**TOP 75 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY**
Illinois State climbed in U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 rankings of America’s top public universities, to No. 74, based on academic quality and excellence.

**TOP 10% GRADUATION RATE**
Our students complete their degrees on time. Our high graduation rate (71.5 percent) ranks us among the Top 10 percent of all U.S. universities.

**LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS IN 25 YEARS**
Illinois State remains a first-choice institution. We added our largest group of freshmen since 1989, while maintaining academic quality and small class sizes.

**DIVERSE CAMPUS**
Illinois State provides accessible opportunity and increasingly reflects the nation’s changing demographics. More than a quarter of our freshman class comes from traditionally underrepresented groups—a 25 percent increase from last year.

**HIGH FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE**
Illinois State helps freshmen make the leap to college. Our first-year transition programs raised our retention rate to 82 percent—15 percent higher than the national average.

**BANG FOR THE BUCK**
Illinois State ranked in the Top 25 on Money magazine’s 2014 Colleges That Add the Most Value list, thanks to our alumni earning power and high graduation rate.

**RECORD FUNDRAISING**
Private fundraising for the University hit a record-breaking $19.5 million in 2014. That includes several gift commitments of $1 million or more.

**HIGH STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT RATE**
Our alumni go on to successful careers, shown in the very low student loan default rate of our graduates. In all, 96 percent of those who borrow repay their loans on time—3 times better than the average.

**MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL**
Illinois State supports veterans and those in the military. Every year we are included in Victory Media’s Military Friendly Schools list, honoring the Top 15 percent of schools.

**TOP COLLEGE TOWN**
Bloomington-Normal regularly ranks as one of the Top 50 college towns in America based on its quality of life and professional opportunities for students. Normal, our hometown, recently ranked as the No. 5 Happiest Small City in America.

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