

COMMUNIQUE

Financial Aid Welcomes Two New Staff Members



The Financial Aid Office welcomes two new employees: Financial Aid Counselor Katie Cooper and Loan Officer Nenad Curic.

Cooper, who started in the office on March 17, comes to Lindenwood from her previous position as an office manager at a preschool. She said she was

referred to the job by a former co-worker. As a financial aid counselor, her job entails assisting students with financial aid issues and questions as they come up.



"I'm having a good time," Cooper said. "I'm definitely enjoying the atmosphere and the people here, and there is a lot of variety in the job."

Curic is a Lindenwood graduate from Serbia with a bachelor's in business administration and an MBA with an international business emphasis. Since 2005 he has also been Lindenwood's assistant men's soccer coach; he started in the Financial Aid Office on Feb. 18.

"I knew when I went to school here that I wanted to work at Lindenwood full time," Curic said. "I'm glad that I have that chance now. I'm looking forward to learning as much as I can and doing the

best job I can."

Did You Know?

Did you know that during World War II the women of Lindenwood raised enough money through the purchase of war bonds and stamps to have a Victory ship and a fighter plane named after the college? Enough money was also raised to supply a ship with a library for the crew.

Powers Receives Vaughn Award from NCA

Dr. Joseph Powers, of the Education Division, has won the John Vaughn Excellence in Education Award from the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. The award was presented at the commission's annual conference on March 17 in Chicago.

Every year the commission invites teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community representatives to nominate people who motivate students to high levels of achievement, involve the community in substantive aspects of schooling, expand programs and services to meet the varying needs of students, and/or demonstrate a pioneering spirit that enables all schools and districts to move forward.



Powers, who joined Lindenwood's faculty in the fall, is active in both the teacher education and doctoral programs at Lindenwood and has served on the Faculty Planning and Development

Committee. He previously served eight years as principal of Ladue Horton Watkins High School in the School District of the City of Ladue. Under his instructional leadership, Ladue more than doubled its Advanced Placement program; in 2006 the Siemens Corporation recognized Ladue as the top AP school in math and science in the state of Missouri.

Duggan Joins Perfectos Vintage Base Ball Team

Public Relations Coordinator Chris Duggan has joined the St. Louis Perfectos Vintage Base Ball team. The team plays by rules in place in 1860, complete with language, uniforms, and equipment consistent with the game as it was played then. For instance, it is called base ball, rather than baseball, and players don't wear gloves for catching or batting, which is done with wooden bats. A ball caught on one bounce is an out, and base runners cannot slide or run through first base. Batters are strikers, fielders are base tenders or scouts, and the pitcher is a hurler. Games are equal parts living history and real competition. Opponents consist of teams like the St. Louis Unions and University City Lions, as well as the New Baden Juniors, the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels, the Vermillion Voles, and others. There are approximately 250 vintage baseball teams nationwide; the Perfectos are modeled after the 19th-century team that later became the St. Louis Cardinals. The team's regular season begins on May 3. For a schedule of games (home contests are played at Lafayette Square Park in St. Louis) visit www.stlouisperfectos.org



Coffee Conversation Will Deal with Property Rights Issues

The Coffee Conversation program at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, will deal with the issue of property rights in Missouri. It will be held in the Anheuser Busch Leadership Room at the Spellmann Center.

Titled "Let There be Blight: How Missouri's Cities Define Away Citizens' Property Rights," the program will be led by Dave and Jenifer Roland.

Jenifer Roland is director of policy for the Show-Me Institute in St. Louis. She is also the tax-and-budget policy analyst at the institute. Dave Roland is a lawyer who has litigated school choice, economic liberty, and property rights cases in state and federal courts. He is currently a policy analyst at the Show-Me Institute.

Campus Y Seeking Nominations for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Faculty and staff members are being asked to nominate students they feel would be a good fit as mentors in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. The Campus Y has teamed up with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to create Y-Mentoring, for which Lindenwood students are being recruited to volunteer with the program's school-based initiative.

Students would each mentor a child at Barnwell Middle School (grade 6 through 8) at least twice a month for an hour each visit. In this flexible set-up, Lindenwood students can meet with their "Littles" during regular school hours as long as it is not during one of their core classes. They may meet when it is most convenient with their schedules. "Bigs" will be expected to provide their own transportation to the Middle School.

Teachers, counselors, or school administrators identify children who they feel will benefit from a one-on-one mentoring friendship. During their meetings the students may spend time with their mentees

on homework, play, talking, or participation in a variety of activities.

All volunteers are interviewed and trained and must complete a criminal background check. Three references will be checked for each volunteer as well.

Professors are asked to nominate students they feel could make a difference in the life of a child. The program's mission is to put a mentor in the life of every child who wants and needs one.

Nominees would preferably be sophomores and juniors next year so that they can fulfill a one-year commitment, though all students are welcome. Incoming freshman can be nominated during the fall semester.

All nominations should include the student's name, phone number, and email address. We will follow up with the student after that. Nominations should be emailed to Jessica Rhodes at the Campus Y at campusymca@hotmail.com.

If you have any further questions, please contact Rhodes at 636-939-2227.

Poetry Reading Item Was in Error

An item in last week's Communique incorrectly referred to an upcoming poetry reading. No poetry reading is scheduled this week in Sibley Chapel. We apologize for the error.

Lindenwood Athletic Headlines (Apr. 28-May 4)

The Lindenwood baseball team will host Avila in a best-of-three series on Friday and Saturday to determine the HAAC Championship.

The Lady Lions softball team will compete in the eight-team HAAC Tournament over the weekend as one of the most improved programs in the nation looks to clinch a spot in the NAIA Regional Tournament.

The men's lacrosse team will be looking for its fourth-straight conference title when it hosts the GRLC Tournament starting on Friday.

The women's water polo team will compete in the CWPA National Collegiate Club Championship in Oregon.

Postseason Results -- Lindenwood continued its dominance over the rest of the Heart of America Athletics Conference (HAAC) by winning three conference titles last week in men's golf, men's outdoor track and field, and women's outdoor track and field. Also in postseason action, the men's tennis team finished second at the NAIA Region V Tournament.

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