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LU Receives High Marks in Teacher Education Accreditation



The Missouri State Board of Education has voted to continue accreditation of Lindenwood University's teacher education programs for the next seven years. The approval was recommended by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education following an extensive review process that included a five-day visit from an evaluation team in March.

"There were many favorable comments from the state board members and president," said Cynthia Bice, left, dean of Lindenwood's School of Education. "We heard terms like 'phenomenal' and 'outstanding' from the review team. They were very impressed. Lindenwood University faculty and alumni from the past seven years can be very proud of this accomplishment and of the excellent reputation that our students have in this state and beyond."

Bice said the report covered eight "unit standards" within the School of Education and 42 "program standards"—for each of the subject areas in which Lindenwood offers a teacher certification. No deficiencies were detected in any of the unit or program standards. Because that is the case, the Lindenwood School of Education will not be reviewed again until 2015.

Bice said much of the credit for the successful review belongs to Richard Boyle, who was dean of the Education Division during many of the seven years covered in the report; Boyle is currently vice president for human resources at Lindenwood. She added that the reasons for the success of the report and visit go well beyond the School of Education.

Did You Know?

Did you know that a tornado once touched down at Lindenwood? Fortunately, the storm, which occurred on July 6, 1915, damaged only trees.

Norman Named September Employee of the Month

Joyce Norman's 26 years at Lindenwood have included periods in the bookstore, the business office, and maintenance before she settled in her current position as Business Service Center supervisor. She has the distinction of having been immortalized in a book about St. Louis ghost stories, and she is the Employee of the Month for October 2008.

Norman, pictured at right, has lived in the St. Charles area her entire life. She came to work at Lindenwood in January of 1982, thanks to a referral by Darlene Jemison, who worked in the bookstore at the time and knew Norman's mother.



At that time, the bookstore was in the Tea Hole, which was demolished in summer of 2007. Her story about a ghostly experience she had one evening while working there was included in the 2002 book "Spirits of St. Louis" by Robbi Courtaway.

"I was working by myself in the evening and saw a glowing, white figure walking back and forth in the top floor windows at Sibley Hall, which is the attic," Norman said. "This was going on for several minutes. I never

worked at night by myself in the bookstore after that.”

Norman has been supervisor of the Business Service Center since the mid-1990s, which is a far less haunting experience. When she started in that post, her office was located in the bottom floor of Roemer Hall. When it moved to its current location in the Plaza on First Capitol, she said President Dennis Spellmann took to referring to her as “the madam of the strip.” The plaza was a strip mall before Lindenwood purchased it.

“I take maintenance requests about everything that Lindenwood owns on campus, inside or outside, fill out work orders and send them to the appropriate maintenance person,” Norman said. “We also take care of all the university’s utility bills from this office.”

She said the Employee of the Month designation was unexpected, and she stressed that her work is made possible by the staff and Work and Learn students that work with her. “I think it’s a great honor,” Norman said. “I’m truly blessed to have the people who work with me. Without the team, this would not be possible.”

Norman is also celebrating her 12-year anniversary to her husband Charlie this month; they live in St. Peters.

Panel Discussion on Financial Crisis is Oct. 20

The Lindenwood School of Business and the Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment will hold a panel discussion of the current economic crisis at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, in the Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center.

The program, called “Understanding the 2008 Financial Crisis,” will include panelists from the Lindenwood faculty and experts from the banking and finance industries.

Panelists include Edward Morris, dean of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship; Charles T. Forrest, senior vice president of the investment bank Stern Brothers and Co.; Scott M. Colbert, director of fixed income management and chairman of the fixed income strategy committee at Commerce Trust Company; James Boyd, finance program manager at Lindenwood; Anthony Clark, right, director of Lindenwood’s Institute for the Study of Economics and the Environment; and Thomas Fuhrmann, professor of accounting at Lindenwood.



The program is free and open to the public.

Forum to Examine Culture of Video Games

Lindenwood University will observe Media Literacy Week with a forum on the culture of video games at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Young Hall.

The event, which is co-sponsored by the Lindenwood School of Communications and Gateway Media Literacy Partners, is called “Video Game Nation: An Insight into Gaming Culture.” It will include presentations on “The Halo Universe and Its Use of Myth (Does Familiarity Equal Popularity?),” by Justin Sigoloff, “Identity Formation in the World of Massive Multiplayer Games,” by Andrew Smith, and “Nintendo Wii: A Societal Evolution,” by Tim Meyer.

Sigoloff and Smith are both master’s degree candidates in media literacy at Webster University, and Meyer is a master’s candidate in digital multimedia communications at Lindenwood.

“The goal is to educate our audience about what exactly children and adults are doing with video games these days,” said Jill Falk, communications professor at Lindenwood. “They’ve come a long way from Atari and Mario. It’s a three-person presentation, followed by question-and-answer session. This is an industry that is growing exponentially, and there are still several people who don’t understand what the big deal is or

even what their children might be up to.”

Falk was a guest on KTRS Monday afternoon discussing the forum, which is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jill Falk at 636-949-4605 or at jfalk@lindenwood.edu. Media Literacy Week runs through Oct. 19.

Catch the Spirit at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend!

Faculty and staff are invited to attend Lindenwood University Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Oct. 17-18.

“Your smiling faces will serve as wonderful welcomes for our students, parents, and friends,” said Whitney Fraier, director of alumni relations. “The many alumni planning to attend also are looking forward to seeing you!”

Please visit <http://www.lindenwood.edu/homecoming/2008> for a complete list of scheduled events. Use the online registration form to RSVP for specific events by Wednesday, Oct. 15.

For more information, please contact Fraier at 636-949-4975 or by e-mail at wfraier@lindenwood.edu.

Help Clean the Campus for Homecoming

The Lindenwood University Natural Science Club will collect recyclables on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in preparation for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. Students are scheduled to collect items from 4-5 p.m. at each building on the historic side of campus, including the Spellmann Campus Center; and from 5-6 p.m. at each dorm located across from John Weber Drive.

Please bring your recyclable paper, glass, aluminum, and number one and two plastics to the lobby or front door of your building for collection. The Natural Science Club will take care of the rest!

If you have questions, or an especially large item for pick-up, please call Dr. Jennifer Firestine, associate professor of chemistry, at 636-949-4188.

Townsend Earns Casting Instructor Certification

Congratulations to Mary Ann Townsend, Ed.D., assistant professor of management for the school of Business and Entrepreneurship, on her recent accreditation as a Certified Casting Instructor by the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). She earned the title Oct. 4 in Mountain Home, AR, following the successful completion of an in-depth examination administered by the FFF Board of Governors.

Townsend is the only female in Missouri and one of only 54 women worldwide to hold this certification.

The FFF is a 43 year-old international, non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through conservation. The FFF has more than 300 clubs with members, affiliates, and partners in more than 40 countries.

Wrestler Earns Bronze At World Championships

Lindenwood women’s wrestler Tatiana Padilla earned the bronze medal on Monday at the Senior Female World Championships in Tokyo, Japan. The 17-year-old wrestler is the youngest U.S. World Medalist since Kristie Marano won the first of a record nine World Women’s Freestyle medals in 1996 as a 17-year-old.

In the bronze medal match, Padilla pinned Romania’s Ana Maria Paval, a wrestler who finished fifth this

summer at the Beijing Olympics. Padilla and Paval split the first two periods before Padilla earned a pin in the third period.

Padilla won her preliminary match by decision, and then picked up wins by fall in the round of 16 and quarterfinals. In the semifinals, she lost for the only time in Japan by a 2-1, 3-1 decision versus Ukraine's Tetyana Lazareva.

Padilla, who is from Azusa, Calif., won a Junior World bronze medal earlier this year and captured a silver medal at the Junior event in 2007. She is a freshman this year at Lindenwood and is a member of the inaugural women's wrestling team at the school.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Oct. 13-19)

--It is Homecoming Week at Lindenwood and Lions and Lady Lions teams are hosting 13 events during the week. The marquee contest is the football game at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday between eighth-ranked Lindenwood, winner of four straight, and Graceland.

--The women's volleyball team can clinch at least a share of the regular season HAAC title with wins in two home conference contests. The program will also host six other schools, including fifth-ranked Madonna and seventh-ranked Columbia, at the Lindenwood Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

--The Lindenwood soccer teams both went 3-0 last week and will look to continue their hot play with home doubleheaders on Tuesday and Saturday.

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