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COLUMNIST BILL McCLELLAN TO SPEAK AT DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

November 11, 2014

Lindenwood University's second annual December Commencement ceremony will feature longtime St. Louis Post-Dispatch columnist Bill McClellan as the keynote speaker.

The ceremony will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the St. Charles County Family Arena. The ceremony will include students who graduated or will graduate between August and December 2014. It will incorporate undergraduate and graduate students from the St. Charles and Belleville campuses with more than 1,700 degree conferred, an increase of more than 400 from last year. Approximately 740 are expected to take part in the ceremony.



Bill McClellan is a senior columnist at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. A native of Chicago, he attended the University of Illinois and Arizona State University. He worked as a reporter in Phoenix before coming to the Post-Dispatch in 1980. He worked as a night reporter before becoming a columnist in 1983. He also appears on KETC Channel 9's Donnybrook program.

Known for his humor and as a champion of the underdog, he has authored several books, including *Slogging Towards the Millennium*, *Through the Glass Darkly: Selected Columns*, *Gently Down the Stream: A Collection of Columns*, and *Evidence of Murder*. He and his wife, Mary, a dentist in Clayton, have two children.

McClellan's commencement address is titled "Healthy Living and Other Tips."

Lindenwood University, founded in 1827, is an independent liberal arts university offering more than 200 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in diverse areas of study and traditional and accelerated formats, including online. Lindenwood operates residential campuses in St. Charles, Mo., and Belleville, Ill., as well as 11 regional centers and 25 extension sites throughout Missouri.

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