TOP 100 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

TOP 10% GRADUATION RATE
Our students complete their degrees on time. Our high graduation rate (73.4 percent) ranks us among the Top 10 percent of all U.S. universities.

RECORD-BREAKING FRESHMAN CLASS
Illinois State remains a first-choice institution. This fall we added our largest freshman class 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. About 25 percent of our freshman class comes from underrepresented groups.

HIGH FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE
Illinois State helps freshmen make the leap to college. Our first-year transition programs raised our retention rate to 81.3 percent—15 points higher than the national average.

BANG FOR THE BUCK
Illinois State is one of *Kiplinger*’s Top 100 best values among public universities for 2015. Our alumni earning power and high graduation rate rank us on similar lists in *Money* (23rd in U.S.) and *Washington Monthly* (4th in Midwest) magazines.

RECORD FUNDRAISING
For the second straight year Illinois State broke its private fundraising record, tallying $36.8 million in fundraising productivity and another increase in alumni donors.

HIGH STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT RATE
Illinois State alumni go on to successful careers, shown in the very low student loan default rate of our graduates (2.8 percent) compared with the national average (11.7 percent).

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. It also ranks as a Top 5 destination among smaller communities in the U.S. for recent college grads.