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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The inaugural group of [First Year Fellows in the Humanities](#) (FYFH) at Illinois Wesleyan University were welcomed at a reception in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Atrium on Friday, Sept. 1, where they met President Eric Jensen, Provost Mark Brodl, Acting Associate Provost Lynda Duke, and other faculty and staff.

In addition, the fellows attended a luncheon following the President's Convocation on Sept. 6, where they had the opportunity to meet and ask questions of Convocation speaker, author and historian Jelani Cobb.

The First Year Fellows in the Humanities are enrolled in the Gateway course, "What Is a University, and Why Are You Here?" taught by Associate Professor and Chair of English Joanne Diaz.

Later this fall, the fellows plan to participate in the Dialogues Across the Disciplines series on campus, and will attend the [Chicago Humanities Festival](#) in early November.

This is the first year that prospective students accepted to Illinois Wesleyan were invited to apply for the program, particularly aimed at students with a love of literature, philosophy, religion, art, musicology, and languages.

For more information on this program, please contact [Prof. Diaz](#), Professor of Hispanic Studies [Carmela Ferradans](#), or Byron S. Tucci Professor of Hispanic Studies [Carolyn Nadeau](#).



First Year Humanities Fellows (from left) Shaela Phillips, Giustina Joyce and Gabriela Bantas mingle with President Eric Jensen.



First Year Fellow in the Humanities Matthew Humason met Provost Mark Brodl, who is also starting his first year on campus.



From left, Philosophy faculty members Emily Kelahan and Mary Coleman talk with fellows Kathryn Jefferson, Taylor Plantan and Gabriela Manzanares.