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## **Lindenwood at Capacity as Semester Begins**

Lindenwood University will break a new enrollment record Monday with 3,532 resident students when classes begin Monday morning.

President James D. Evans said Thursday that Lindenwood's resident population should level out at around 3,475 in late September. An estimated 700 commuter students brings Lindenwood's fall semester population to 4,232.

"It's going to be a little crowded in the cafeteria the first month or so," Evans said. "But there are going to be a lot of options. Despite the fact that we are at capacity, move-in appears to be running smoothly, and our faculty is energized and ready to start the term."

For the first time in recent history, Lindenwood invited freshman and new students to move-in early for the First-Year Experience, a five-day immersion into Lindenwood and its campus culture. The remaining resident students move in over the weekend.

Earlier this month, Evans announced plans to construct a new student commons building on the LU campus. He said it would be a 40,000-50,000-square-foot building that would enhance student recreation and activity and would house a secondary dining hall. In addition, Evans said the university plans on constructing apartment-style housing on 40 acres behind the Performance Arena off Droste Road.

The new construction will allow Lindenwood to grow at a more controlled rate over the next decade, Evans said, instead of the rapid growth Lindenwood has experienced in the past 10 years.

Since Evans has become president, Lindenwood has placed a strong focus on academics, introducing a new doctoral degree and other new programs, such as information technology at a new campus site in Weldon Spring.

In addition, the university has begun pursuing a specialized accreditation for its business programs with ACBSP, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Similar specialized accreditation is being sought by Lindenwood's social work program through CSWE, the Council on Social Work Education.

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Evans said Lindenwood had begun a self-study that could lead to application with the Higher Learning Commission for permission to offer a Doctor of Business Administration degree.

“It’s a very exciting time to be at Lindenwood,” said Evans. “We are moving in a very positive direction academically and financially, and our students and graduates appear very happy that the value of a Lindenwood degree continues to increase.”

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