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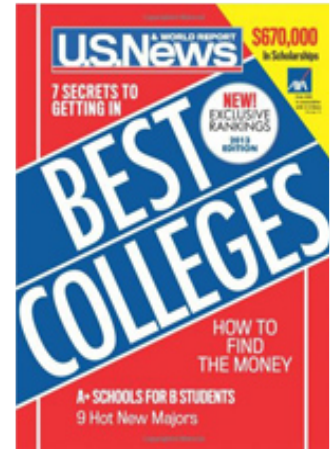
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — In the latest *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings, released Sept. 10, Illinois Wesleyan moved up five places to 65th among the 240 national liberal arts colleges. Even more noteworthy was Wesleyan's move into the top 50 in terms of student selectivity (50th) and graduation and retention rate (48th), which are key measures of student and institutional quality.

"I always counsel caution when looking at rankings, however, we are pleased that the data used in these rankings confirms our quality," said Illinois Wesleyan President Richard F. Wilson. "Being among the top 50 shows that we compete for and enroll top students nationally, and when they come here they have a great experience and graduate at rates far above the national average."

Illinois Wesleyan had a year of record applications – reaching nearly 3,800 – and enrolled 571 new students this fall, its largest entering class since 2010. Total 2013-14 enrollment at the University is expected to be about the same as 2012-13 when it is announced in the coming weeks, which will be counter to the decline in enrollment many colleges and universities have reported in Illinois and nationally.

This marks the 11th consecutive year that Illinois Wesleyan has appeared in the top-tier of *U.S. News's* national liberal arts colleges rankings. In 1993 Wesleyan moved from the No. 1 Midwestern university, a position it held since 1989, to the national liberal arts colleges grouping.



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