

# INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT NEWSLETTER

## Diversity

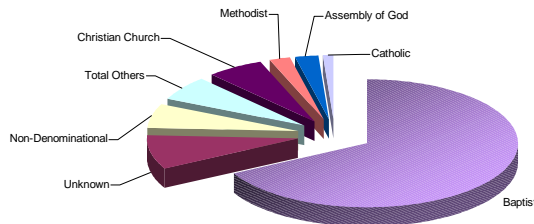
College campuses across our nation seek to develop and maintain a diverse student body. Campus diversity is thought to enrich the educational experience and promote a healthy society. SBU has sought to increase the diversity within its student body and to provide opportunities for its students to experience diverse cultures. This newsletter contains information related to this issue.

1,169 students have participated in 85 mission trips to 42 different locations during 2000-2005.

35 faculty and staff have participated in 115 different mission trips or mission-type activities.

## Denominational Preferences

Most students on the Bolivar campus (68%) indicate that their denominational preference is Baptist. Additional denominational preferences are identified in the chart below.



68% Baptist 9% Unknown 8% Non-Denominational 6% Total All Others  
6% Christian Church 2% Methodist 2% Assembly of God 1% Catholic

## Diversity Comparisons for Regional Institutions in Southwest Missouri

In a recent article in the *Sunday Springfield News-Leader* (November 20, 2005), the minority enrollment at Missouri State University in Springfield was identified at 5.9%. The writer of the article noted that the population of Springfield itself is 92% white. The population of Polk County is 97% white. Therefore, building a diverse student body is a challenge for SBU. Nevertheless, the student population of the Bolivar campus is 8.04% diverse.

Institution	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Unknown	Alien	Grand Total	% Diverse
SBU	1647	53	18	14	8	35	16	1791	8.04%
Drury	2476	42	50	43	19	0	78	2708	8.57%
Evangel	1618	49	62	27	21	2	6	1785	9.36%
Col. of the Ozarks	1225	9	13	7	10	9	31	1304	6.06%
William Jewell	1153	50	30	10	9	10	19	1281	9.99%

"We all should know that diversity makes a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color."

—Maya Angelou

## Students by Gender and Classification

### Bolivar Campus

Class	Total Male	Total Credit Hrs	Total Female	Total Credit Hrs	Total Students	Total Credit Hrs
Seniors	137	1,905	204	2,887	341	4,792
Juniors	121	1,901	161	2,620	282	4,521
Sophomores	136	2,129	187	2,967	323	5,096
Freshmen	274	3,983	294	4,294	568	8,277
Totals	668	9,918	846	12,768	1514	22,686

### Off-Campus

Class	Total Male	Total Credit Hrs	Total Female	Total Credit Hrs	Total Students	Total Credit Hrs
Seniors	20	170	117	1,029	137	1,199
Juniors	19	225	160	1,645	179	1,870
Sophomores	41	411	193	1,869	234	2,280
Freshmen	65	517	320	2,857	385	3,374
Totals	145	1,323	790	7,400	935	8,723

Currently 20 students are enrolled at SBU from 16 foreign countries.