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EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



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CAMPUS-WIDE NEWS BROUGHT STRAIGHT TO **YOUR INBOX.**

GOOD MORNING LINDENWOOD LIONS!

Employee Appreciation Week



Lions Living Well is bringing you Employee Appreciation Week! We want to celebrate you!

Join us at the Pavilion this Friday, March 1, from 1-3 p.m., for yard games, popcorn, giveaways, and raffles! (Weather permitting – alternate location will be

Evans Commons during lunch. An announcement will be sent if the location changes).

We will also have daily raffle prize winners! [Enter the raffle](#) and two winners will be selected each day!

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Campus Alert System – Test

Lindenwood will conduct a campus-wide test of the emergency alert system next Tuesday, March 5, at approximately 10 a.m.

The test will engage emergency text and email alerts, as well as the Alertus feature, which will appear on campus computer screens connected to the University network. The test will last approximately two minutes.



March Blood Drive

Student Involvement is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive Thursday, March 21, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the AB Leadership Room in the Spellmann Center. We are facing a national blood shortage, so we appreciate your support!

[Register](#)

Alumni Night at Schlafly Bottleworks

Join us for Lindenwood Alumni Night at Schlafly Bottleworks in Maplewood on Wednesday, March 6, from 5-7 p.m., for an evening of networking and social conversations.

Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers, plus snag special edition giveaway items (while supplies last).

We hope to see you there!

RSVP on [LindenConnect](#) or by contacting [Lindenwood Alumni](#).

Join the Community of Practice for Ethical Decision Makers

Are you interested in the Graduate Attribute, Ethical Decision Maker? If so, join our community!

The Community of Practice for Ethical Decision Makers will convene this spring for a two-hour period with lunch provided to:

- Examine the developed rubric for assessing Ethical Decision Makers.
- Gather insights on alignment to the Graduate Attribute, Ethical Decision Makers.
- Carry out norming, scoring, and calibration for a sample of student learning artifacts, from lower- and upper-division courses.

- Close the loop by reviewing assessment findings for actionable insight.

[Additional information](#) on Graduate Attributes and our Three-Year Roadmap for Assessment is available.

Contact [Robyne Elder](#) to join the community!

Information Sessions on Neurodiversity, ADHD, and Autism Student Panels

Informational sessions on neurodiversity, ADHD, and Autism Student panels will be held Tuesday, March 19, and Tuesday, April 16, from noon-1 p.m. These sessions will be held virtually and in-person in the Lindenwood Learning Academy, LARC 009.

The purpose of these sessions and panels is raise awareness about neurodiversity, ADHD, and Autism, and offer means of support for faculty, staff, and students.

Contact [Robyne Elder](#) with questions.

Liberty and Character

Join us for an engaging discussion about morality in the marketplace Thursday, March 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Vue 17 (University Tower – 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd.)

Interim President of Foundation of Economic Education Lawrence W. "Larry" Reed will discuss the indispensable connection between liberty and character: Without character, a free society is not possible; without liberty, character cannot be exercised. Following Reed's remarks, an audience Q&A session will be held to further explore the topic.



Don't miss this opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and expand your horizons. Get your [free tickets](#) and reserve your spot today!

Support Student Success by Swiping Out Hunger

If you know a student who regularly attends classes on campus and may be struggling with food insecurity, our food service partner, Sodexo, can help. Students can request meal swipes through Sodexo's ["Swipe Out Hunger" program](#).

If you have any questions, contact [Nichole Torbitzky](#) or [Mark Valenzuela](#).

2024 Spring Into Service

Lindenwood University's annual Spring Into Service event is set for Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m.-noon, on campus.

Faculty and staff can sign up to volunteer for different sessions, including set-up, check-in, event floater, tear-down, etc.

Sign Up



Recognize Employees Who Live Out Lindenwood's Core Values!

Use the [link](#) under the 'Announcements' section on your Workday home screen to access the form that allows us to recognize employees that we see living out LU's core values.

Value: We do what is right.

During some quickly accumulating snowfall, **Nick Schollmeyer** cleared and salted the entryway to our building quickly. A pile of snow made it hard to reach the button for the Assistive Open doors. Even though he was nearly finished, I spoke to him about making the button more accessible for users and he quickly removed all the snow that could have created a barrier or hindrance to anyone entering the building that day. He said, "I'll do it right now," and the next time I looked at the doors, it was all completely cleared away. Thank you so much, Nick!

Value: We have grit.

Dr. Barbara Hosto-Marti and visiting professor Alyssa Coffey demonstrated our "we have grit" value in some pretty amazing ways through the trip they led to take a group of students to the Iowa Caucuses. They knew the trip would provide some important learning experiences for students, but they had little time to plan and encountered almost every obstacle and difficulty imaginable. They could have put the trip off for another four years to allow more time to plan, but they moved ahead with the idea this year to make sure their current students had this learning opportunity. As a result, their students had a meaningful and memorable learning experience. This is truly demonstrating "grit" in an effort to give our students a wonderful education.

Value: We thrive together.

This really fits all of the above values and I am going to submit this for multiple people: **Dave Musso, Mike Elam, Damion Drummond, Michael Reese, Collin Kohlasch, Dominic Dolce, Colten Hernandez, Julius Armstead, Tavia Rutherford, Trevor Locke, and Chelsea Feathers.** Each of them showed grit and came together as a group to thrive together to do what is right for our students this past weekend. Sunday, we were scheduled to play Louisville in women's lacrosse, but

we had a snow storm Friday. The field needed to be cleared. The women's lacrosse team and several members of the department came out Saturday and, in the span of eight hours, cleared half the field. I reached out to a few coaches asking for help Saturday night and they immediately said yes. On Sunday morning, several coaches, staff, and student-athletes cleared the field and the bleachers. Without their help, we would have never been able to get it done and play the game. Their efforts helped the game start on time and the Lions beat Louisville.

Dr. Sarah Patterson-Mills definitely lives out the value of "we thrive together" on a daily basis with faculty, staff, students, and the general community. She leads our department with authenticity, understanding, and collaboration. Anyone who interacts with her becomes instantly aware of how far she will go to support those on her team and her students. Recently, the song "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" came on the radio and my first thought was, "That's what Dr. Patterson-Mills does for all of us!"

View all of the [submissions](#) that recognize employees who live out our values.

[Submit Your VIP Moment](#)

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LEARNING ACADEMY

Promotion in Rank Help Sessions

February 29, 4-5 p.m.

Online

Members of the Faculty Council and the Human Resources Department will share reminders and answer questions regarding the 2024 Promotion in Rank process. Topics will include timeline, item submission, review process, and more. Come with any questions you may have about the PIR process!

[Register](#)

The Four Pillars of the New Retirement

March 7, noon-1 p.m.

Online

This seminar provides an in-depth look at "The Four Pillars of the New Retirement" (health, family, purpose, and finances). Attendees will be empowered to think through their own circumstances, goals, and challenges so they can take action today that impacts their quality of life in retirement.

[Register](#)



SPRING SEMESTER HOURS

LARC/LIBRARY SERVICES

- Friday, March 1: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 3: 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Monday, March 4-Friday, March 8: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9: Closed.
- Sunday, March 10: 2 p.m.-10 p.m.

EVANS COMMONS REC CENTER

- Saturday, March 2-Sunday, March 3: Closed.
- Monday, March 4-Friday, March 8: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9-Sunday, March 10: Closed.

LU BOX OFFICE

- Tuesday-Friday: Noon-4 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sunday-Monday: Closed.

STARBUCKS

- Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday: Closed.
- Sunday: 2 p.m.-9 p.m.

BOYLE FAMILY ART GALLERY

- Wednesday-Friday: 1-6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2-Sunday, March 10: Closed



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