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LINDENWOOD SIGNS PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

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Earlier this morning, Lindenwood University signed a partnership with East Central College. The partnership will provide resources and opportunities serving as a bridge for East Central College students to continue their education and complete a four-year degree by transferring to Lindenwood.

"Partnering with two-year institutions whose values align with Lindenwood University benefits both schools," Lindenwood University President Dr. John Porter said. "East Central College's commitment to excellence and community enrichment through education mirrors Lindenwood University. I'm so pleased to work with Dr. Bauer and Dr. Walter on this partnership."

Scholarships and easily transferable credits will be available to East Central College students looking to complete a four-year degree at Lindenwood University. East Central College offers an associate degree program and coursework that prepares its students to transfer to a four-year institution.

"It is important to East Central College that students are prepared for upperlevel coursework when they transfer and, in addition, receive credit for the courses they have completed," East Central College Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Robyn Walter added. "Lindenwood is a high-quality and student-centered four-year partner, and we are pleased to add this agreement to strengthen our already excellent relationship."

East Central College graduates will be evaluated for an academic scholarship up to \$9,000 annually for full-time, traditional, undergraduate students. Students can earn an additional \$2,000 per year for completion of an associate degree and another \$1,000 per year if they are a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

In attendance at today's signing representing Lindenwood University were resident Dr. John Porter, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Bethany Alden-Rivers, and Senior Vice President of Lindenwood Global Dr. Joe Sallustio. Representing East Central College were President Dr. Jon Bauer, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Robyn Walter, and Vice President of Student Development Sarah Leassner.

"We rely on good transfer partners to provide quality pathways for our students. Lindenwood is a great fit for many of our students and the commitment of Dr. Porter and the entire Lindenwood community will ensure a seamless transfer experience. This work is great news for students," East Central College President Dr. Jon Bauer said.

<u>Learn more</u> about Lindenwood University's partnership with East Central College and other local institutions.