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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATED FOR OLD POST OFFICE LOCATION

May 12, 2016

Lindenwood University held a grand opening for its newest location in St. Louis' Old Post Office building at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. The event included remarks by a distinguished collection of speakers, a ceremonial ribbon cutting, and tours of the facility led by Lindenwood's student ambassadors.

Dr. Joe Parisi, Vice President for Enrollment Management, served as master of ceremonies introducing speakers that included Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock, Lindenwood Chairman of the Board Jim Shoemake, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, Judge Kurt Odenwald from the Missouri Court of Appeals, DFC Group President Steven Stogel, and DESCO Chairman Mark Schnuck.



"I firmly believe the future can be enhanced by honoring the past," Shonrock said. "And this building is 'like no other' when it comes to history. That's why it is such a good fit for Lindenwood."

The building was constructed in 1884 as a testimonial to the strength of the United States following the Civil War, and it was restored by DESCO and the DFC Group in 2006.

The university announced in March it had signed a lease for 32,000 square feet of space in the building, making it the anchor tenant. With the move, Lindenwood is moving its former Downtown St. Louis location on Washington Avenue and its Wildwood location to the site. The building also houses the Missouri Court of Appeals, the St. Louis Public Library, FOCUS St. Louis, the St. Louis Business Journal, the Missouri Attorney General, the Missouri Secretary of State, the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services, the Missouri Arts Council, and Rosemann Architects.

The university began holding classes at the site in its accelerated evening programs in April and in its teacher education programs in June.

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