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## Member Spotlight: Claudonneson Vilme

### **How has LCS prepared you for your future career?**

I am “super confident” in myself. I’ve led presentations, learned to speak publicly, created lesson plans and learned how to input data.

### **What is your favorite part about working at the Center for Dispute Resolution?**

Working with the Springfield Area middle schoolers. I’m able to share with them my wisdom, spread knowledge unto them that goes beyond education, teach them valuable life skills and how to become better men in the world.

### **When do you graduate and what are your plans after graduation?**

December 2018. I am currently looking at the University of Memphis for Graduate School in Public Administration. Working with the CDR has given me the passion to continue working with nonprofits.

**What are you going to miss the most about being an MSU student?**

I'm going to miss all the people I've met, the Rec and, especially the CDR! I'm not going to miss the dining hall food, Bearline drivers who don't wait on me, and finding a parking spot.

**What is your best advice for new LCS members?**

YOU MAKE YOUR JOB! All of these organizations give you great flexibility and opportunities. You have to be willing to accept the role and make it what you want it to be. Come in with energy and be ready to learn. They're here to prep us for our future careers!



**Agency Spotlight**

*Answers courtesy of Heather Blades, Associate Director of the CDR.*

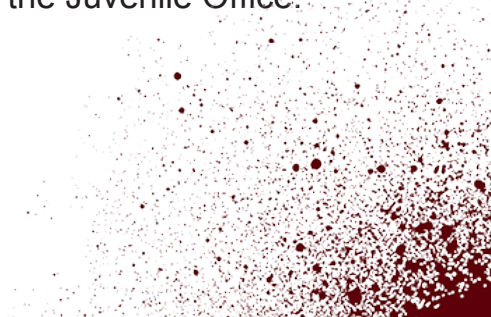
**Who does the CDR impact and how?**

The CDR provides services that give individuals, organizations, and communities the tools they need to communicate productively and manage conflict. We administer academic programs in conflict, including an undergraduate and graduate certificate program in conflict and

dispute resolution; we support outreach efforts and community programs; we offer training, workshop, and facilitation services; and we conduct research.

Our work impacts a variety of groups, but it is especially impactful for students at the University who take part in our experiential learning

opportunities, and community members who benefit from our outreach programming. Most of our community programs directly impact youth through our work in area schools or with the Juvenile Office.



**What is your favorite part about the CDR?**

My favorite part of working at the CDR is connecting with students and seeing them grow as they build their skills and connect with others through our community programs. Our LCS member Claud Vilme is a wonderful example of this! Over the past two years he has contributed in so many ways, particularly working with at-risk boys in area middle schools.

**How did Claud's service impact your organization as an LCS member?**

Claud has been a consistently positive and hard-working team member and we have loved having him at the CDR! He is

an excellent communicator with a kind heart who readily steps up to work with others, and whether he is helping to train other college students working with our programs or directly mentoring kids in our Guys' Gathering groups, his passion for helping others is evident and it impacts those around him.

**What is one thing that the public doesn't know about the CDR?**

Our office, The Center for Dispute Resolution, is sometimes described as the "best kept secret on campus." Heather asked Claud to share what he thinks is something students don't know about the CDR. He said, "One thing I don't think

many people know about the CDR is how many unique programs it offers to better serve the Springfield community. The Center offers Restorative Justice Programs, Talking Circles (for Guys and Girls), Mediation Training and much more! All of these programs are available for nearly anyone to help out with despite your educational background."

*Photo courtesy of Heather Blades.*



## Service Projects

- 1. Drew Lewis Foundation Fun Run (5k or 10k):** The fun begins on Saturday September 15th at the Fairbanks. Volunteers get a free t-shirt. Volunteers should arrive at either 7:30am/8:30am/9:30am. Register at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/80841-Drew-Lewis-Foundation-presents-Fairbanks-Fun-Run>
- 2. Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks O'Reilly Golf Tournament:** The tournament is on Saturday September 22nd. Volunteers work 4 hour shifts beginning at either 6a.m., 10a.m., or 2p.m. The tournament is located at the Rivercut Golf Course (2850 W. Farm Road 190). Volunteer will be helping with beverages, registration, sales and monitoring. Contact Sam Pippin if interested at [sam@bcfo.org](mailto:sam@bcfo.org) or 417-861-8267.
- 3. AIDS Project of the Ozarks AIDS Walk:** The walk is on Saturday, September 29th. Volunteers sign up for shifts at either 8:00am, 9:00am, or 11am. The walk is located at Phelps Grove Park. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Jaylan Butler at 573-620-0199. Volunteers receive a free shirt.

### Important Dates:

October 3rd	6:00-7:00pm	Monthly Meeting, Strong 204
November 7th	6:00-7:00pm	Monthly Meeting, Strong 204
December 5th	6:00-8:00pm	Holiday Party (Location TBA)

### LCS Advisor Office Hours:

Monday 9-5  
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Wednesday 9-11  
Friday 2-3:30

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