

campus news

# BIGGER AND BETTER

By Kathleen Craven

As Boise State's reputation grows, so does its student body. Not only has the university set another all-time record for Idaho higher education with 19,667 students, it also has continued its advancement into a metropolitan research university of distinction by attracting more diverse and high-ability students.

This year's student body includes a record 21 National Merit Finalists, including 10 incoming National Merit Scholars. With these new students, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation acknowledged Boise State's commitment to recruiting academically talented students by officially naming the university a National Merit sponsor school. Boise State earned this designation in just two years, the shortest time possible.

In addition, more than 37 percent of incoming freshmen have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, and almost 36 percent of newly enrolled freshmen ranked in the top quarter of their high school classes.

"Our strong enrollment numbers point to Boise State's increasing reputation for offering excellent classroom instruction as well as enhanced research opportunities," says Vice President for Student Affairs Michael Laliberte.

Academic excellence — just one more indication that Boise State is, indeed, a New U Rising. ♦



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