



From the director A closer look at the class of 2013

It's tempting to plow right into the crazies of last year's college search and selection process, but I think we all know that it was "the year that was!" So much was out of our control—and yours—that comparisons to the past may not yield much beyond head-scratching. So, I'll go on to other things.

Our experience in a nutshell

We experienced a slight drop in total applications, but overall quality was higher when compared with 2008. We made about 300 fewer offers of admission, but our yield on those offers was higher than expected. We opened classes in August with about 4,100 first-year students, making 2009 the fourth year in a row with more than 4,000 first-year students! The class of 2013 is split evenly between residents and non-residents. Minority students compose 11 percent of the class, while international first-year students account for an additional 6 percent. In addition, student financial aid and scholarships hit new highs. We are fortunate to be able to respond in such a positive way to the needs of your students and their families.

The Regent Admission Index

Anytime a school changes its admission requirements, it creates confusion. As you know, Iowa's new Regent Admission Index (RAI) is a weighted formula that considers class rank, cumulative high school grade-point-average, ACT score, and the number of core courses completed in high school. You can find the formula and an easy-to-use calculator on our web site at www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/requirements/rai-page

More than 70 percent of the class of 2013 attended a high school that ranked its graduates; computing RAI was not too difficult for those students and their counselors. The rest attended schools that do not rank, and their applications underwent a holistic review. Our goal was to admit the same proportion of applicants even though the system by which they were evaluated used different variables. We think we succeeded.

Working together for students

Throughout the 2008-09 application cycle, you were great to work with! Many of you contacted us on behalf of students or to clarify something about the process. Some counselors, particularly those from high schools that do not rank, told us that they were having difficulty estimating whether students would be admitted under the new RAI. We understand those concerns, and are doing our best to help students, families, and counselors understand that we are the same Iowa we always have been. I think that if you log onto Iowa Reports you'll get a pretty clear picture of whom to encourage to apply to The University of Iowa for the class of 2014. If not, call us and we'll work through it with you. Your calls are critical, and our relationship with you is invaluable. Please continue to let us know how we can best serve your students and their families.

We are excited to start assembling the class of 2014, and hope to see each of you as the year progresses! Go Hawks!

Michael Barron

Assistant Provost for Enrollment Services and Director of Admission

Are you using Iowa Reports?

September marked the one-year anniversary of Iowa Reports. In its first year, 460 users at 204 high schools received access to the secure web site where high school officials can view the Admission Status Report for First-Year Students—a confidential report reflecting the progress of students at their school through our application and admission process. This electronic report also provides the names of students who enrolled at Iowa for the Fall 2009 session as well as sessions throughout the past five years.

Directors of guidance at schools registered with Iowa Reports have been notified of the annual renewal process for continued access for approved users at their schools.

If your school has not yet registered for Iowa Reports, a request can be submitted by your school's director of guidance at www.maui.uiowa.edu/maui/pub/iowareports/welcome.page, or contact Matt Kroeger, associate director of admissions, at matthew-kroeger@uiowa.edu, 800-553-4692, or 319 335-3847 if you have any questions.

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Arts campus rebuilding continues

More than a year after the June 2008 floods, it's school-as-usual across most of campus. And the hardest hit spots—the arts campus, in particular—continue to rebuild.



A student practices in one of the UI School of Music's interim facilities.

The Theatre Arts Building reopened in January, while the School of Music found a temporary home in Clinton Street Music, the former Museum of Art (now called Music West—Interim Building), and the University Capitol Centre. These facilities include state-of-the-art practice rooms.

The UI Museum of Art has opened UIMA@IMU in the former Richey Ballroom in the Iowa Memorial Union. More than 500 works of art are on

display in the climate-controlled gallery. Other works will be exhibited in the Levitt Center for University Advancement and the IMU Stanley Gallery. UI students are also granted free admission to the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, which houses the rest of the UIMA collection.

Hancher Auditorium and Voxman Music Building will be rebuilt. The University is considering two sites—one near their current location, the other downtown—and hopes to have a final recommendation by the end of the calendar year.

A replacement for the Art Building East also is under way. The University will be negotiating to obtain property along River Street for the new building. The new art building could be complete within two to three years. Until then, classes will continue to be held in the interim facilities at the recently upgraded UI Studio Arts Building.

Art Building West, which also was flooded in 2008, will be recovered and protected from future flooding. The University is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish final plans. Once FEMA approval for the plan is established, the completion of the design and the resulting construction will take roughly one and a half years.



The 2010 Fiske Guide to Colleges named The University of Iowa a "Best Buy," calling it "a bargain compared to other Big Ten schools."

Rhetoric requirements to change

Beginning in Fall 2010, all incoming University of Iowa students, including transfer students, will be able to satisfy their General Education Program rhetoric requirement with a single course.

Previously, only students qualified (as determined by ACT scores) took a single-semester rhetoric course, while others were required to complete a two-course sequence.

Since one course will now fulfill Iowa's General Education Program requirement, prospective students taking college coursework through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program should consider completing courses other than Composition I or II, or Public Speaking. They may wish to take courses in one of the following areas instead: social sciences, humanities, literature, history (other than U.S.), and higher mathematics.

Students with questions about this change should speak with an admission counselor by calling 1-800-553-4692.

More first-year seminars in 2010

The UI hopes that by next fall, every first-year student will have the opportunity to participate in a first-year seminar.

The seminars are designed to help students make the transition to college-level academics while exploring a unique topic with university faculty and administrators. Classes are small—typically about 15 students—and topics are chosen based on the instructor's expertise. Classes offered this fall include: Video Games as Learning Tools, Supreme Court Cases that Changed Everything, and Being Young in Africa. About half of first-year students were able to enroll in a seminar this fall, up from 20 percent during the 2008-2009 academic year. Most seminars meet once a week for 50 minutes, and are worth one semester hour of credit.

Learn more online at www.uiowa.edu/admissions/seminars.

Meet the UI admission counselors

Learn more about our counselors at www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/counselors/meet-counselors.



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A warm Hawkeye welcome

The University of Iowa revived an old tradition this fall with a convocation celebration on the Pentacrest during Welcome Week.

During convocation, students were welcomed to the University and introduced to the IOWA Challenge, a mission statement for UI students that stresses important principles for succeeding in the classroom and beyond. The challenge encourages students to excel, stretch, engage, choose, and serve. Learn more about the Iowa Challenge at <http://thechallenge.uiowa.edu>

Other 2009 Welcome Week activities included a block party at the president's residence, student organization and job fairs, a carnival, an after-hours shopping event, and Taste of Iowa City, an event that allows attendees to sample foods from downtown restaurants.



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Fall 2009 program dates

Hawkeye Visit Days

Monday, Oct. 12
Friday, Oct. 16
Friday, Oct. 23
Friday, Oct. 30
Friday, Nov. 6
Friday, Nov. 13

Transfer Days

Friday, Oct. 30
Friday, Nov. 13
Friday, Dec. 4

Multicultural Visit Day

Saturday, Nov. 14

ICN Programs

Thursday	Oct. 15	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Oct. 20	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 26	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 28	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 4	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Monday	Nov. 9	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	Nov. 12	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Nov. 17	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 2	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Monday	Dec. 7	1:30-2:30 p.m.



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