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Liberating Arts



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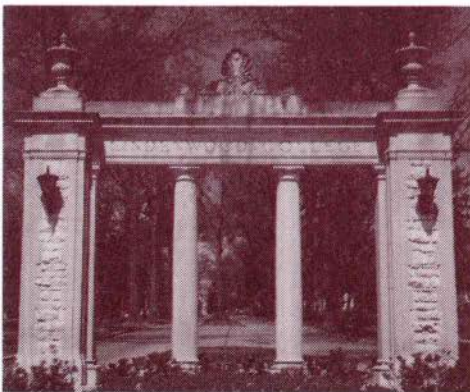
We Are...

Lindenwood University stands for-

- *an unwavering orientation toward the student, within an integrative Liberating Arts curriculum, in a mode of constant discovery and growth.*

We think every student is unique and important, and we show this perspective through our:

- *Focus on the individual.* We build your education around your particular talents and goals.
- *Holistic approach.* We believe in education of the whole person—intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually.
- *Teaching of competencies.* We teach skills essential to effective thinking, problem-solving and communication.
- *Values orientation.* Education at Lindenwood embraces Judeo-Christian ideals, such as honor and compassion, and traditional American values, such as integrity, independence and responsibility—the characteristics of a free person.



The gateway to knowledge is the gateway to...

- *Freedom*
- *Opportunity*
- *Responsibility*

The Liberating Arts...

We believe that education is the way to personal freedom and responsibility, which are the keystones of any democracy. We have a liberal arts heritage that goes back more than 170 years. In that time, we have learned how to educate in a way that helps each student become a self-sufficient, effective, contributing citizen. We view the liberal arts as the “**liberating arts!**”

We agree with Norman Foerster's¹ idea that “...*a liberal education is concerned with making free, not warped, men and women; with emphasizing wisdom . . . with the excellent . . . with selection in all things . . . with personal values.*”

President Thomas Jefferson is best remembered for his insistence that *informed citizens are the strongest defense of free expression* and that the success of the democratic form of government depends on a liberally educated public. The post-Revolutionary zeal for learning shown by Jefferson, Daniel Boone and Mary Sibley lives on today at Lindenwood, the “Frontier University for the new millennium.”

Furthermore, a liberating education gives greater weight to *asking the right kinds of questions* than to reaching “final” answers. It is for this reason that we emphasize critical thinking and problem-solving skills—not pat answers—in our classes.

¹From *The Future of the Liberal College*.

For The Whole Person...

The Renaissance thinker named Vergerius once referred to a liberal arts education as “...that education which calls forth, trains and develops *those highest gifts of body and mind* which ennoble humans.” He was saying that a liberal arts education is, by its nature, holistic, boosting the individual’s development in many spheres.

Educator Robert A. Scott recently noted that within a “liberating arts” approach, co-curricular experiences help the individual *grow in practical intelligence outside the classroom* and learn how to be a team player. We agree with the need to educate more than just the intellect, and that’s why we proudly sponsor more than 60 clubs and organizations and 28 intercollegiate sports.

Dr. Scott also pointed out that an effective liberal arts education frees “... students from their provincial origins, no matter what their age, ethnicity, status, or place of origin”² by requiring them to study a wide variety of courses in the arts, sciences and humanities.

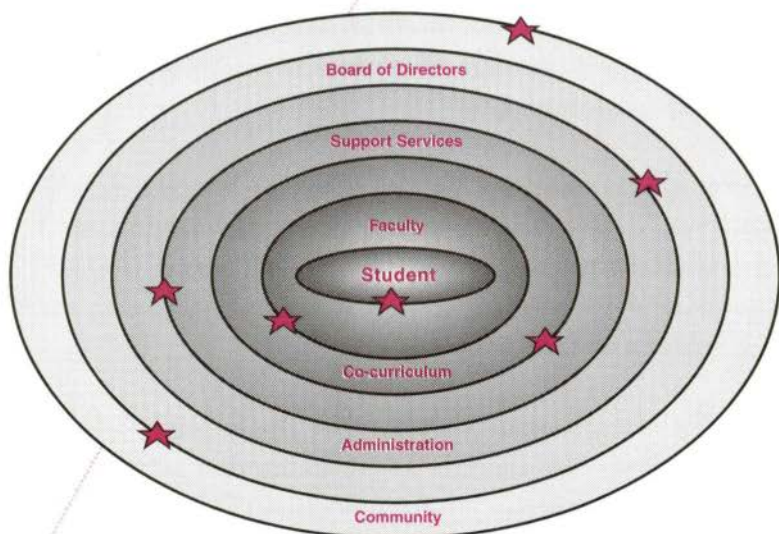
Although you may major in just about any specific field at Lindenwood, we also include an enriching diversity of general education courses in your curriculum. This gives you *vision and adaptability for the future*.

²From “The Truth About College Costs” in The College Board Review.

In A Galaxy Of...

Lindenwood University is known nationally and internationally for innovation, entrepreneurship and extraordinary dedication to her students. We are truly an *educational galaxy* populated by bright stars in an expanding universe of opportunities. Our stars include our faculty and curriculum, co-curriculum, support staff, administration, board and community partners. But the brightest and most central celestial body is the student.

Come and join us in the adventure of learning, growth and discovery. Get prepared for your future. Get liberated!



→ *Change & Discovery*

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