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### NEW MEAL PLANS COMING NEXT FALL FOR LINDENWOOD STUDENTS

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In addition to Chick-fil-A and Qdoba, Lindenwood University students will have an assortment of new meal plan options from which to choose upon their return to the St. Charles campus this fall. Lindenwood System President Michael D. Shonrock, Ph.D., said the administration has “listened carefully to students” and the meal plan changes are a direct result of student opinion surveys.

The national brands will be in a new food court in the Spellmann Center Dining Hall, and the Evans Commons Dining Hall will have an “all you care to eat” format. The new meal plan options include a 19-meal-per-week plan and two different block meal plans: 140 per semester or 100 per semester. Block meal plans allow students a set number of meals per semester to be used at any of the 19 meal times offered each week at the Spellmann or Evans dining halls or the Butler Loft Grab and Go in St. Charles or Dixon Dining Hall or Matt’s Café in Belleville. Meal plan participants may use one meal per meal plan period.

The 19-meal-per-week plan includes an extra \$50 declining balance per semester. The 140-meal block plan includes a \$150 declining balance, and the 100-meal block plan includes a \$350 declining balance. The declining balances can be used in the Spellmann Center convenience store or for items outside of a “meal” in the Spellmann Food Court. At the Spellmann Food Court, customers will get a set amount of value in exchange for a meal swipe. For instance, a value exchange for a meal swipe could be a chicken sandwich, waffle fries, and a soft drink. Students will be able to add additional items—like a side salad or brownie—with their declining balance points.

The declining balance features hold extra value accompanying a meal plan and can be used at any of the university food service locations. When a student uses his or her declining balance, the system will deduct the food purchased from the student’s declining balance account. Declining balance purchases are non-refundable and must be spent before the closing day of each semester. The declining balance can be used at any time within the operating hours of the various dining locations.

“I’m really excited about the meal plan options and variety of food choices,” said Ivy Tinnin, freshman biology major. “The food here already was good, but now it is going to be even better, and I can’t wait to see what the new facilities will look like.”

Ryan Guffey, PhD, vice president for student development, shared, “In addition to meal plan improvements, Lindenwood and Pedestal Foods are spending \$4 million to upgrade the dining facilities on the St. Charles and Belleville campuses.”

Pedestal Foods will have a table set up April 5 outside of the Spellmann Dining Hall during lunch and outside of Evans Dining Hall during dinner to answer students’ questions.

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