

2021

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Illinois State University

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Over the past year, our educators and future educators across all P-20 programs faced some of the most pressing social issues of our time. I am proud of how we have grown as researchers, writers, teachers, and students. Our

Redbirds keep teaching, learning, and achieving at all levels. As you read through this report, you will see the incredible strength of the College of Education at Illinois State University.

With an alumni base of more than 60,000 educators throughout all 50 U.S. states and in 68 countries worldwide, Illinois State is a leader in the field of education. Within Illinois, almost one in six teachers are alumni of the University.

We continue to work at the local, state, and national level to recruit and prepare the highest quality educators and administrators. This past year, we launched CommuniTeach, a pipeline program that partners with school districts and community colleges in Chicago and Central Illinois to provide the quality of an Illinois State University education in students' home communities. These programs are preparing teachers through nontraditional pathways and clinical experiences close to home.

Our enrollment remains strong and steady, and our students continue to be the top priority in the college. In fact, we significantly increased our scholarship support this past year by just more than \$200,000. In such a challenging year, we were

committed to helping more students persist in their education through scholarships. We further solidified our commitment to student achievement by establishing the Barbara and Larry Efaw Center for Educator Excellence that will support all education students.

The Department of Special Education was ranked as the top program in the country by *College Factual*. Graduate program enrollment rose by more than 15 percent in the past two years, and we jumped to the 80th Best Graduate School for Education according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

As we work together as faculty, staff, alumni, and students in the College of Education, we will continue to prepare educators who are ready to meet the challenges ahead and excel in any environment. We are extremely thankful for our donors, whose generous gifts have helped provide student scholarship support, new curricular opportunities, and upgraded classroom environments.

We hope that you enjoy learning more about the progress of the college's efforts to provide premier programs that further cement Illinois State's reputation as a leader in educator preparation.

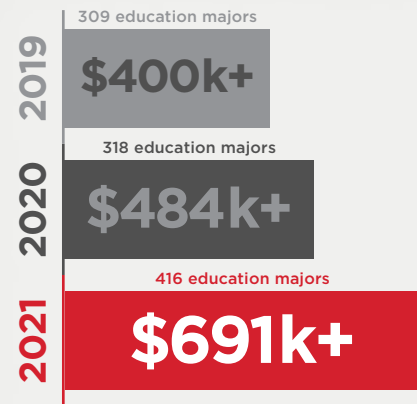
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Wolfinger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Wolfinger
Dean and Professor
College of Education

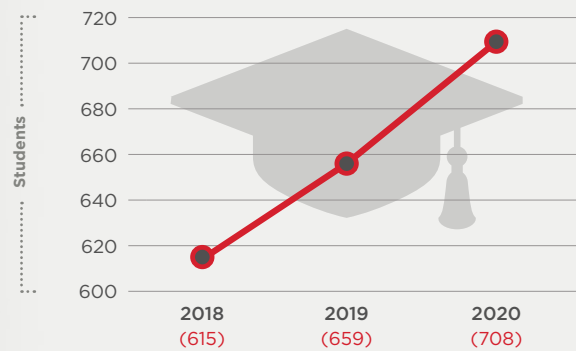
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Scholarships

Awarded by the College of Education and its donors



Graduate enrollment



edTPA performance

Percentage and number of students who achieved passing scores (39 or higher)

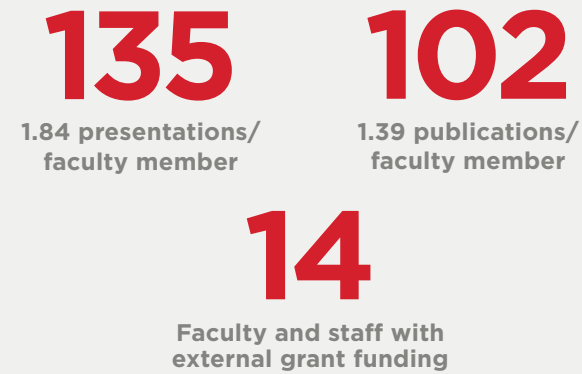
94%
Illinois State University
(568 students)

88.4%
State of Illinois
(2,783 students)

82.4%
National
(25,668 students)

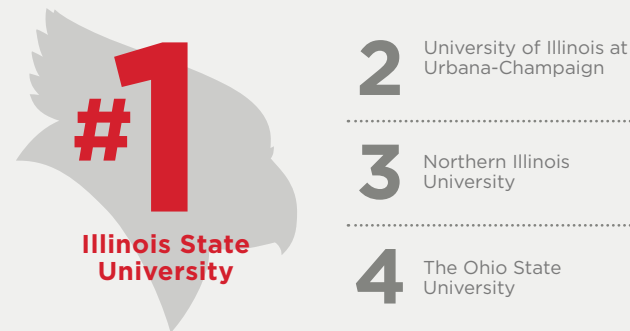
Faculty/staff production

Faculty and staff remained productive during the 2020 calendar year despite the challenges of learning and teaching during the pandemic.



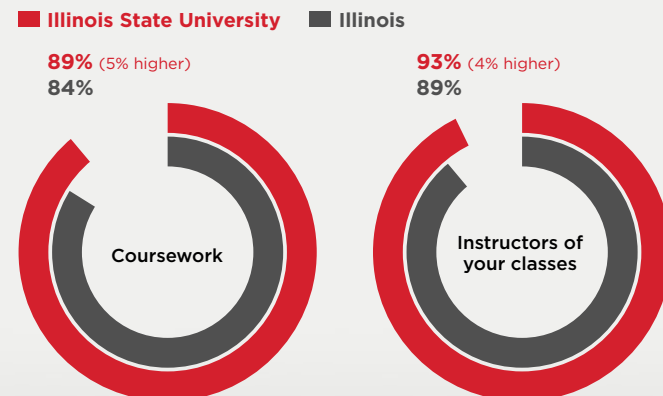
Midwestern institutions with the most alumni who have earned National Board Certification

**Based on NBCT self-reported data*

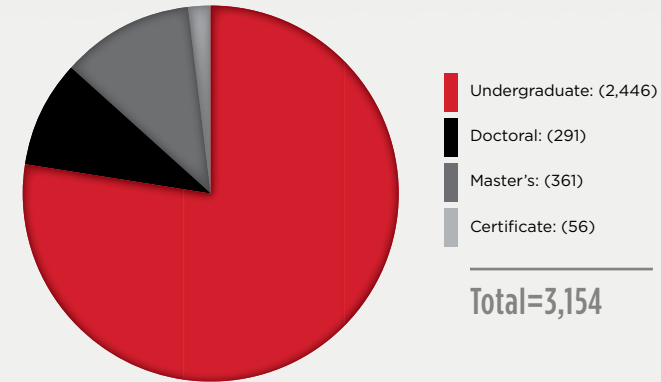


Alumni feedback

Illinois State alumni ranked their coursework and instructors as very valuable or valuable at a rate higher than graduates of other institutions in the state.

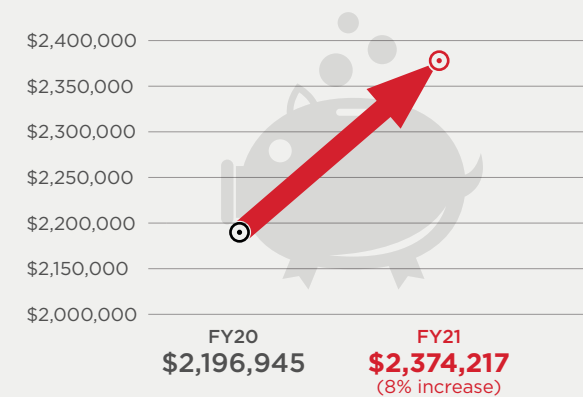


College of Education enrollment



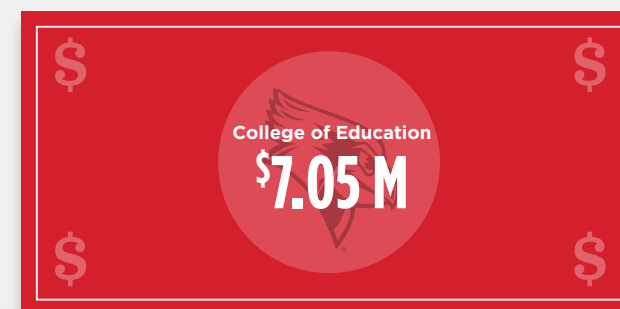
Fundraising

Total gift production



External grants

Total value of externally funded grants in 2020



Teacher effectiveness

Using new PEP data from ISBE

Starting in 2016, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) began efforts to enhance the data for educator preparation. Through the Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP), a new system was developed and is being used as a tool for continuous improvement to strengthen teacher preparation statewide.



STUDENTS DO WELL IN OUR PROGRAMS

The average undergraduate GPA was 3.58 over the last three years.



GRADUATES GET JOBS UPON GRADUATION

More than 80% of our students were employed in public schools in Illinois over the last three years.



GRADUATES APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED

Nearly 93% of teacher education graduates reported many or extensive opportunities to apply state standards to instruction.



GRADUATES SUCCEED IN THEIR JOBS

More than 96% of ISU teacher education graduates received a "proficient" or "excellent" teacher evaluation in the last three years.

LARGEST

producer of teachers

IN THE MIDWEST

2020 Title II Reports

#1 Best college offering
degrees in special
education in the U.S.

2021 College Factual

4TH Largest producer of teachers
in the U.S. 2015-2020
(among traditional higher
education programs)

2020 Title II Reports

10TH Best college for
the money in the
Midwest

2020 Washington Monthly

12TH Best college offering
degrees in education
in the U.S.

2021 College Factual

27TH Best public high school
for STEM in Illinois
(University High
School)

2021 Niche

32ND Best public high school
in Illinois (University
High School)

2021 Niche

Best public national
university (98th)

2021 U.S. News & World Report

TOP
100

Best graduate school
for education (80th)

2021 U.S. News & World Report



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The College of Education faculty and staff would like to thank all alumni, donors, partners, and friends who have been a part of the college family this past year. Though it was a challenging time for many, your generosity with your time, talents, and treasures allowed us to continue to help students reach their dreams of higher education so that they may impact their future students.

We value each of you and appreciate all you do for the College of Education.



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