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An e-newsletter
for Lindenwood employees

Shannon Vines Named November Employee of Month



Shannon Vines, graduate education's director of cooperative credit and St. Charles area coordinator, has been selected as the November employee of the month. Vines, left, graduated from Lindenwood in 2003 with a degree in non-profit management and a minor in marketing and then earned her master's degree in business administration from the university in 2005.

Vines worked in outside sales for a year and a half before returning to the university in her current role, which encompasses several areas of responsibility. She ensures local teachers receive the appropriate credits for taking part in professional workshops, serves as the director of the Early College Start program for area high school students, and coordinates graduate education for Lindenwood's extended sites located in St. Charles County.

"Shannon is dedicated and has a sparkling personality," said John Feely, associate dean of graduate education initiatives. "She's streamlined processes and created methods that have really grown those programs."

Vines says she truly enjoys being back at Lindenwood because each day offers something different.

"Specifically, the cooperative credit program had been handled by an outside firm until January of this year," she said. "So that was a lot to take on, but I've learned a lot and it's been an enjoyable challenge."

"For example, making sure a teacher receives that one credit can make a huge impact for them in terms of expanding their career options," she said. "I'm glad to be a part of that and to feel like I'm making a difference."

Did You Know?

Did you know that after the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Lindenwood joined a concerted effort of area colleges to improve opportunities for minorities in the Missouri region. This group effort, called the Seven College Consortium, included Lindenwood, Maryville, Fontbonne, Park, Tarkio, Webster, and Westminster Colleges. The program, which increased minority centered resources and courses, lasted from 1969 to 1973.

Maintenance Welcomes Two New Employees

The Lindenwood Maintenance Department is pleased to announce the addition of two new employees, Steve Johnson and Marla King. The pair is responsible for maintenance and housekeeping duties during the department's 3-11 p.m. shift, and also following special events on campus.

Before coming to Lindenwood, Johnson and King both worked at Pfizer, Inc., in Chesterfield. Both say they are enjoying the opportunity to continue working together.

Johnson, of Wentzville, began working at the university in November.

"I love it," he said. "It's never the same thing twice, and I'm on my own a lot so my mind is constantly working."

King, of Florissant, began working at Lindenwood on Dec. 1.



Steve Johnson and Marla King

"It's more physical work than I was doing before, but it's neat to learn all the buildings on-campus," she said. "And the people have been very friendly."

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Dec. 8-14)

--The Lindenwood men's basketball team will look to go into its Christmas break with a perfect HAAC record. The Lions will try to move to 3-0 when they travel to 2007-08 conference co-champion Evangel on Thursday evening.

--The Lady Lions will also attempt to go into the break on a high note when they play Evangel on Thursday. Lindenwood can move to .500 on the season and 2-1 in conference action with a win.

NAIA Championships Review --Lindenwood nearly overcame a 21-point deficit against the elite football program in the NAIA on Saturday. The Lions went on a 99-yard drive to get within one point in the final minute. After the score, Lindenwood went for the win with a two-point conversion, but its pass was knocked away, giving No. 1 Carroll a 38-37 win in the NAIA Football Championship Series Semifinal.

Despite the loss, Lindenwood showed it could play with the best in the nation in 2008. The Lions advanced past the first-round of the playoffs for the first time in school history. They also showed resiliency, bouncing back from a season opening loss with 11 straight wins, a mark that ties a school record.

--The Lindenwood women's volleyball team went 1-2 during pool play at the NAIA Championship and fell shy of advancing to the single-elimination tournament. The Lady Lions opened up the event on a high note with a 3-1 win over Vanguard. Over the next two days, though, Lindenwood fell to Doane and Bellevue.

The Lady Lions ended their season with a 35-9 overall record. Lindenwood won its seventh HAAC title and advanced to nationals for the second straight year.

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