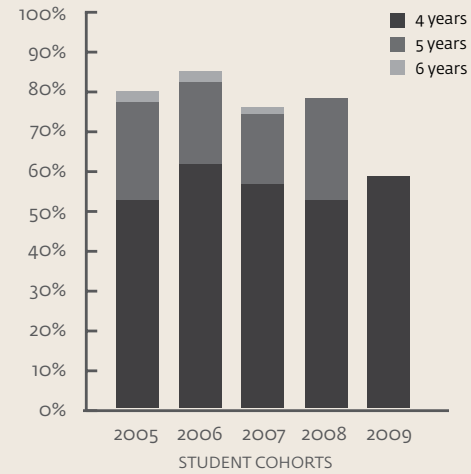


ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I-Promise Graduates



In 2013, a total of 114 I-Promise students who entered in 2009 graduated with a BA, BS, or BFA degree. Combined with other cohorts of I-Promise graduates, there are now 779 alumni.

The chart to the left shows the percentage of I-Promise students in different cohorts (2005 to 2009) who graduated. Slightly more than half of I-Promise students graduate in four years, with 73 to 82 percent graduating within five years. For those cohorts where six-year graduation data are available, an additional three percent of students graduate.



“I recently completed my Master’s Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Salus University, and I am very eager to start my new career. I am most looking forward to becoming a caring and compassionate health care provider for my community. My journey would not have been possible without the support and friendships I gained from I-Promise while at the University of Illinois. I-Promise has taught me meaningful values—confidence, community, and opportunity. I will carry these values with me as I step into the working world.”

—**Quyen Bui**, '11, Community Health, Chemistry minor; Master of Physician Assistant Studies



“I want to see the message of I-Promise passed along from generation to generation as students work toward building a long-lasting community that benefits others in need and allows them to reach their full potential.”

—**Emily Malamud**, '13, Music Education, Bronze Tablet recipient; Assistant Director of Bands at Wheeling High School

First-Generation Coca-Cola Scholars

Through the generosity of the Coca-Cola Foundation, six freshman I-Promise students were selected as First-Generation Coca-Cola Scholars this academic year. To be chosen, the students had to meet additional criteria, which included being first in their families to attend college and meeting certain academic standards. These six students are the first of four cohorts who will benefit from the financial support of Coca-Cola during their four years in college. In addition to the benefits available to all I-Promise students, first-generation Coca-Cola scholars are matched with academic or community mentors, receive academic monitoring, and participate in targeted community-building activities.



From left to right: Clarence Shelley (Mentor), with four of the six Coca-Cola Scholars, including Adrian Guereca (Statistics), Alejandra Reyes Pena (Broadcast Journalism), Melody Wong (Chemistry), and Daniel Vargas (Accounting).

MENTORING

The purpose of the mentoring program is to help ease the transition to college for freshmen and transfer students. During this academic year, 101 students were matched with mentors, with two-thirds of the students voluntarily choosing adult mentors and one-third choosing peer mentors. Orientation training, ongoing support, opportunities to develop skills, and community-building events are features of the I-Promise mentoring program. Mentors make a one-year commitment to serve in this role, but several mentors and students continue their connection year after year (like Marjorie Mizes and Bianca Flowers below).



I-Promise mentors and mentees at fall reception, 2013.



Bianca Flowers (left) with her mentor, Marjorie Mizes.

“My four years at the University of Illinois would have undoubtedly been incomplete if not for the Illinois Promise mentoring program. My wonderful mentor and friend, Marjorie Mizes, with her sincere investment in my well-being, education, and growth, has transformed me into the go-getter that I am today. This partnership has been a gratifying, twofold learning experience for the both of us. Our shared values formed our bond, and what we’ve learned from each other has made it unbreakable. I hope that every I-Promise student recognizes and takes advantage of the indispensable benefits of this amazing program. There’s nothing more fulfilling than having someone in your life who is dedicated to making you reach your full personal and professional potential. Being a part of the I-Promise family and developing an everlasting friendship with Marjorie is indeed my biggest highlight as an Illini.”

—**Bianca Flowers**, '13, Broadcast Journalism; 2014 Masters of Journalism candidate with a Business and Economic concentration, City University of New York

“As an alumni, I realized that my time at this university was one of the most important times in my life and that I needed to pay tribute and honor those years more. That’s what led me to become a donor and a mentor for I-Promise. Meeting all the I-Promise students and especially Bianca Flowers, my student mentoring partner and a woman I cherish as a friend and personal hero, changed my life in a very large way. Through Bianca’s big and beautiful open eyes, I’ve looked into the future, and I see that it is a very good place. I-Promise students are today and tomorrow’s promise, lighting up the universe with their intelligence, insights, kindness, and strength. As it’s been said, ‘If you are blessed enough to receive, then you are blessed enough to give.’”

—**Marjorie S. Mizes**, Mentor and Donor, Class of 1979

Special Thanks

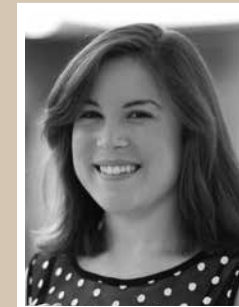
Partnerships exist with a number of campus units and community organizations to coordinate I-Promise enrichment opportunities. Special thanks to the Counseling Center, the Career Center, the Office of Minority Student Affairs, the Leadership Center, the Illini Union Bookstore, TCF Bank, University Housing, and the cultural houses.

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, we make a commitment to our students that we will provide transformative learning experiences during their time with us. And we promise our state, our nation, and the world that we will provide the opportunity to be a part of the Illinois experience to all who have the desire to learn and the drive to lead lives of impact. These are the basic foundations upon which this university was built, and they are at the heart of our Illinois Promise program.

This fall we welcomed the largest new class of I-Promise students to campus in the program's history. These are young women and men who have knowledge, talent, and potential that puts them among the very best students in the country. And thanks to the generosity of all the many generous donors who support the I-Promise program, these students have become the newest members of the Illinois family.

As you read through this report, I know you will be moved by their stories and excited by their dreams and ambitions. And most of all, I hope you will see the real promise of Illinois unfolding in their lives.

Phyllis M. Wise

Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

DONORS, ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013



"Anne and I are thrilled to support the I-Promise scholarship program at the University of Illinois. After sending our two sons to college and seeing them develop into wonderful, well-rounded adults who now have the skills to achieve their goals in life, we want to help others achieve their dreams as well. I-Promise is a fantastic program that helps many students in financial need to move forward with an excellent education."

—John and Anne Seral



\$1,000–\$4,999

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Illinois Promise is an access scholarship program initiated in 2005 to provide high-achieving, low-income students an opportunity to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Educational expenses, including tuition, fees, room and board, and books and supplies are covered. In addition, enrichment programs are offered to foster student success.

Students do not apply to become an I-Promise scholar. Rather, students gain admittance to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Student Financial Aid then determines eligibility based on the following criteria:

- Illinois residency
- Under the age of 24 and admitted as a freshman or transfer student
- Family income at or below the federal poverty level (\$23,050 for a family of four)
- Family assets of less than \$50,000 (does not include the home)

- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equal to \$0
- Minimum enrollment of 12 credit hours during fall and spring semesters

Funding the program takes a team approach. I-Promise students receive federal, state, institutional and/or private grants and scholarships for which they qualify. The I-Promise award is based on the difference between the student's cost of attendance and other financial aid received. I-Promise funding is provided from institutional resources as well as private funding from individuals and corporate donors. In the 2012-2013 academic year, I-Promise funding totaled \$5,316,590; the average award per student was \$6,869.



"I am thankful for the Illinois Promise scholarship for financing my education because I refused to limit my potential to a few bumps along the road."

—Dion Broughton, '13, Communication; Senior Pastor of Bray Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago; Master of Divinity candidate, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary



"Illinois Promise has been more than a scholarship opportunity for me. It has been my family away from home."

—Brittany Cooper, '13, Communication; 2014 Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- The Seidler Foundation
- Mr. Stephen Bruce Shafer
- Mr. D. Jeffrey Swinson
- Mr. James R. Viereggs and Mrs. Mary L. Viereggs

\$5,000–\$9,999

- Ms. Peggy L. Cullen
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- Mr. P. Wayne Ziebell and Mrs. Patricia A. Ziebell

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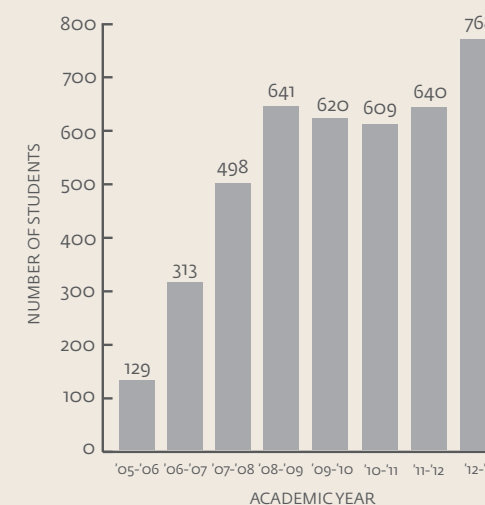
I-Promise Student Profile, Academic Year 2012-2013

- 277 I-Promise students make up the incoming class (14% are transfer students).
- 768 I-Promise students currently attend Illinois.
- 56% are female.
- 74% are residents of Cook County, with students representing 37 other counties in Illinois.

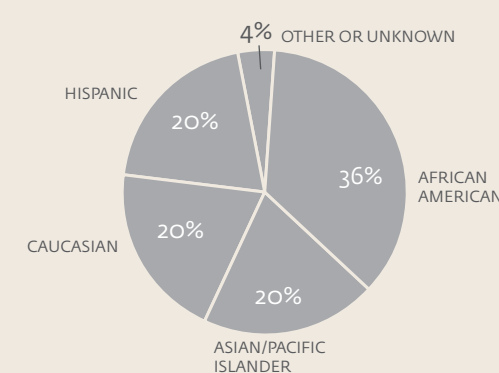
- 80% are racial minority.
- 82% applied to and were accepted at other colleges in addition to Illinois.*
- 65% are first-generation college students.*

*Based on Spring 2013 I-Promise Student Survey.

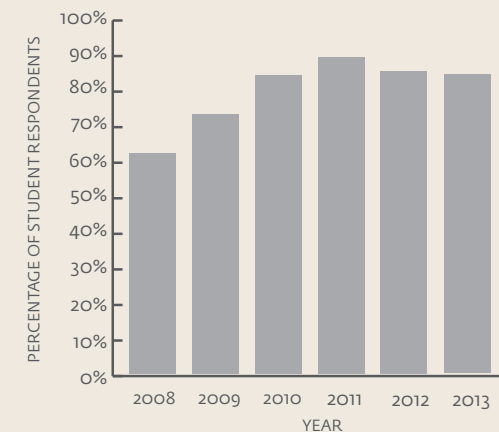
Students Served in the I-Promise Program



Diversity of I-Promise Students, Academic Year 2012-2013

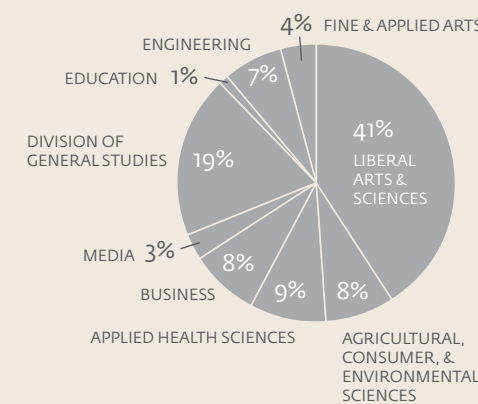


Students' Sense of Community within I-Promise



This chart combines student responses indicating that they were "happy," "very happy," or "thrilled" with the sense of community within I-Promise.

Enrollment of I-Promise Students by College, Academic Year 2012-2013



\$50,000–\$99,999

- TCF Foundation

\$100,000+

- Coca-Cola Foundation
- Private Family Foundation
- State Farm Companies Foundations

Endowment Funds that Support I-Promise

- Janice Kisten Campbell Scholarship Fund
- Hathorne and Hummer Family Scholarship Fund
- Seral Family Endowment for Illinois Students
- P. Wayne and Patricia A. Ziebell Illinois Students Fund

- Tom D. Wippman Illinois Promise Scholarship Fund
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