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for Lindenwood employees

Fraier Named Employee of Month for October



Congratulations to Whitney Fraier, director of alumni affairs and employee of the month for October 2008. The designation follows a very successful Homecoming and Reunion Weekend and puts Fraier in the running for Employee of the Year with the other employees of the month for 2008.

Fraier, pictured at left, said Homecoming was marked by about 300 participating alumni (roughly twice the number from 2007), 50 of which were from the honored class of 1958. She credits the heightened participation to a robust publicity push in the months leading up to the event, including e-mails, letters, and articles in the alumni magazine *Connection*.

She also said the weekend included a record number of events and opportunities for alumni participation, including the 1929 time capsule opening and the screening of the 1950s-era recruiting film "Linden Leaves." The weekend also saw excellent participation in the traditional alumni reception and a special luncheon for the class of 1958 at Miss Aimee B's Tea Room. "We had many out-of-town alums who had not been to campus in 20 or 30 years," Fraier said. "I'm very excited alumni support is increasing, and we look forward to providing additional opportunities for alums to participate throughout the year and not just for the one big event."

On being named Employee of the Month, Fraier said she feels surprised and humbled. "I'm honored and can't claim the credit for myself," Fraier said. "Our success is the result of a team effort. Without the support of the faculty and staff, the board of directors, the Institutional Advancement Office, and the entire campus community, we would not have been nearly as successful."

Did You Know?

Did you know that during the St. Louis World's Fair, Lindenwood had a day dedicated to it? While the specific date is unknown, over 150 students and faculty met at the Missouri Building to celebrate Lindenwood's noble history.

Maintenance Department Welcomes Four Employees



Lindenwood University is pleased to announce Vanessa Bailey, Mike Weber, Mike Worley, and Stephanie Barclay as the newest members of the maintenance department. (From left) Mike Worley, Mike Weber, Stephanie Barclay, Vanessa Bailey

Bailey lives in St. Charles with her husband, 11-year-old daughter, and 15-year-old son. She worked at an area fuel station prior to coming to Lindenwood as a housekeeper in October.

"I started here on October 15, which is my son's birthday," Bailey says. "So I can never forget the date."

Stephanie Barclay worked as a server at a local restaurant before joining the Lindenwood family as a housekeeper in November. She works mostly in the newer dorms on campus, such as Flowers, Pfremmer, and Calvert Rogers Halls.

"It's a good fit here," Redshaw says. "The people are nice, the schedule is good, and the location is convenient because it's close to my house."

Mike Weber became a Lindenwood employee in November, after working for many years as a self-employed residential contractor. The amount of new construction taking place on-campus and the variety in daily projects drew him to the position.

"The number of houses and dorms Lindenwood has was appealing to me," said Weber, "and the fact that each day is never the same – from working on plumbing and electrical projects to handling issues caused by squirrels ending up places they don't belong."

Worley became a member of the Lindenwood maintenance department in November, one day after Weber. Worley lived and worked in the Silex School District for four years before recently moving back to St. Charles with his wife. Along with a shorter commute, he enjoys the spontaneity of his job.

"I like working around a lot of different people and groups and having different responsibilities," he said. "Plus I get to use a lot of hand tools."

Smith one of Magazine's 40 under 40

Joe Smith, Missouri state representative and Lindenwood University account representative, has been selected as one of the area's top 40 under 40 by *St. Charles Business Magazine*. The award recognizes regional professionals making outstanding contributions in the community.

Smith, pictured at right, presides as state representative of District 14, which includes St. Charles, St. Peters, and Weldon Spring. Currently in his fourth and final term, Smith has taken part in creating several notable pieces of legislation.



"I'm proud to say I wrote an Internet harassment law following the death of Dardenne Prairie teen Megan Meier," said Smith. "And the remaining 49 states have looked closely at that law in reference to the creation of their own, similar laws."

He also co-authored "Jessica's Law," which is designed to punish sex offenders and reduce the number of recurring offenders.

A champion for veterans, Smith created legislation under which Missouri residents who served in conflicts ranging from World War II to the Vietnam War are recognized as heroes in the state. Each veteran receives a medallion, certificate, and medal in honor of his or her service.

St. Charles Business Magazine will honor Smith along with the rest of the 40 under 40 award recipients, during a special event on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Ameristar Conference Center in St. Charles. Awardees also will be featured in the December issue of the publication.

Mark Your Calendars for Holiday Party

In appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by Lindenwood University employees throughout the year, President and Mrs. James D. Evans are proud to host the 2008 Faculty and Staff Christmas Party. This year's celebration will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, December 12, at the Lindenwood University Club, 600 Old Friedens Road in St. Charles.

The invitation is extended to each employee and one guest. To participate in the optional gift exchange, please bring a present valued at \$10.

Parking is limited, so please share a ride with a friend if possible. Please R.S.V.P. to Judy Shanahan by Monday, Dec. 1, at jshanahan.lindenwood.edu.

Key Witness in Saddam Trial to Speak

Dr. Michael Trimble, who supervised the mass graves excavation project in Iraq and later was a key witness in the war crimes trial of Saddam Hussein, will speak at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 17, at Lindenwood University.

The event, which will be in the J. Scheidegger Center's Bezemes Family Theatre, is free and open to the public. Trimble, who works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will speak on the work he did on the mass graves project. His appearance is jointly sponsored by the Greater St. Charles Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Trimble is the chief of the Curation and Archives Analysis Branch in the Engineering Division of the U.S. Army Engineer District, St. Louis, and director of the Corps of Engineers, Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections.

From 2004 through 2007, Trimble spent 21 months in Iraq on seven separate deployments served as program director for the Mass Graves Project with the Department of Justice's Regime Crimes Liaison Office (RCLO) in Baghdad, Iraq. The RCLO has been assisting the nation of Iraq to establish a law enforcement-based investigative unit and a judicial system to try former members of Saddam Hussein's regime.

As the Program Director, Trimble was responsible for preparing and leading a 22-person team that performed professional archaeological and forensic mass-grave exhumations and analyses of nine mass-grave sites in Iraq. The team investigated sites linked to the deliberate campaign to kill the Kurdish population, known as Anfal, and the suppression of the Shi'ite uprising following the first Gulf War, known as the 1991 Uprising.

On November 30, 2006, Trimble provided the principle forensic testimony against former senior Baath Party officials, including Saddam Hussein, "Chemical Ali," and five others in the Anfal trial.

Christmas Walk Set for December 7

Lindenwood University will host its annual Christmas Walk from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the free, family-centered event is open to the public and features holiday sights and activities for children of all ages.

The heritage campus will be lined with 3,000 luminaries, the residence halls will be decorated, and visitors can enjoy carolers, music, storytelling, a living nativity scene, and more.

Come enjoy the magic!

Lindenwood Enhancing Emergency Text Messaging

On Friday, November 14, every Lindenwood student, faculty member, and staff member was sent an e-mail from Lindenwood's new emergency text message provider, Rave Wireless, Inc., with instructions on how to properly register for emergency alerts.

The system allows the university to send text messages and e-mails to all registered mobile phones alerting them about emergencies such as weather-related class cancellations. The service is free to students, although text messaging rates from their mobile service providers would apply.

The system will not be used for anything other than emergency text message alerts and for occasional testing each semester. All students are registered for email through their Lionmail account; however, only about half those registered have cell phone numbers listed. Please sign into the Rave system with the information provided in your email and make sure your phone number is listed properly. You may also register additional email accounts or telephone numbers.

Lindenwood has been using a text messaging service since 2007 to enhance communications capabilities with students. The Rave system offers rapid message delivery times and an impressive reliability record.

"I encourage all of our students, faculty, and staff to participate in the system," said Dr. James D. Evans, president of Lindenwood University. "This is an important part of our overall effort to ensure the safety of everyone on our campus."

Adams' Artwork Receiving Attention



Charles "Chas" Adams, assistant professor of communications, had four fine art photographs chosen for inclusion in "The Holga Show 2008" at the Saans Downtown Gallery in Salt Lake City, UT. The exhibit will include approximately 150 photographs from 65 national and international photographers. All images, which will be exhibited through Dec. 17, also will be printed in a limited edition companion book of the same name.

One of the photographs, "Be My Leaves," was shot on the Lindenwood campus last winter. The same image was chosen this past spring for inclusion in the national, juried "Unrefined Light: Image-Making with Plastic Cameras and Their Friends" exhibit at The Foundry Art Centre in St. Charles and in the Soulard Art Market Photography Invitational.

"For years, I drove by that clump of trees along the edge of campus bordered by Duchesne Road, thinking I should stop and photograph it," said Adams, pictured at left. "After one of last year's snowfalls, I finally did."

Adams specializes in black and white photographs taken with a modified Holga, a plastic 120-roll film camera produced in China, and other vintage toy plastic cameras. The cameras produce square, quirky, unpredictable images that have gained an international cult-following among photographers and collectors.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Nov. 17-23)

--The seventh-ranked Lindenwood football team will start the NAIA Football Championship Series with a home contest at 1:30 p.m. Saturday versus Lambuth University of Jackson, TN. The contest will feature two of the top offenses in the NAIA, with the teams combining for over 80 points a game. Admission to

NAIA playoff games normally costs \$8 for adults and \$3 for students, but President James D. Evans has agreed LU will pick up the cost of all students, and faculty and staff members and their immediately families.

--The men's and women's cross country teams will compete at the NAIA Championships in Kenosha, Wis. The Lions are ranked 17th in the country while the Lady Lions are 25th.

--The No. 2 men's ice hockey team will host No. 1 Illinois on Friday and Saturday at the Lindenwood Ice Arena. The series will be a rematch of last year's ACHA national championship game.

HAAC Championships --The ninth-ranked women's volleyball team (34-7) won the HAAC Tournament on Saturday. With the victory, the Lady Lions received a first-round bye in the NAIA Tournament and automatically advance to the 24-team NAIA Championship. It is the squad's second straight appearance in the NAIA Championship. Lindenwood won the conference tournament title by sweeping William Jewell and Baker last week. The Lady Lions did not lose a set in three matches during the conference tournament.

--The women's soccer team reached the finals of the HAAC Tournament with a shootout victory over Baker in the semifinals. In the finals at Hunter Stadium, Benedictine scored two early goals and held on for a 2-1 victory. The Lady Lions end their season with a 12-4-3 record.

--In the first-round of the HAAC men's soccer tournament, Lindenwood fell to Baker by a 2-0 margin. With the loss, the Lions concluded their year with a 12-6-1 mark.