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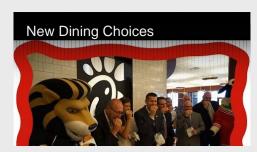
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STUDENTS GET FIRST BITE OF CHICK-FIL-A, QDOBA

Lindenwood University and Pedestal Foods held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Spellmann Campus Center Dining Hall on Monday, Aug. 22, the first day of classes at the fall semester.

Remarks were delivered by Lindenwood University System President Michael Shonrock, Vice President for Student Development Ryan Guffey, Student Government Association President Regan Cole, and Pedestal Foods CEO and President Britt Hunt. The event also featured a ceremonial "first bite," in which Shonrock and other leadership tried the first Chick-fil-A sandwiches served in the new facility.



Over the summer, the university conducted a \$4 million renovation at its dining halls in the Spellmann Center and

the Evans Commons, as well as Matt's Café at its Belleville, Ill., campus. The Spellmann location now includes national brands Chick-fil-A, Qdoba, and Caribou Coffee, as well as a new Lion's Pride Market, where grab-and-go items and hospitality products are available.

Guffey said the changes are the institution's response to a student survey conducted in the fall of 2015 in which quality dining was rated just as important as campus safety and as an essential part of college life. He said students consistently sought more variety in their options and the national brands being added were "what students asked for over and over again."

In addition to the new vendors, the university has also added a selection of new meal plan options to provide students with more flexibility.

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