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Goodyear to host branches for 3 private universities

2,000 students are expected for Incarnate Word

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University of the Incarnate Word is one of three colleges planning branches in Goodyear.

The school envisions nearly 2,000 students attending its Goodyear campus in 2012. When all phases of the project are completed, 3,000 students could be enrolled and classrooms spread across 30 acres north of the future City Center, northwest of Estrella Parkway and Yuma Road.

Once the Goodyear campus is up and running, "We're going to be the first comprehensive Catholic university on ground in Arizona with full programs," said Cyndi Wilson Porter, vice president for extended academic programs.

Illinois-based University of St. Francis and New Hampshire-based Franklin Pierce University also intend to establish campuses in the southwest Valley city.

Like Incarnate Word, Franklin Pierce has signed a 99-year lease with Goodyear to build and run a campus on 20 acres in the City Center development. In the meantime, Franklin Pierce's classes in accounting, nursing and other subjects are offered at Goodyear Financial Center, southwest of Litchfield Road and Van Buren Street.