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USI freshmen class is second largest

Enrollment at the University of Southern Indiana for 2007 is 9,939 students. Final figures, announced at the USI Board of Trustees September meeting, show that the incoming freshman class with 2,136 students is the second largest freshman class in USI's history and the fourth consecutive class over 2,100 students.

Dr. Robert Parrent, vice president for Student Affairs, said, "New students coming to USI are well-prepared for college work, more diverse, and come from greater distances." He continued, "The Class of 2011 includes one national merit finalist, 58 valedictorians, two Lily Endowment Community scholars, and 201 Twenty-First Century scholars."

Minority and international students represent over seven percent of the students at USI. African American students, USI's largest minority, increased to 4.9 percent of the total student population. The female-male count remains at 60 percent female and 40 percent male. Traditional-age students remain in the majority at 7,696 and adult students increased to 2,243.

Academic quality demonstrated by the standardized test performance of new Presidential Scholars and Baccalaureate/Doctor of Medicine (BMD) scholarship recipients continues to increase. The average SAT score for the Presidential Scholars is 1342 and the average score for the BMD students is 1325.

Transfers from other post secondary institutions to USI increased this fall and new graduate student numbers are up.

Students enrolled at USI come from 91 Indiana counties and 35 other states. International enrollment represents 44 foreign countries.

The geographic breakdown of the student population is:

- 4,855 students from Vanderburgh and contiguous counties
- 1,291 students from area counties
- 2,652 students from other Indiana counties
- 1,026 students from other states
- 115 international students

The fall semester began on August 27, 2007 and late registration continued for one week. The enrollment data is compiled after late registration closes.