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Lindenwood University President Dennis Spellmann received the Boy Scouts' highest honor, the Distinguished Eagle Award, during a ceremony recently at the Lindenwood University Club.

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was established in 1969, and is awarded to Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves in business, professions, and service to their country. To be eligible for nomination, a recipient must have held the Eagle Scout rank for a minimum of 25 years. The award is given by the National Eagle Scout Service, and is based upon the recommendation of a committee of Distinguished Eagle Scouts. This is the first time in 11 years someone has been awarded this honor.

Past recipients of the award include the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States, Thomas Foley, former Speaker of the House and former United States Congressman, Steven Spielberg, film director and producer, and Willie Banks, Olympian and former world record holder in the triple jump and the long jump among others.

Proclamations were presented from the President of the United States and the Governor of Missouri, and presentations were made by dignitaries such as Lou and the Rev. Jackie Brock, and Scout Executive Schwartz. Other noted dignitaries included Randy Halsey, Randy Weber, St. Charles Mayor Patti York, St. Peters Mayor Tom Brown, Senator Chuck Gross, and Representative Carl Bearden.

What made the event even more special, said Spellmann, was receiving the award the same night that his grandson, Daniel Guffey, earned his Eagle Scout Award.

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