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### **Michelle Giessman August Employee of Month**

As the summer progresses, one can often see a blur moving around the Lindenwood campus. That blur is Michelle Giessman, director of student housing, as she prepares for the arrival of the resident student population. In recognition of those efforts, Giessman has been named Employee of the Month for August 2007.

Giessman started at Lindenwood in 1996 as office coordinator for Campus Life; she expanded into housing in 1998 and has been there ever since. There have, of course been many changes in housing since then. At that time, 1,100 students lived in campus; now there are more than 3,500. Six new residence halls have been constructed since then, and two more are under construction.

“It’s really been an enjoyable time working with the students,” Giessman said. “The hard work and activity pays off. I really enjoy what I do.”

While she has only worked here for 11 years, her experience with Lindenwood goes back much further.

“I grew up a half a block from Lindenwood,” she said. “I was on the campus all the time when I was growing up.”

Giessman’s grandmother worked as a maid in Butler Hall in the late ‘50s and early ‘60s, and in that same period, her great uncle, Elmer Huning, worked as a maintenance man at the school. They were called “gray men” back then because of their gray uniforms.

Giessman’s mother worked at an office in the school before she was born, and her sister, Dean of Fine and Performing Arts Marsha Parker, is an alumna of the school and has been at Lindenwood for 19 years. In that same tradition, Giessman’s three sons have all attended the school.

She said she is very pleased to have been recognized for the employee of the month honor and that the timing was particularly appropriate for her.

“It feels nice to be recognized, especially in August, because that is my busiest time,” she said. “It really is an honor.”

### **Morris Signs Books in St. Charles**

A variety of guests stopped by Main Street Books Saturday for a book signing with Ed Morris, dean of the Management Division, author of “The Lindenwood Model: An Antidote for What Ails Undergraduate Education.”

Morris spent virtually the entire two-hour event talking with well-wishers who had come to the store to speak to him, purchase the book and have it signed by the author. Visitors included former students, various other associates and alumni, and some family members.

Morris left three signed copies of the book for the store’s inventory as well. Copies of the book are still available through the Lindenwood Spirit and Supplies Shoppe as well.

### **Distinguished Speaker Series Resumes October 11**

Mr. Mike Mason, Human Resource Executive with Clayco Corporation, will present the first Distinguished Speaker Seminar for the 2007 – 2008 academic year on **Thursday, October 11th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the VIP Room of the Performance Arena.** Discussion topics will include preparing for a career search, effective interviewing and marketing yourself to potential employers.

#### **Finch Promoted on Kiwanis Club Board**

Joanna Finch, director of day admissions, has been promoted on the Kiwanis Club Board as the administrator of the Missouri-Arkansas Circle K District. Previously, she served for three years as an assistant administrator on the board.

“I am excited about this opportunity, not only for me personally but also for the university,” Finch said. “I am going to take this opportunity to get closer with the Key Club administrators and find out how I can better market the university to their students.”