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Lindenwood University President to Receive Inaugural Boy Scouts of America Honor

St. Charles, Mo. — Lindenwood University President James D. Evans, PhD, has been chosen as the inaugural 2014 Boy Scouts of America Community for Scouting Award recipient. He will be honored during a luncheon hosted by Missouri State Senator Tom Dempsey on Thursday, May 29, at The Columns Banquet Center in St. Charles, Mo.

The Boy Scouts of America created the honor to recognize community leaders and volunteers who contribute to the continued growth and success of the organization. Evans was selected as the inaugural recipient of the award for demonstrating leadership in the community through his efforts to promote the values of Scouting.

"Lindenwood University is proud to support the Boy Scouts of America and its members through our Million Dollar Character Scholarship program and involvement with our nonprofit degree programs," said Evans. "It's an honor to assist such a far-reaching, key agency in its mission of preparing America's youth to become responsible, participating citizens, and we intend to actively sustain our relationship with the Boy Scouts in the years to come."

The award luncheon will take place at noon at the Columns Banquet Center, 711 Veterans Memorial Parkway, St. Charles, Mo., 63303. The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested to Benjamin Brennecke, district director of the Greater St. Louis Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at 314-256-3086 or *ben.brennecke@scouting.org*.

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