

2020

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



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Illinois State University

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



This has certainly been a remarkable year. The College of Education at Illinois State University, like the rest of the world, is in the midst of unique and trying times. I hear over and over again how proud people are of our college, where our faculty,

staff, students, and alumni—like all great educators—confront the challenges of the day and make the most of a difficult situation. 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.

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 levels to recruit and prepare the highest quality educators and administrators. The College of Education is working tirelessly to impact the national teacher shortage by creating new pipeline programs, committing to addressing diversity in the educator workforce, increasing our scholarship support, and continuing strong teaching and scholarship.

Our enrollment remains strong and steady, and our students continue to be the college's top priority. In fact, we significantly increased our scholarship support this past year by \$84,000. Student performance remains strong as our students

score well above the state and national averages on the edTPA, signifying our commitment to quality instruction and great students.

Graduate program enrollment rose by over seven percent, and we jumped nine spots to be one of the top 100 best graduate schools for education, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Our faculty continue to be a point of pride as they published 142 articles and books and delivered 216 presentations around the United States and the world. Our centers, often working with faculty, collectively received almost \$14 million in external grants. That equates to nearly half of the total external funding dollars at the University.

We are proud that our alumni continue to excel in their schools as we remain first among Midwestern institutions for the number of Board Certified teachers. Also, data from the Partnership for Educator Preparation (PEP) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) shows that our alumni consistently perform at a high level in the classroom.

As faculty, staff, alumni, and students in the College of Education work together, 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.

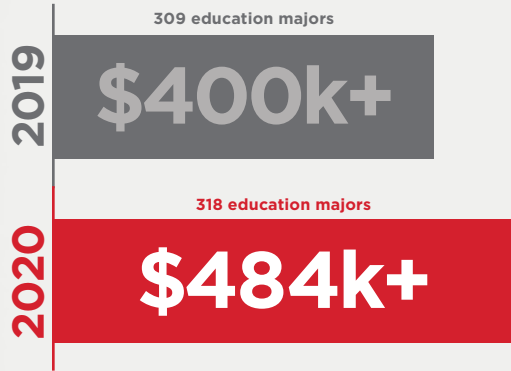
We hope you enjoy learning more about the progress of the college's efforts to provide premier programs that further cement Illinois State's reputation as the leader in educator preparation.

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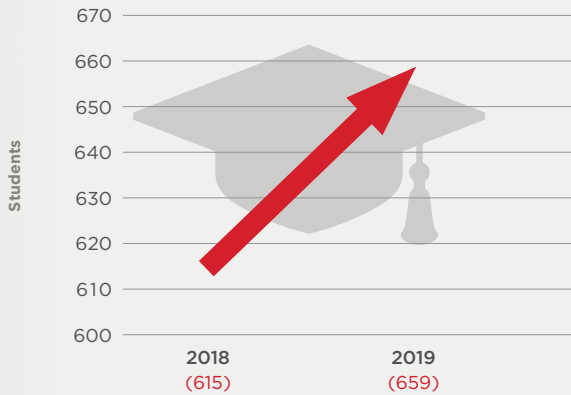
James Wolfinger
Dean and Professor
College of Education

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)

93.6%

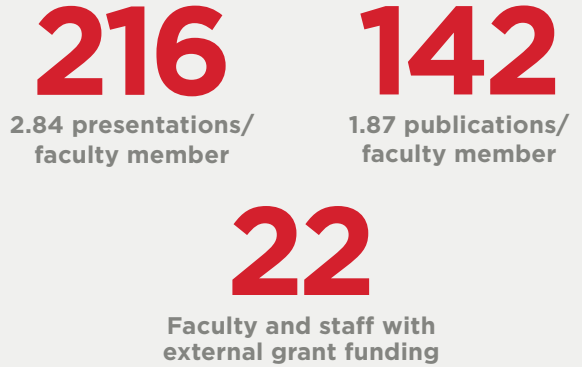
Illinois State University
(814 students)

87.9%
State of Illinois
(4,731 students)

79.2%
National
(44,083 students)

Faculty/staff production

(calendar year 2019)



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

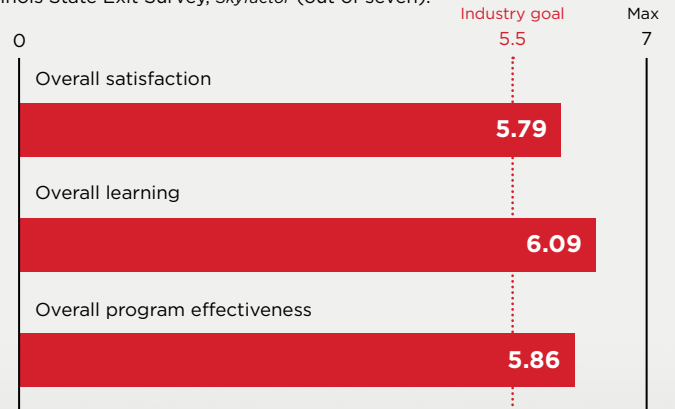
**Based on NBCT self-reported data*



- 2** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 3** The Ohio State University
- 4** Northern Illinois University

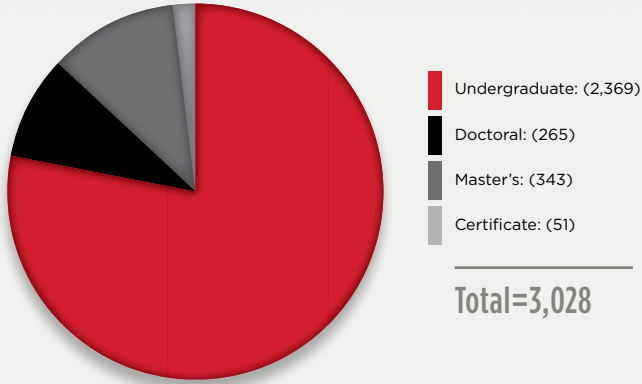
Alumni feedback

College of Education alumni satisfaction indicators, Illinois State Exit Survey, *Skyfactor* (out of seven).



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College of Education enrollment



Fundraising

Total gift production

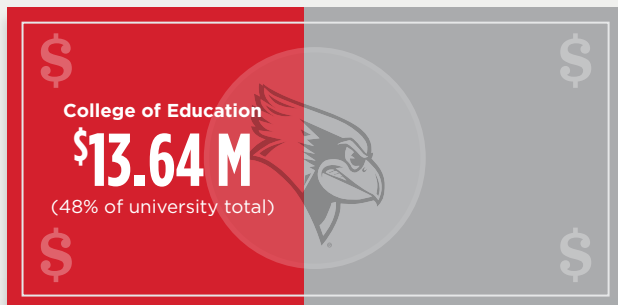


\$2,196,945

External grants

Total value of externally funded grants in 2019

Illinois State University: \$28.54 M



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 is 3.55 over the last five years.



THEY GET JOBS UPON GRADUATION

Nearly 80 percent of our students are employed in public schools in Illinois over the last three years.



THEY SUCCEED IN THEIR JOBS

More than 96 percent of teacher education graduates from Illinois State University received a "proficient" or "excellent" teacher evaluation in 2019.



THEY CONTINUE IN THE FIELD

Illinois State University teacher education graduates have a persistence rate of more than 6 percent higher than other graduates in Illinois over the last three years.

LARGEST

producer of teachers

IN THE MIDWEST

2019 Title II Reports

7TH Largest producer of teachers
in the U.S. 2014-2019
(among traditional higher
education programs)

2019 Title II Reports

7TH Best college offering
degrees in education
in the U.S.

2020 College Factual

15TH Largest producer of
special education majors
in the U.S.
(among traditional higher
education programs)

2019 Title II Reports

15TH Best college for
the money in the
Midwest

2019 Washington Monthly

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

2020 Niche

39TH Best college for
education in
America

2020 Niche

Best public national
university

2020 U.S. News & World Report

**TOP
100**

Best graduate school
for education[®]

2020 U.S. News & World Report



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