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# ECONOMIC EDUCATION CENTER CELEBRATES OFFICIAL LAUNCH

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The Economic Education Center (EEC), a partnership of the Lindenwood University School of Education and the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, officially launched on Oct. 9, 2018, with a celebration held in the third floor atrium of the Library and Academic Resources Center at Lindenwood University. Among the attendees were Lindenwood administrators, faculty, staff, and students; local educators; and community partners. Dr. Tawni Hunt Ferrarini, a professor in the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship, is the EEC director.

The assistant director of the Hammond Institute, Grant Black, said that the celebration was to highlight the breadth of the center's activities, its impact and connection to local schools, and growing partnerships with local and national organizations.

"The purpose of the center is to help advance economic and financial literacy through professional development for K-16 educators, student programs, distribution of education resources, community outreach, fundraising, and scholarship," Black said. "The center has already offered approximately 13 programs, including nationwide webinars, workshops for educators, credit courses, and student programs. Almost 20 local school districts have participated in the center's activities."

Black said that a recent workshop, Fundamentals of Environmental Economics, 39 educators received training, 195 resources were distributed, and, based on feedback from participating teachers, at least 5,465 students could be impacted. Black also said that the EEC became an official affiliate of the Council for Economic Education on Oct. 31, making it a part of a national network of university-based centers engaging in economic education and outreach.

“2019 will see new initiatives from the center, including webinars and workshops for teachers, Common Sense Economics for Legislators, and a series of workshops targeting Lindenwood students during Money Smart Month in April,” Black said. “The center will also continue to strengthen its support of the students, faculty, and alumni of Lindenwood’s School of Education.”

For more information about the Economic Education Center, visit the website at [www.EconEd.Center](http://www.EconEd.Center) or email [EEC@lindenwood.edu](mailto:EEC@lindenwood.edu).