

# *A little redbird told me...*



## ***Illinois State recruits only high-achieving students like yours.***

*As a proud parent we encourage you not to hold back. Tell people about your student and why he or she chose Illinois State University. Here are some points of Redbird pride to share with your family, friends, and colleagues.*

Over the last five years, Illinois State incoming freshman ACT scores have averaged higher than 24.

Our freshman retention rate is very high, with more than 85 percent of freshman returning for the following year. The average nationally is 67 percent.

Our graduation rate has reached a record high of more than 70 percent.

Illinois State has 20,762 students.

With six colleges offering more than 200 different majors and minors, there's a lot to choose from.

More than 300 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) provide leadership and learning opportunities outside the classroom.

On any given night it is not unusual to run out of seats at Milner Library. This speaks to the commitment of our students.

92 percent of undergraduate courses are taught by faculty.

Seventy percent of classes have fewer than 30 students.

STATE your Passion is the University slogan. With our focus on undergraduate learning, Illinois State University is a wonderful environment to foster your talents and build on your individual strengths and abilities.

Our student athletes contributed more than 3,500 hours of community service last year. They also make time to study, boasting an impressive 3.0 grade point average.

Illinois State has 17 men's and women's NCAA Division 1 athletic teams and 470 student athletes. This is a similar number of athletes to many schools in the Big Ten.

We have 181,376 alumni worldwide.

Our student-faculty ratio is 19:1.

You can walk from one end of the campus to the other in approximately 15 minutes.

Our new \$50 million Student Fitness Center and McCormick Hall is a 170,000-square-foot facility with gymnasiums, an indoor track, weight rooms, pool, exercise rooms, classrooms, and a climbing wall.

## **Here's what others are saying about us**

- Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine lists Illinois State as one of the 100 best values in public colleges and universities in the nation for quality and affordability; one of two public universities in Illinois to make this list.
- U.S. News and World Report maintains Illinois States' ranking as a national public doctoral granting institution and reports gains in our academic reputation, freshman retention rate, six-year graduation rate, and percentage of classes with fewer than 20 students.
- The Yale Daily News Insider's Guide to Colleges reports that Illinois State University fits the profile of a large state school, but with a small school feel, where students are treated like individuals, not just numbers. Illinois State University students consistently praise the individualized attention they receive from faculty, and the quality of their education.

***And by the way, parents can have a free meal anytime they're on campus—just make a reservation.***