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James D. Evans, Ph.D. has been selected by the Lindenwood University Board of Directors as the 21st president of the 180-year-old liberal arts university.

The announcement was made Friday by Board chairman Jim J. Shoemake after Lindenwood's February board of directors meeting.

"The board overwhelmingly approves of the job Dr. Evans has done as Lindenwood's acting president," said Shoemake. "He is committed to educational excellence and to our values-based mission. We are confident that under his leadership, Lindenwood will continue to prosper and expand its academic reputation across the country."

Evans became acting president in August, 2006, upon the death Dennis C. Spellmann, who had served as Lindenwood president since 1990. Evans has been employed at Lindenwood for 32 years. He was a psychology professor for 21 years before becoming dean of social sciences. He was later appointed dean of sciences, dean of faculty and provost.

"I am pleased and honored that the board has given me this great responsibility," said Evans. "I have dedicated my professional life to Lindenwood, and the university has become an integral part of my life. I cannot imagine doing anything but continuing to serve this outstanding institution."

Evans said Friday his presidency will place a strong emphasis on academics, technology and community partnerships, as well as the university's mission.

"Throughout its growth and maturation process, Lindenwood has never abandoned its original mission," said Evans. "At the heart of today's Lindenwood University is the gracious personality of the small college that helped shape the American frontier."

Evans earned his Ph.D. in research psychology in 1974 from Iowa State University. He received a master's degree in psychology from Iowa State, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Geneva College in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the St. Charles Optimist Club and serves on the education committee of Partners for Progress.

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