

## COMMUNIQUE



Dan Ingram, Director of the Enhanced Learning Center, assists a student Sunday at check-in.

## Did You Know?

**Did you know that one of the most respected ant biologists in the scientific community taught here at Lindenwood? Mary Talbot, who taught here between 1934 and 1968, spent nearly every summer for 40 years investigating the ants found at the Edwin S. George Reserve in Michigan. During that time, Talbot discovered a new species of ant which was named in her honor and published numerous scientific articles that are still used today.**

## Record Number of Students Return to Improvements, New Services

The fall semester is under way with a record 3,700 resident students on campus today at Lindenwood University. The students returned to several campus improvements and new services, and much more on the horizon.

Most notably, the first classes are being held today in the Lindenwood Center, which is the palatial home of the School of Fine and Performing Arts. The new building will be the performance venue for Lindenwood's theatre, music and dance programs in addition to a destination for a full range of touring professional performers, including the opening act, Liza Minnelli, who will perform two shows on Sept. 11 and 12.

Students will also notice redesigned, reconfigured and refurbished parking lots and drives around Roemer and Harmon halls, which allow for greater safety and ease of passage, as well as a 25 percent increase in the number of spaces in the Roemer lot and improved aesthetics.

Two new dorm buildings are also welcoming their first students this fall. Pfremmer Hall and an as yet unnamed residence hall were completed over the summer and are the seventh and eighth new residence halls constructed on campus since 2000.

Also starting this semester, students will have access to an on-campus health center, which is located in the Connection room of the Spellmann Center. The health center, which is open to students only, is operated in cooperation with SSM Healthcare and will be available for students with minor injuries and ailments.

In the coming weeks, students will see the beginning of a construction project at Harmon Hall, which will be refurbished and expanded in three phases and will become the new home of the Lindenwood School of Business and Entrepreneurship.

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## Turner Nominated for Dove Award

Julie Turner, Ph.D., assistant professor of non-profit administration, recently was nominated for a 2008 Dove Award. Sponsored by Saint Charles Business Magazine, the awards honor successful women who, through their personal and professional activities, inspire others.

Turner, pictured at right, is actively involved in area non-profit organizations and currently dedicates volunteer hours to Westgate Christian Academy in St. Peters. She was a founding member of the school, where her three children - Sarah, Meagan, and Erin- currently attend.

Never one to overlook resources, Turner also encourages her students to consider civic involvement. "It's been great," she said. "My classes are always adopting a new non-profit agency or partnering with a non-profit organization on some type of community project."

Although Turner did not receive the award, she was supported by a table of well-wishers that included her husband and several Lindenwood University colleagues.



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## Huss' Daughter Wins Award

Margaret Porch, daughter of Lindenwood employee Francis Huss and stepdaughter of board of directors member Libby Huss last week received a Dove Award for Educational Influence.

Margaret and her husband lead the St. Charles County Christian Home Educators. They are also very instrumental in spearheading homeschool students' dual enrollment at local universities.

Margaret is a great advocate for Lindenwood—her oldest son, Joshua is a graduate of our Christian Ministry Studies program. She has two children currently attending LU—Daniel and Sarah. Margaret's youngest, Elizabeth, is a freshman but "already wearing Lindenwood clothing," said Grandpa Huss.

Porch was recognized last week at Old Hickory Country Club. The Dove Awards are presented annually to women who use their talents, knowledge and compassion to encourage, support and inspire their peers.

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## Stuhler's LU Picnics Planned With Family In Mind

Eric Stuhler, Lindenwood's in-house legal counsel and director of planned giving, has been named Employee of the Month for June, largely in recognition of something that had nothing to do with his legal or planned giving work.

Stuhler was nominated because he was the father of this summer's picnics for alumni and employees. He came up with the idea for both picnics and was the principal organizer. The idea started with family in mind.

"We have so many events that take us away from our families that I thought it would be good to have something to bring families to campus," Stuhler said. "I wanted to make sure it was kid-friendly, too."

The alumni picnic on June 21 brought 125 people to campus, followed by a crowd of 250 for the employee picnic on July 16. Picnic-goers enjoyed games like horseshoes and washers, sack races, baby races, three-legged races and other fun activities, as well as pony rides, picnic food and the ice cream man. Prizes were handed out for children and families.

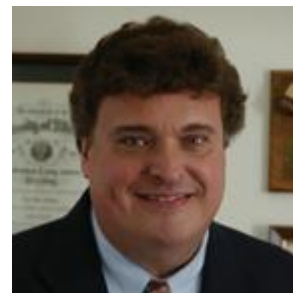
Stuhler's history with Lindenwood goes back to the 1970s, when he was a student here.

"Dr. Evans was my psych and stats teacher," Stuhler said.

Stuhler graduated in the class of 1974 and after law school served on the alumni board for 25 years. He was also the first male president of the Lindenwood Alumni Association. He joined the staff full time in October 2006.

"For 25 years I practiced law and was an adjunct professor," Stuhler said. "Lindenwood was my favorite client. Now it is my only client. I feel like I never left."

Stuhler's younger daughter, Allison, is currently an LU student, and his older daughter, Amanda, graduated in 2006.



"I've always believed in Lindenwood," Stuhler said. "I could have never imagined driving past the school and sending my kids somewhere else for college. I truly believe that Lindenwood is hallowed ground. I feel my job is to protect it, support it and make it better."

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## Executive Offices Welcome Jennifer Ferrell

There's a new face in the Roemer Hall executive offices. Graduate Assistant Jennifer Ferrell, pictured at right, provides administrative support to Vice President of Human Resources Richard Boyle, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Jan Weitzel, and Vice President of Operations Julie Mueller.



"I love it," she said. "They keep me very busy. I couldn't ask to work with a nicer group."

Jennifer grew up in Jackson, MO, and then left home to attend Lindenwood. She earned a bachelor's degree in business from Lindenwood in May 2008, and currently is working on her master's degree in human resources.

"I just started my first graduate term last week," she said. "I expect to finish in about a year and a half."

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## Boyle to Receive Education Award

Vice President for Human Resources Rick Boyle will receive the 2008 Robert C. Howe Award from The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP). The award, named in honor of the organization's first full-time executive director, recognizes those who have made significant contributions to secondary education and administration.

Boyle was recommended by a St. Louis area principal and chosen as a recipient by the MASSP Board of Directors. In addition to his ongoing work in Missouri's school districts, he also has introduced several MASSP programs at Lindenwood.

This year marks Dr. Boyle's 42nd year of service in the field of education. He says the years have been fun.

"I'm most proud of the quality of the students who are choosing Lindenwood," he said. "I'm proud to be a part of bringing together these quality students, faculty and staff as the nucleus of what we are creating – which is the finest educational institution in the Midwest."

In 2007, Boyle received the Educator of the Year Award from MASSP. He will accept the Robert C. Howe Award during the MASSP Fall Conference luncheon October 6 in Columbia, MO.

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## Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Aug. 25-31)

The 2007-08 school year was one of the best in the history of Lindenwood athletics. The program won seven national titles, 14 conference championships, had 15 Top 10 national finishes, and the year was capped off by two Lions competing in the 2008 Olympic Games.

That chapter has closed now and Lindenwood looks ahead to 2008-09. The year looks to be just as promising, with four LU teams starting the fall season ranked in the Top 25 in the preseason polls.

Upcoming this week:

--The men's soccer team has the school's first two home games of the year this weekend and both are big ones against nationally-ranked teams.

--Women's volleyball begins life without All-American Erika Kliokmanaitė with a pair of matches at the HAAC Preseason Tournament.

--The Lindenwood cross country squads, both of which are ranked in the Top 25, begin their seasons at Forest Park for the Washington Early Bird race.

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

