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Welcome to Illinois College!

Dear Illinois College Student,

How can you make the most of your college experience? What are you willing to do to make a positive difference in your life and in the lives you touch? How will you impact the quality of life on campus and in our community? The answers to these questions are in good hands ... yours.

The college journey is an exciting one that is filled with laughter, friendship and challenges. You will learn from a talented and dedicated faculty, wonderful peers and a caring staff. You will want to explore subject matter that is new to you, study outside of the United States for a semester or experience a shorter BreakAway trip. Volunteer to do research with a professor, participate in an internship opportunity and participate in “service” for the greater good. Take advantage of leadership and wellness programs provided for you by the student affairs staff.

The student affairs staff wants to get to know you and to help you grow as a person and leader. Search them out. Career services, community engagement and service, counseling, diversity and inclusion, health services, IC Connections, religious life, residential life, and student activities have programs and services that can help you succeed and enrich your college experience. Some of these offices are in Caine Student Center and others are spread throughout the campus. All are accessible and waiting for you to take advantage of their services.

Besides getting to know your professors and the staff, spend quality time with your classmates. They are a special group of people who will definitely enrich your student experience for you. You, the students at Illinois College, are what truly make Illinois College special. Not only do you care about doing your best, you also care about helping each other succeed. You set high personal and academic standards for yourselves and expect the same of your peers.

During the year, please reference the Blue Book, a tradition at Illinois College, to guide you through the academic year. The Blue Book contains policies, procedures and descriptions of IC offices and programs. Scroll through the various sections to know what the Book contains. Then, bookmark it so that it is handy to you as a reference throughout the year.

I hope you have a wonderful year. Please let me know if I can assist you in any way. May this year’s hilltop experience enrich your life in many rewarding and positive ways.

With best wishes,

Dr. Malinda L. Carlson

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Mission Statement

True to its founding vision in 1829, Illinois College is a community committed to the highest standards of scholarship and integrity in the liberal arts. The College develops in its students qualities of mind and character needed for fulfilling lives of leadership and service.

Affirmation of Community Responsibility

Illinois College is committed to the development and welfare of every member of our community: students, faculty, staff and administration.

To achieve the working and learning environment most conducive to everyone’s well-being and growth at the College, all members of the community must assume responsibility. Individually and collectively, we should:

1. Pursue excellence in academic and co-curricular experiences, and in all activities which support the academic program;

2. Exhibit integrity in intellectual development;

3. Practice responsible and effective communication; and

4. Foster tolerance and respect in our community.

We affirm that we are all caretakers of our community and recognize that our individual responsibilities are essential for nurturing collaborative relationships, critical exploration and global awareness in our community. A quality liberal education requires our commitment to excellence, integrity, communication, tolerance and shared responsibility for the success of Illinois College.
Traditions

Chapel Services on Wednesday
In keeping with IC’s historic ties with the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church, no classes are scheduled during the Wednesday 10 a.m. chapel time. Illinois College’s chaplain, a guest speaker or IC students conduct the service. Students or special guests will often provide the music.

Commencement on the Quad
Always a special occasion, graduation is celebrated on the Historic Upper Quadrangle in the midst of Illinois College’s beautiful campus. After the graduation ceremony is over, one of the warmest traditions on the Hilltop is to “walk” the line of faculty to receive congratulations and warm wishes for the future.

Convocation
Convocation is the traditional “coming together” of the College community. The 11 a.m. hour on Monday morning is set aside for educational or cultural programs which normally take place in Rammelkamp Chapel. Additional convocation programs are scheduled in the evenings. The general requirements for an Illinois College degree include regular attendance at convocation. The number of convocations required for graduation is 30.

Holiday Dinner
A special event for the entire College community each year is the All College Holiday Dinner. Good food, music and fun help us celebrate the holiday season together before the start of finals.

Homecoming Events
Each fall homecoming brings students, faculty and alumni back to the Hilltop to renew friendships and celebrate the College together. Some of the traditions during homecoming include the pep rally, parade, follies, competition between classes and, of course, the football game!

Honors Celebration – A Celebration of Excellence
The annual Honors Celebration is held at the end of the academic year. Students are recognized for a wide range of academic and leadership accomplishments throughout the school year.

Literary Societies
Literary societies are an important part of Illinois College history. Following early traditions, the four men’s literary societies and three women’s literary societies work hard preparing and presenting literary productions. Beyond the literary aspect, literary society members engage in social programs and community service projects.

Opening Celebration
The academic year officially begins with the Opening Celebration each fall. The faculty march in their academic regalia. Watch for the variety of colors in academic hoods that represent the degree and college or university where the faculty member received the degree. Even the academic robes differ in style and color. The traditional opening marks our coming together as a community of learning.

Osage Orange Festival
An Osage Orange hedge row once surrounded Illinois College’s campus. In 1882, students and faculty were excused from the classroom, and they spent the day cutting down the overgrown, unsightly hedge. Lemonade was served after the work was done. Because everyone had such a good time, they made the picnic an annual event. The Osage Orange Festival is held on the Friday evening of Commencement Weekend.

Presidential Invitations
President Farley regularly invites students to her home, Barnes House, a historic house located on the west side of the campus. Picnics on the yard and receptions and dinners in her home provide Illinois College’s President an opportunity to know all the students. Students also have a chance to interact and enjoy a home that enriches the campus community.
Illinois College Alma Mater

Illinois, dear Alma Mater,
Ivy’d Beecher, Sturtevant
Here we sing thy loving praises,
Here renew our covenant.

Chorus:
Hail forever, Alma Mater,
May thy children bring thee fame.
Hail forever, Illinois,
In our hearts shall live thy name.

Treasur’d hilltop, ancient grove.
Held in mem’ry ever dear,
Winding walks and cherished campus,
Old and new united here.

Chorus
May thy years increase by hundreds,
Proud as those already gone.
May the lamp thy founders lighted
Lead thee e’er to heights beyond.

Illinois College Fight Song

Here come the brave Blueboys from old IC
See how they thunder on to victory,
Forever adding glory to her name,
See how they fight, fight, fight
to always bring her fame!

The cherished sons of dauntless varsity
Will conquer foes opposing old IC
With voices cheering for the blue and white
Old Illinois will show her might, fight!
Hours of Operation

**General Campus Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Bruner Fitness and Recreation Center**  
Monday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Tuesday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Thursday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 to 10 p.m.  
Hours will vary during Holiday Breaks

**Common Grounds**  
Monday – Friday, Starbucks 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday – Friday, Mondo’s Subs 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Closed  
Sunday, Starbucks and Mondo’s Subs 12 noon to 10 p.m.

**Computer Labs**  
Please visit the help desk website for updated lab hours.  
http://www.ic.edu/helpdesk

**Cummings Dining Hall**  
Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Department of Public Safety**  
Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week

**Health Services**  
(Chesley Health and Wellness Center)  
by appointment only  
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

**IC Store**  
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Unless otherwise posted

**IC IT Help Desk**  
Crispin 305  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Please visit the Help Desk website for updated hours.  
http://www.ic.edu/helpdesk

**Mail Services**  
(stamps sold, packages mailed and packages picked up)  
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Modern Language Lab Hours**  
Morning and afternoon hours as posted on the lab door  
Sunday – Thursday, 7 p.m. to 12 midnight

**Office of Accounting Services-Business Office**  
Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Office of Admission**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Select Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon during the academic year.  
Closed on Saturdays in the summer

**Schewe Library**  
The regular (spring and fall) library hours are as follows:  
Monday – Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.  
Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 1 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

**Templeton Counseling Center**  
By appointment only  
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Uncommons**  
Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, Closed