Banquet honors Work and Learn

Some 174 Lindenwood students were honored at the fall LindenLeader awards banquet Thursday, Nov. 11, in Ayres Dining Hall. Other attendees for the steak dinner included President Dennis Spellmann, Campus Life Director Sheryl Guffey, Dean of Students John Creer, Student Development Director Brian Watkins, Lynette Basler, Director of Career Development, and the program supervisors who submitted the nominations.

All honorees are participants in the college’s Work and Learn Program who had displayed exceptional leadership characteristics and who met the required academic standards.

During the fall semester, Work and Learn students have been evaluated on their performance according to eight assessment criteria: being responsible and dependable, communicating effectively, getting along well with others, demonstrating initiative, demonstrating leadership skills, demonstrating an ability to think critically, utilizing problem-solving skills, and reflecting self-confidence. The students are rated on a scale of one to forty for poor to excellent performance, respectively.

The LindenLeader Program was founded in 1991. Work and Learn is a practical work experience under faculty, staff, and/or administrative supervision. Students are assigned to offices, departments, and buildings, receiving vital “hands-on” experience. The program helps students defray the cost of their college education, develop a sense of the importance and dignity of working, and earn valuable work experience to build credentials for entrance into the public job market upon graduation.

The annual banquet recognizes the outstanding among these student workers during the semester. For more information about the LindenLeader Program, contact Sheryl Guffey at x4983.