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If the first meal at Lindenwood's new dining hall is any indication, the opening of the new Spellmann Campus Center in a few weeks will be nothing short of spectacular.

Nearly 1,000 students, faculty, staff and guests were treated to a steak dinner with all the trimmings Friday as the new dining hall made its debut at Lindenwood University. The rest of the 112,000 square foot campus center will open to students in just a few short weeks.

"It is tremendous," said sophomore Abbey Conoyer. "The food is great, everything's new and there's a lot more room. Plus, you can eat your meal and look out at the campus. It's a pretty cool view."

President Dennis Spellmann attended the event. He too was pleased with the first day.

"I think this is wonderful for our students," he said. "The designers said this would be the finest cafeteria in the country. Seeing is believing."

Dining services director Ralph Pfremmer said the new dining hall has nine food service concepts under one roof:

A pizza/bakery station with a stone-fired pizza oven. It features gourmet pizzas, calzones, and stromboli.

"Chocolat" in the bakery features homemade cookies and pastries.

The "iron chef exhibition" features lives chefs on stage for international favorites.

A "comfort food" station provides students with foods from home--just like mom used to make.

"Grinders Grill" features fast food--hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries.

"Wild Thymes" offers a vegeterian, low-cal, meatless approach for good health and nutrition.

"Tureens" offers the soup and chili of the day with fresh breads.

"Kaisers Deli" offers a selection of cold meats and cheeses and always a hot carved selection at every meal.

"Tossups" features the tossed salad of the day and a selection of wraps.

A convenience store will open next Thursday.

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