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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University welcomed 553 members of the class of 2010 to the campus Tuesday, August 22. Classes began on Monday, August 28, with a total enrollment of 2,140.

Figures available prior to the start of classes, which are subject to change once the semester begins, indicate that of the 553 first-year students who have enrolled at the University, 329 are women, and 224 are men. There also are 33 African-Americans, 19 Hispanic, and 25 Asian students in the entering class. In addition to the first-year students, there will be 29 transfer students entering this fall.

Among the 553 new students to the University, 49 intend to be music majors, 25 nursing majors, 17 theatre-arts majors, six music theatre majors, and 5 art majors. The remaining 451 students are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts majors.

The average American College Test (ACT) composite score for the total first-year class is 28.2. A perfect score is 36 and the national average composite score for 2006 is 21.1.

Attending the University this school year are 535 first-year domestic students representing 17 states. Also enrolled are 18 international students of whom 14 are first-year students, one transfer, and three exchange students representing citizens of 11 nations.

"We are very excited about this year's entering class. Our new students bring impressive records of academic achievement as well as wonderful experiences in leadership and community involvement. We continue to make progress in meeting some of the goals of the University strategic plan by enrolling a class with increased representation of racial, geographic and socioeconomic diversity," said Bob Murray, Dean of Enrollment Management at IWU.

"We are also very pleased with the retention of students from last year with a retention rate of 96 percent. This reflects the University's commitment to assisting students with finding a university that fits them well. Our four year graduation rate has increased as a result of improvements in retention and this is important to students and parents."

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