MISSION

New Student Programs will facilitate a seamless, successful transition for new undergraduate students and engage them in a global campus community.

PROGRAMS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Orientation Leader (OL) Training and Development
New Student Programs had a staff of 4 Orientation Student Coordinators who co-supervised and lead 73 Orientation Leaders throughout orientation programming and trainings. New Student Programs partnered with the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to create a credit based training course for the OLs. OLs worked INBOUND, RISE, International Student Orientation, and Fall Orientation/Welcome Days.

Transfer Student Experience
The Transfer Student Experience expanded even further this year with our Illini Transfer Ambassadors (ITAs). New Student Programs hired 14 ITAs to plan, facilitate, and be an advisory board on the needs of Transfer Students on campus. The GRIT program (a one day off campus transfer experience) almost doubled in size and we are going to continue to develop this program to include a goal of 100 students in Fall 2018.

Parent/Guest Orientation
The Parent/Guest Orientation Program is a collaborative effort with Illini Union Parent Programs that serves 5,000+ Parents and Family members of incoming students. The program runs concomitantly with the 27 Summer Registration sessions for new students. During the Parent/Guest Orientation program participants learn about the student experience, housing, campus safety, health insurance, and how to stay connected to campus to help support their student.

INBOUND
New Student Programs grew its overnight orientation experience by adding a third session in July that is open to all students. The program focused on leadership development, campus resources, transition from high school to college, and academic college preparation. We plan to expand in 2018 to offer this opportunity to 640 new students.

International Student Orientation
New Student Programs partnered with ISSS to create a structured orientation program for new incoming undergraduate international students. In our third year we had just over 600 students attend and be introduced to the U of I campus, university resources, and other international and domestic students. We also helped students navigate the immigration check-in process and health form check-in process. NSP plans on increasing the number of participants to 800+ in 2018. We also partnered with the Illini Union Parent and Family Programs Office to provide an orientation experience for Parents and Guests of incoming international students. We had over 150 parents and guests attend a 4 day program. We continue to increase this program for 2018.

Welcome Days/Fall Orientation Programs
With events ranging from New Student Convocation, Illinois Sights and Sounds, Quad Day, and college specific events, the days approaching classes are very exciting. New Student Programs included a Parent Sendoff program, Classroom Tours, and information tents through campus to help students get better acquainted to campus.

Readying Illinois Students for Excellence (R.I.S.E.)
This summer overnight program is a collaborative effort between NSP, OIIR and the Provost Office. This program directly serves first generation college students, underrepresented college students, and students that are Pell Grant eligible. Participants were introduced to campus resources, made connections with other new students, how to navigate the classroom experience, and other transitional support from high school to college.