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Lindenwood University begins the Fall 2022 semester with thriving enrollment and great excitement for the year ahead. As the University enters the second year of the <u>Lindenwood 2026 Strategic Plan</u> and begins competition as an NCAA Division I institution, the University is taking bold steps towards a prosperous future. As the most affordable private university in the St. Louis region, Lindenwood stands out amongst the competition, and students are choosing the University based on its demonstrated success.

The University welcomes 2,056 new students, a 9% increase over last year and the largest class of new students since 2014. In addition to the overall rise in enrollments, Lindenwood also experienced an 18% increase in first-time freshmen students. These students join a thriving community of traditional freshmen, transfer, international, and online students supported by dedicated staff and excellent faculty.

"This is an incredible time to be part of the Lindenwood University community," President Dr. John Porter said. "Welcoming this outstanding group of new students is a testament to the campus-wide commitment to serve our students and provide a top-notch educational experience. We are dedicated to ensuring that every student matters and has the resources they need to succeed at Lindenwood."

Lindenwood continues its commitment to diversity with 139 new international students from 44 countries joining the campus community, marking an 8% increase from last year. Countries represented include Bermuda, Australia, Spain, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Curacao. Domestically, Lindenwood continues to see the largest enrollments from Missouri, Illinois, California, Florida, and Oklahoma.

The University saw an impressive 17% increase in overall applications, surpassing 2,800 applications for the Fall 2022 semester. Led by a team of dedicated admissions, enrollment management, and financial services staff,

the University's focus on a student-centered approach is demonstrated in the entering class. In addition, strong support from faculty partners bolstered focus on Lindenwood's Q2 Service mindset – every student counts.

Academically, the students enrolling at Lindenwood bring proven success with impressive credentials. The top majors for new students are business administration, psychology, exercise science, computer science, and biological sciences, enrolling more than 100 new students over last year's class. Regardless of major, every student at Lindenwood engages in a vibrant curriculum of general education courses supported by professional advisors and faculty mentors.

Lindenwood continues to expand on-ground and online offerings and returns to a full schedule of campus and community events, including a Homecoming Weekend and parade on Main Street St. Charles, a touring pro-series of performers at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts, and a complete NCAA Division I schedule of athletic events.