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AT&T Aspire has awarded \$10,000 to Lindenwood University's DECA Consultancy and St. Charles County CAPS for an education program designed to encourage students to reach their highest potential.

The program is to support St. Charles County Centers for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) in the organization's work with the Lindenwood University Collegiate DECA Consultancy. The two groups will work together and with business developers, entrepreneurs, and other experts to use experiential learning to develop a plan for "maker spaces" in the St. Charles Historic District on North Main Street.

Craig Felzien, the Lindenwood DECA team advisor and executive board member of the CAPS program in St. Charles County, says that CAPS promotes experiential learning in high schools, featuring different "strands" partnered with an industry. He added that high school CAPS students and collegiate DECA work in a consultancy arrangement, together, helping businesses solve problems for real-world experiences.

“It has been my goal as the director of Lindenwood’s Duree Center for Entrepreneurship to make more things possible for more people and to give students real experiential learning experiences,” said Felzien. “The DECA/CAPS consultancy creates an opportunity for real success for college and high school students, plus, it gets high school students on our campus, which is a recruitment opportunity. We want and need them on our Collegiate DECA competition team.”