

*Below please find the 20th edition of **Communique**, a weekly newsletter for Lindenwood University employees. If you have an item to submit for **Communique**, please email squeen@lindenwood.edu.*

Faculty, Staff Can Talk With McCaskill Staffers

Members of Senator Claire McCaskill's staff will hold two separate "kitchen table talks" Wednesday, September 12, at Lindenwood University.

The first session will be for resident students at 3 p.m. in the parlor of Butler Library. McCaskill said she wants to know the issues affecting students in our state.

A second session will begin at 5 p.m. in the auditorium at the Lindenwood University Cultural Center. That session is for faculty, staff and LCIE students.

President James D. Evans liked the idea of hosting the sessions as a way to make "participation in the political process more convenient" for students and employees. Evans said the kitchen table talks were in no way an endorsement of McCaskill. He said the university was open to hosting similar events for other politicians if it would benefit students and scheduling wasn't a problem.

Kacky Garner July Employee of the Month

Kacky Garner, marketing director for the Boone Campus and the Weldon Spring campus, has been named Lindenwood's Employee of the Month for July. She said she was surprised, but pleased, about being chosen.

"I'm honored," she said. "That, for me, validates a lot of what I've been trying to do to promote the Boone and Weldon Spring campuses. It's nice to be recognized for your efforts."

Garner said enrollment at the new Weldon Spring campus is going well in the wake of two recent open houses at the facility, and new programs and marketing efforts have been launched at the Boone Home, where she was recently named business manager, as well as marketing director.

Prior to starting at Lindenwood, Garner was district director for U.S. Senator Jim Talent for four years. In that position, Garner ran an office in the St. Louis area for the senator. Prior to that, she worked for 11 years in Washington, D.C., for U.S. Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (eighth congressional district in Missouri) and her husband, Bill Emerson, who served in that seat before her. Garner currently lives in St. Charles.

Garner said she has enjoyed her time at Lindenwood and appreciates the team work she has experienced with the staff.

"I am the kind of person who does not mind who carries the ball, as long as we get a touchdown," Garner said. "I continue to be pleased with the integrity and dedication of the people I work with at Lindenwood. The student focus is phenomenal."

Investiture Week Lectures Planned

A variety of campus lectures are being planned for the days prior to the November 9 ceremony in which President James D. Evans is officially installed as Lindenwood University's 21st president.

Wednesday, November 7

3 p.m. – Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room
Coffee Conversation – "Charity and the Religious Impulse"
Rachel Douchant, M.A., and David S. Brown, Ph.D.

4 p.m. Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room
Lecture - "Understanding Islamic Cultures"
Ray Scupin, Ph.D.

5 p.m. Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room
Lecture "Why is Buster Brown Reading Herbert Spencer? Creating Middle Class Consumer Culture in the Early 20th Century"

Kris Runberg-Smith, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 8

3 p.m. Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

Lecture – “Why Dismal Scientists Are Often Economic Optimists”

Kenneth Chilton, Ph.D.

4 p.m. Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room

Lecture/discussion – “A Figurative Realist in the 21st Century”

John Troy, MFA

Employees Can Receive Discount To Club Fitness

Thanks to the efforts of Lindenwood Cheerleading Coach Carrie Nichols, Lindenwood employees will receive a significant discount when signing up at Club Fitness. The gym chain is building a new location in St. Charles Center off Fifth Street, where Bass Pro Shop is located.

Until the location opens (in approximately two weeks), Lindenwood employees who sign up at the trailer next to the new location will be able to join for a \$19.95 administration fee and a monthly charge of \$9.95 per month. An annual contract is not required, and the membership is valid at all Club Fitness locations. After the new St. Charles location opens, the offer ends.

Mark Your Calendar: Homecoming Reception

Lindenwood faculty and staff are encouraged to take part in 2007 Homecoming Weekend activities. An alumni reception, which is always popular among faculty, will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, in the Performance Arena. You never know who you are going to see there.

The Homecoming football game will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. Faculty and Staff are invited to use the VIP seating below the Spellmann Center. For more information about these and other Homecoming activities, contact Katy Montgomery at 636-949-4975.

Pioneer Days September 29-30 at Boone Home

You are invited to a pre-1840s Folkways Festival and Encampment. Daniel Boone Home and Boonesfield Village come to life for a fall festival. Artisans, music, historic encampment, a black powder shoot and good food make this a glorious day in the beautiful Femme Osage Valley. Step into the past to experience life on the early Missouri frontier and learn about the Boone legacy. Please call 798-2005 for more information.