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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

Always a special occasion, graduation is celebrated 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. Additional convocation programs are also 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 and is expected to be accomplished by the end of a student's junior year.

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 – Celebration of Excellence

The annual Celebration of Excellence 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!

