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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION HOSTS TRIAD TRAINING FOR STUDENT-TEACHERS, LOCAL TEACHERS

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The Lindenwood University <u>School of Education</u> hosted Triad Training for fall 2018 for all teacher candidates, cooperating teachers, and Lindenwood supervisors on Aug. 9, 2018, in Harmon Hall.

Triad Training is an orientation session for teacher candidates (Lindenwood students), the cooperating classroom teachers from local schools, and the Lindenwood

University supervisors (a faculty member from the School of Education), helping them get to know each other before embarking on the student-teaching experience for the semester. Sessions included information on roles and responsibilities, strategies for success, preparation, and familiarization with the Missouri Educator Evaluation System tool, which is used to evaluate candidates during their student-teaching experience.

Teacher candidates are required to complete a 16-week internship in a school district in order to earn certification in the state of Missouri. Sixty-five students from both the Belleville and St Charles campuses attended the training, along with 25 Lindenwood faculty members and representatives from 31 school districts and 65 schools that have accepted Lindenwood teacher candidates for the semester.

Lindenwood School of Education faculty members Dr. Amanda Aldridge, Dr. Nancy Schneider, and Dr. Paul Sharp coordinated the training, with the St. Louis Regional Professional Development Center conducting the Missouri Educator Evaluation System session.

"At this training, the teacher candidates were able to understand and define roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in this experience and ask questions of former teacher candidates about the experience," said Aldridge.

Aldridge said candidates also discussed how to avoid and resolve problem scenarios and began building relationships with the cooperating teachers, university supervisors, and coordinators of student teaching. Aldridge also said she feels the training equipped the participants with tools and strategies that will provide confidence to the candidates as they step into their new roles.