

## School of Education

### Direct Admit Scholars Overview

#### Application Process

- In the fall of 2009, we welcomed our first class of Direct Admit Scholars. This program was designed to attract top students to our School of Education. As the quality of the IU freshman class has increased, fewer students have indicated an interest in education. In addition, those students who were admitted to IU with an education major were often choosing other universities because they had many options. Our goal for this program was to increase our yield for these top students, and to retain them within the school.
- In January of 2009, we invited 350 students to apply for the Direct Admit Scholars program. These students met the following requirements: 3.6 cumulative GPA or higher AND 1160 SAT (critical reading and math) or a 26 composite ACT. Students who had been invited to the Hudson and Holland Scholars program were also invited to apply.
- Of the 350 students, 82 applied for the program. The students completed an online application that consisted of two essay questions.
- All 82 students were offered direct admission to the School of Education.
- Of those 82, 62 accepted our offer and joined us at IU.
- The students had an average SAT of 1200 and an average GPA of 3.8.
- For fall 2010, we have received 145 applications for direct admission.

#### Fall Semester

- Of the 62 students, 55 remain active within the program at the end of the fall semester. Five students changed their major, one transferred and one had to take a medical leave.
- The students completed the fall semester with a 3.59 average. Fifteen of the students have already passed the Praxis exam.
- Ten out of the 55 students are interested in teaching math or science, and another 9 are interested in special education.

#### Scholarships

- We were able to offer 8 scholarships to this first class of Direct Admit Scholars. These awards were scholarships that were intended to be used for incoming freshmen (the majority were Matching the Promise awards).
- We plan to begin using 16 of the 85 total scholarships we have available to undergraduate students for incoming freshmen. The gift agreements and the gift amounts make them appropriate for this purpose.
- The Policy Council Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of all undergraduate scholarships this year.