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SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

The Woods receives grant of \$346K from Lilly Endowment

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College has received a \$346,307 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its initiative, Advancing the Science of Reading in Indiana.

Funding will support several initiatives ultimately aimed at strengthening literacy in the state.

SMWC is one of 28 Indiana colleges and universities receiving grants from Lilly Endowment to support efforts integrating Science of Reading-aligned principles into teacher preparation programs. Earlier this year, the Indiana legislature enacted a law with House Bill 1558 that requires Indiana schools to use the five essential elements of literary instruction:

phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Janet Clark provost and executive vice president, said, "We are grateful to the Endowment for their investment in this program and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College."

SMWC will use the grant to update the college's curriculum and course materials to align with the requirements of teachers in the field once they graduate. Additionally, the funding will enable SMWC to create multiple professional development graduate-level courses for teachers who are presently in the field.