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This fall, we welcome the class of 2015. These entering first-year students mostly were born in 1993. For them, Nelson Mandela has always been free, the Berlin Wall has always been down, and the World Wide Web has always been available.

At IUPUI, our beginning first-year students have some other interesting characteristics as well.

- The class is more diverse than ever before, with one of every four being minorities.
- The number of Hispanic or Latino first-year students jumped 61%, compared to 2010.
- There are more international students than ever before, up 30% from last fall's first-year class.
- Some 95% of new first-year students came to IUPUI right from high school.
- And 44% of our beginning students are the first in their families to attend college.

Also joining the class of 2015 at IUPUI are 15 [Herbert Presidential Scholars](#), part of the 7th and largest class in the program's history. Herbert Scholars are selected from across the state based on exceptional academic records and strong leadership skills through school and community activities.

A cohort of 17 [Bepko Scholars](#) is beginning its first year at IUPUI. Since this prestigious scholarship program began in 2004, we have some 150 former and current students in the program, 67 of which have graduated, and 15 of which have become Bepko Fellows in IUPUI's graduate and professional schools.


Each year, 8-10 [Plater International Scholarship](#) award winners join the entering class. These students are actively involved in cross-cultural programming, on and off campus. Many are also involved in international service learning projects. These scholars often share their global experiences with fellow students via blogs, as did 2010 SPEA graduate Randy Marsh, who was attending graduate school in Cairo when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was forced out of office last February.

We look forward to getting to know these students, watching them learn and hone their talents, and most importantly, seeing them all make steady progress toward degree completion.

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Chancellor Charles R. Bantz

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