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Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, PhD received notification today from the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) that the University has been granted provisional membership by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee. Lindenwood remains on track to become a full NCAA member for the 2013-14 school year.

“We are very pleased with today’s news,” said Evans. “Many people all across our campus have been working toward this goal for some time. I am proud of their hard work, and thankful for the support of our board of directors, who made this possible when our journey began three years ago.”

In its provisional year, Lindenwood will continue to follow all NCAA Division II regulation and rules. Lindenwood can begin using the NCAA brand for promotional and recruiting purposes, including the NCAA logo, but it is ineligible for postseason competition for the year. Lindenwood is a new member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) and will begin conference play this fall. The MIAA sponsors championships in 19 sports and is currently a 15-member conference with schools in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. The Lions have their first NCAA/MIAA home football game on September 8 against Southwest Baptist.

Lindenwood will sponsor 27 NCAA sports. On the men’s side, the Lions will compete in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, lacrosse, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. The women’s sports teams are basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

The University is completing several renovations to its athletics facilities this summer that will make its facilities some of the top venues at the NCAA Division II level. The jewel is the 43,000-square-foot Student-Athlete Center nearing completion outside of Hunter Stadium. Lindenwood also recently completed a new tennis facility, and will be adding a new video board and scoreboard to Hyland Arena.

“We have come a long way in a short amount of time,” said Athletics Director John Creer. “I am proud of our administrators and coaches, and faculty and staff, all of whom have adjusted and adapted and have continued to amaze me with their creativity.”

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