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Financial Aid's McCullough to Retire



After 10 years working in the Lindenwood Financial Aid Office and 28 years in the financial aid field, Idel McCullough will retire on Feb. 29. The Financial Aid Office will have a retirement celebration for McCullough, pictured at left, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 29, to which the Lindenwood community is invited.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Mary Ambler Archive houses the personal library of U.S. Senator James A. Reed? Among several things, Senator Reed is noted for casting the deciding vote on the creation of the U.S. Federal Reserve System. As a reward, Missouri is the only state that has two Federal Reserve banks.

Prior to coming to Lindenwood as a financial aid officer, McCullough worked for 18 years in financial aid at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She was referred to the job at Lindenwood by Professor John Feely, whom she knew from a previous job.

"Idel has always been customer-service oriented," Feely said. "She's also very good at her job. It's rare that you find someone who has both."

She was selected Employee of the Month for October 2007. Her plans for retirement include some traveling, spending time with family and friends, working on her yard, and relaxing.

"Idel has played a very important role at the university, and we have all come to rely on her expertise and knowledge," said Lori Bode, director of financial aid at Lindenwood. "Her work performance has been exceptional, and she will truly be missed. We wish Idel the best during her retirement."

Employee of Month Nominations Due Friday

Don't forget to submit your nomination for Employee of the Month for February.

The program honors top employees at the university who serve in an exemplary manner. All nominees must be permanent full-time employees or part-time employees who exhibit a positive and supportive attitude.

To nominate someone, please write a 75- to 100-word essay explaining why a particular employee should be considered. Some qualities might include outstanding achievement, performance, creative contributions, or improvement beyond what is normally expected of employees; demonstration of outstanding service to Lindenwood; and projection of a friendly, considerate attitude toward co-workers, students, and visitors.

Nominations are not complete without the enthusiastic support of the employee's supervisor. Please send nominations by Friday to Judy Shanahan (jshanahan@lindenwood.edu) in the president's office.

Expert on Iranian Issues to Speak March 13

Fatemeh Keshavarz, Ph.D., will speak on "Iranian Women in the 21st Century" at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Leadership Room of the Spellmann Center.

Keshavarz, pictured at right, is a professor of Persian Language and Literature and chair of the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures at Washington University.



A published poet and writer in both Persian and English, Keshavarz is the author of several books and many articles. Her most recent book, *Jasmine and Stars: Reading More Than Lolita in Tehran*, blends personal memoir with literary analysis and social commentary to break pervasive Western stereotypes of Iranians. In another work, *Reading Mystical Lyric: The Case of Jalal al-Din Rumi*, Keshavarz analyzes the poetic contribution of the well-known medieval Persian poet and mystic Rumi.

Raised in Shiraz, Iran, Keshavarz earned a bachelor's in Persian language and literature and a master's in library, archive, and information studies from Shiraz University and a master of arts and a doctorate in Near Eastern studies from the University of London.

Keshavarz has appeared on CNN and in many films and television programs about Iranian society. She also takes interest in the broader implications of cultural education for world peace and spoke on this topic to the United Nations General Assembly in May 2007.

Tickets Available for *Bye, Bye Birdie*

The Lindenwood University Department of Theatre will continue its Mainstage Season with the musical, *Bye, Bye Birdie*. As always, Lindenwood faculty and staff are entitled to two free tickets each, which are available at the box office adjacent to Jelkyl Theatre or at 636-949-4878.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 in Jelkyl Theatre. If additional tickets are needed, prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for students (ages 12-18).



The beloved musical tells the story of a rock and roll singer in the 1950s who is about to be inducted into the armed service, but not before his record label holds one last promotion that briefly turns a small town upside down. The production is directed by Janet Strzelec. The musical director and conductor is Pamela Grooms.

"*Bye Bye Birdie* is one of the most captivating musical shows of our time," said Ted Gregory, director of theatre at Lindenwood. "It is a satire done with the fondest affection and tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. Songs like 'An English Teacher,' 'What Did I Ever See in

Him?,' 'Put on a Happy Face,' 'One Boy,' 'A Lot of Livin' to Do,' 'Kids,' 'Rosie,' and 'Spanish Rose' are musical theatre classics. This show is simply good old fashion fun."

Discounted Microsoft Products Available for Download

Lindenwood University is now offering limited versions of Microsoft products at a discounted price for students, faculty, and staff. The Microsoft Student Select program allows students, staff, and faculty at Lindenwood University to purchase full featured, perpetually licensed software at special academic discounts up to 80 percent off retail price. The list of software includes Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac, Office 2007, Office OneNote 2007, Project 2007, SharePoint Designer 2007, Visio 2007, and Microsoft Windows Vista.

The Microsoft Work at Home program allows qualifying staff and faculty to purchase inexpensive media kits to install Office and Windows on their home machines for work purposes. Only staff and faculty members who are primary users of a work machine with a copy of the software installed are eligible to purchase the Work at Home media for their personal computer and the software must be used for work purposes only. The list of software available for faculty and staff includes Microsoft Office 2003, Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac, Office 2007, Office OneNote 2007, Project 2007, SharePoint Designer 2007, Visio 2007, Microsoft Windows Vista, and a limited version of Microsoft Windows XP.

The web address for the store is <http://lindenwood.onthehub.com>. Registration for the site is self explanatory and you must use your Lindenwood email address in order to qualify. After you complete the registration process, you will receive a verification email with a link to follow which will complete the registration process. The key codes are shipped on the media package (yellow sticker on back of CD Sleeve). The keys shipped with the media are one-time use only (up to two activations on the same machine in case a reformat is required). License activation questions can be directed to E-Academy (support@e-academy.com). Lindenwood University Computer Services Department will not be responsible for the installation and support for products offered on these sites. Installation and support questions should be directed to Microsoft's Technical Support.

Career Services to Host Job and Internship Fair

This event will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the Connection Center located in the lower level of the Spellmann Campus Center.

Recruiters will be on hand to meet with candidates regarding full-time, part-time, volunteer, and internship opportunities that exist within their organizations. Organizations represented include Ameristar Casino, Boy Scouts of America, Brown, Smith, Wallace, Edward Jones, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, FBI, KWWR Country 96 Radio, St. Louis Science Center, Target Corporation, and many more.

For more information on this event or future events, contact Dana Wehrli in Career Services at 636 949-4806 or via e-mail dwehrli@lindenwood.edu.

Women's Lacrosse Soars to New Heights

After a major upset victory to start the season and a near upset over the defending national champions, the Lindenwood women's lacrosse team has reached new heights in the national rankings. The Lady Lions are ranked No. 7 in the latest national polls. It is the highest ranking in program history.

Lindenwood got the nation's attention when it opened up 2007 with a 9-8 road victory over UCLA. On that same west coast trip, the Lady Lions nearly stunned Cal Poly, which was undefeated last year, before falling by just a single goal.

The Lady Lions are currently 3-4 against an early season schedule that has included six ranked opponents. The team is on this road this weekend for games against Missouri and Truman, before returning to St. Charles for a nine-game homestand.

The women's lacrosse program is one of eight Lindenwood teams that are currently ranked in the nation's Top 10. The women's ice hockey and wrestling teams are ranked first, men's and women's bowling and men's ice hockey are second in their respective polls, men's volleyball is third, and men's golf is ninth in the country.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Feb. 25-March 2)

The HAAC Postseason basketball tournaments begin this week. The men's team will be the No. 7 seed. The tournament starts Wednesday at Evangel University. The women are the No. 8 seed and travel to Benedictine on Thursday. If either squad pulls off an upset, the semifinals will take place on Friday and Saturday.

The Lindenwood swimming teams will compete at the NAIA Championships starting on Wednesday. Both squads will look to repeat their top-five finishes.

The men's ice hockey team also will start national play this week, with the first round taking place on Saturday.

Postseason Recap--Lindenwood won three conference championships last week. The indoor track and field teams swept the HAAC titles, and the women's ice hockey team won the CCWHA Playoffs. In other postseason action, the Lions wrestlers finished second at the NAIA East Regional, and the swimming teams had top-five finishes at the Liberal Arts Invitational.

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