“This is a very exciting building,” said Julie Mueller, vice president, operations and finance, and chief operating officer. “It will hold an additional cafeteria, music and game rooms, student meeting areas, gymnasiums, a post office, and a laundry facility.”

The new cafeteria will offer a food court setting, complete with a la carte stations and a large central dining hall. Residential students will have their own mailboxes in the new post office, while commuter and other student mail will continue to be delivered to the Spellmann Campus Center.

“There will be something for everyone regarding fitness components throughout the building,” said Mueller. “There will be four smaller gyms, three of which will have regular wooden floors; the fourth will have a multi-purpose surface, so students will be able to play other sports like indoor soccer. A jogging trail will be suspended above those.”

A ceremony is being planned to celebrate the kickoff of the project, which is expected to take a little over two years to complete.

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## Jeffrey Milyo to Speak on Media Bias

Jeffrey Milyo, Ph.D., will present his talk, “A Social Science Perspective on Media Bias,” at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, as part of series hosted by Lindenwood’s Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment.

Co-hosted by Lindenwood’s School of Business and Entrepreneurship, the presentation will be held at the Lindenwood University Cultural Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

Milyo is a senior fellow with the CATO Institute and has a joint appointment as a full professor in the University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Economics and the Truman School of Public Affairs. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Missouri, Milyo served on the faculty at the University of Chicago and at Tufts University. After earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Connecticut, Milyo earned a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Milyo has been featured on FoxNews, MSNBC, and the ABC news program *20/20* with John Stossel.

In his lecture, Milyo will highlight research he has conducted that he says demonstrates the presence of a strong liberal bias in the American media. He will present his research in the context of the renewed national discussion regarding the fairness doctrine.

For more information about the presentation or the Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment, contact Anthony Clark at 636-949-4742 or [aclark@lindenwood.edu](mailto:aclark@lindenwood.edu).

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## **Annual Jazz Concert April 21 at Scheidegger Center**

Lindenwood University's School of Fine and Performing Arts will present a free jazz concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. Two university bands will perform along with an ensemble from Wentzville Holt High School.

"We host a concert each semester, but this is the first year we've had enough students to create two jazz bands," said Ryan Curtis, assistant professor of music at Lindenwood. "During the show the three bands will play a variety of music, from traditional standards to contemporary swing and Latin pieces."

For more information please call the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts Box Office at 636-949-4433, or visit [www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu) for a complete list of upcoming shows.



## **'Proof' Will be Presented in Studio Theatre Series**

The Lindenwood University Theatre Program will present the drama "Proof" at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 17 and 18 at the University's Emerson Black Box Theater.

Faculty and staff are each entitled to two free tickets to the play. Additional general admission tickets are available for \$10 at the Lindenwood Box Office, 636-949-4433. The Emerson Black Box Theater and the box office are located in the university's new J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts. "Proof" includes mature language.

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or genius—will she inherit?

The cast includes Kari Lorenz as Catherine, M.D. Ginsburg as Robert, Emily Heitmeyer as Claire and James Lewis as Hal. The director is Larry Quiggins, director of the Lindenwood Theatre Program. For more information about the production or the Lindenwood Theatre Program, call Quiggins at 636-949-4850.



## **Coffee Conversations to Feature Ethical Society Speaker**

The Coffee Conversations series continues at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, in Spellmann Center room 4105 with Bob Greenwell of the Ethical Society of Mid Rivers.

Greenwell will present, "The Ethical Movement: Morality's Independence of Philosophy and Religion." A discussion will follow.



## **Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (April 13-19)**

--The Lindenwood volleyball team has continued its trend of making every national tournament since its first year as a program in 2000. The Lions will look to break through and win their first national title this week at the national championship.

--The men's and women's bowling teams have also continued a long string of national tournament appearances. Both squads will look for their second national titles at their national event this week.

--Two women's programs, lacrosse and water polo, will play in their conference tournaments this week as both look for an automatic bid into their national tournaments.

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

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