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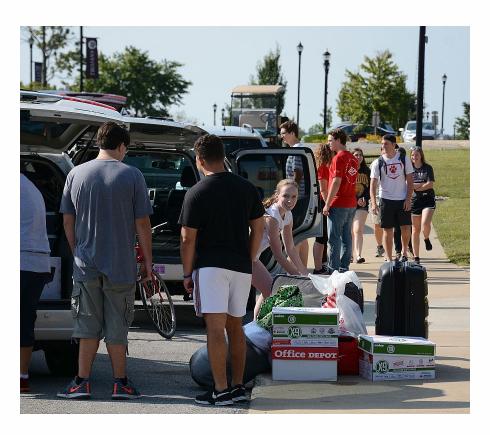


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## **Incoming Freshman Class**

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Five hundred seventy-seven new students, comprised of 538 freshmen and 39 transfer students, are set to become the largest-ever incoming class in Taylor University's history on Friday when Taylor's annual Welcome Weekend begins.

According to Steve Mortland, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Taylor, the 538-member class of 2022 surpasses the previous high of 519, set four years ago, and the 577 total students is also a record.

Mortland added this class, comprised of 265 men and 273 women, also comes largely from the top 25 percent of their respective high school graduation classes. He added that 18 percent of the incoming class is of diverse ethnic or national origin.

"Taylor University has been blessed for many years to consistently attract gifted students who are equally serious about their studies and growing in their Christian faith and discipleship," said Mortland. "The size of this class is an indicator of not only the value and popularity of the Taylor educational experience, but also the excellent work of our Executive Director of Admissions Amy Barnett and her team."

Residence halls open Friday at 9 am, for Taylor's incoming freshman and transfer students. Students from Taylor's sophomore, junior, and senior classes will begin moving in on Saturday. A campus wide communion and prayer service is scheduled at the Odle Arena at 7 pm, Sunday.

Welcome Weekend continues on Monday, August 27, with Taylor's annual Community Plunge—a daylong event that sends hundreds of Taylor University students, staff, and faculty members into the Upland community for various cleanup and beautification projects.

Night classes begin Monday evening, and daytime classes begin on Tuesday, August 28.



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