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Lindenwood University announced today the appointment of Gaspare Calvaruso, an executive with SSM Health Care, to its Board of Directors.

Calvaruso is president of SSM St. Joseph Health Center, SSM St. Joseph Health Center-Wentzville, and SSM St. Joseph Medical Park, as well as Service Line Executive for SSM Cancer Care. The facilities are members of SSM Health Care, one of the largest Catholic healthcare systems in the country, which owns, manages, and is affiliated with 20 acute care hospitals and three nursing homes in four states.

Prior to joining St. Joseph in 2008, Calvaruso spent 13 years with SSM, largely specializing in physician relations and managed care administration. He also gained a wealth of experience in physician practice management, contract negotiations, marketing, sales, and strategic planning.

"We have observed Gaspare's wonderful work with SSM," said Jim J. Shoemake, chairman of the Lindenwood Board of Directors. "His sincerity, work ethic, and dedication to the community make him a perfect fit for this board."

Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D., also enthusiastically supported Calvaruso's appointment.

"Gaspare will bring additional energy, a fresh perspective, and his characteristic sense of purpose to the Lindenwood Board," he said. "The university's future will be enriched by his participation, and I am personally pleased that he is formally joining our higher education community."

Calvaruso received a master's degree in business administration from William Woods University in Fulton, Mo. He earned bachelor's degrees in history and education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Medical Group Management Association.

Calvaruso and his wife, Melissa, live in St. Charles, Mo., with their three sons, Vito, Vinnie, and Nic.