More than 5,500 students began their studies this fall at Sullivan University’s three campuses located in Louisville, Lexington and Fort Knox. More than 3,600 of them are on Sullivan’s main campus here in Louisville taking either day, evening, weekend and/or online classes. First-time students on the main campus comprised 1,000 of that number.

Since Sullivan operates full speed in the summer as well as during the rest of the year, one of Sullivan’s two freshman classes began in late June and the second class in late September. The entering class in June numbered 790 students including 86 new Doctor of Pharmacy students. When you combine the two classes, the total is well over 1,850 new students!

**The Sullivan difference**

Sullivan has created an environment for students where the best education awaits on a campus that sparkles. Every quarter, while students are on break, all the floors are polished, all the carpets cleaned and every hallway receives a fresh coat of paint. But the difference is more than cosmetic.

Sullivan’s faculty is quite simply the best. Never content to rest on their laurels many have continued their education, earning additional degrees. Dr. Kenneth Miller, the new Associate Dean of the Graduate School recently earned a Master’s Certificate in Supply Chain Management in addition to his doctorate degree. Read about Dr. Miller on page 2. Sullivan’s professors and chief instructors want to be the best at what they do and they are dedicated to helping Sullivan students achieve the same level of expertise.

**Sullivan was the best choice**

Throughout this Herald you can read comments from current students who state why they have chosen Sullivan for their education and how much they are enjoying their Sullivan experience. Many have attended other colleges and were discouraged by the large impersonal environment. They were tired of just drifting along without a career focus and taking unrelated classes that did not fit their needs. What do students like?

Students like Sullivan’s career-focused approach to education and flexible course schedule which allows many to earn their degrees and still continue to work. Students appreciate Sullivan’s guaranteed tuition lock-in (no raise after start) and know that they won’t have to budget any additional tuition costs as long as they stay continually enrolled, even taking just one class every quarter whether on campus or online.

**Success and achievements**

Throughout every issue of the Herald, you will find alumni success stories. Among them are highlights from International students choose Sullivan for master’s degrees

On June 27, 2009, three young men rode down an escalator at Louisville International Airport marking the official launch of the International Co-op Program at Sullivan University. After a 37 hour flight, ten stops, and a rain delay in New York City, Al Ashik Khan, and Faquiri Ishtiaque arrived in a laughing and excited mood; Dr. Eric Harter, Sullivan’s Executive Vice President/CEO and Dr. Shawn Schwaner, Director of the International Co-op (Master of Business Administration and Master of Information Technology Program), were there to greet them upon arrival. Since then, the program has grown to represent the nations of Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Tanzania, Jordan, and South Korea with Chinese students expected to enroll at Sullivan by January 2010.

This program’s growth is an outcome of the efforts of Dr. Harter, Dr. Schwaner, James Taylor, Jim Keartons and Don Justice, with the ongoing support of President Glenn Sullivan, Senior Vice President Tom Davison, and others.

Fred Bandenfels, President of High Tech International Resources, Inc (HTIR), projects that the Sullivan University program will enroll as many as 500 international graduate students by the year 2012 through this program because of “its unique appeal.”

**First row, left to right:** Sunasena Pereraarachchi (India), Hye Mi Kang (South Korea), Nazim Imtiaz (Nepal), and Neema Mittah (Tanzania). 

**Second row:** Jaimin Imtava (Bangladesh), Dr. Shwan Schwaner (Director), Alok Chak (PhD Student, India), Faquari Ishtaque (Bangladesh) in front of the entrance to Sullivan’s Graduate School. Not pictured are Ali Ashik Khan (Bangladesh), and Neema Mittah (Tanzania).

**On October 1,** The Sullivan University System took possession of a beautiful 138,000 square foot hotel property. Located on more than five acres, the property is on a 1.26 mile stretch of Bardstown Road, just a short distance from the main Sullivan Campus. This unique modern hotel property, called Gardiner Point Residence Hall, has $4.5 million of recent renovations and new furniture added in all the residence rooms. Adjacent to the world headquarters of YUM Brands (KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and other brands worldwide), it overlooks a large meadow with a beautiful small lake. The former owners, a major insurance company, approached Sullivan to see if the university would be interested in acquiring the property which has been a Holiday Inn for several years.

Notable alum added seal of approval

A.R. Sullivan, Chancellor of Sullivan University, alum Doug Mears, Vice President of Hilton Worldwide, evaluated the opportunity and gave a strong positive report with suggestions as to value to university administrators. The University is in the process of acquiring the property for its own use.

After much negotiation the University System became the proud owner of this property which, if the University built from the ground up would cost more than $20 million dollars to do today. It is a beautiful property.

**Wonderful opportunity for students**

Excitement rolled across the campus as the University announced some of its remodeling plans. Just imagine, two hotel-quality double beds in every room, with a 20-inch flat screen TV, ample storage and closets plus a separate sink and vanity with both tub and shower in each student living area. The property has a beautiful in-ground swimming pool and deck area for sun bathing, as well as a very large patio area perfect for outside relaxation overlooking the lake.

And that’s not all! Some of the additional amenities will include a 40-camera security system across the property, a complete sprinkler system in each room, a new student convenience store right on the property will provide all the support items needed by residences from drug store and food snack items to hundreds of small items. Students will enjoy an expanded workout facility with multiple exercise equipment, a new on-site laundry, a large computer lab, private study area, an expanded 4,200 square foot dining room and new kitchen to provide meals seven days a week. Several resident assistant apartments will also be created; additional student support will make this a wonderful college living experience.