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Lindenwood University has been selected by the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA) as a recipient of the 2011 Greater St. Louis Top 50 Businesses Shaping our Future Award.

The awards, which are presented annually by the RCGA and RubinBrown LLP, recognize organizations in the region that make meaningful business contributions and positively impact the community.

Lindenwood President James D. Evans, Ph.D., will accept the Top 50 Award during a banquet on Monday, Nov. 14, in the Khorassan Ballroom of the Chase Park Plaza in St. Louis, Mo. Lindenwood will also be featured as an award recipient in the November-December issue of St. Louis Commerce Magazine.

"Lindenwood's receipt of this award signifies general recognition by the business community that this university plays a major part in fueling the region's economic engine and higher-education system," said Evans. "I believe that the Top 50 Award attests to the fact that Lindenwood is making a significant difference in the wider community."

Criteria for the award included organizational stability and progress, fiscal solvency, community investment, leadership in industry, and sustainable efforts. Other areas included commitment to corporate citizenship and economic impact.

"Through our successful efforts to make a college education both affordable and useful, we add about 3,000 degreed professionals to the workforce each year," Evans said. "In addition to populating the local economy with educated professionals, Lindenwood's economic impact on St. Charles County alone is estimated to exceed \$600 million when taking into account higher education's effect on workforce jobs skills."

The university also brings diversity, arts, and entertainment to St. Charles, while its student leaders and volunteers annually contribute thousands of hours toward community service projects and initiatives. Lindenwood continually works to enrich the culture of the community through various events, entertainment, and educational offerings that are free and open to the public.