Dear Prospective Student,

It is my great pleasure to welcome each of you to Harris-Stowe State University. This is a public institution of higher education at which you will be able to make use of many exciting opportunities – both academic and extracurricular. Founded more than 150 years ago, Harris-Stowe is one of Missouri’s oldest public institutions of higher education, offering 14 baccalaureate degree programs. In addition, new opportunities for graduate study are now available.

Located in the heart of the city of St. Louis, Harris-Stowe has undergone massive campus expansion and is proud of its many recent additions. These additions are integral to Harris-Stowe’s commitment to remaining affordable, accessible and diverse.

From education, to business administration to biology – we know you will find a degree program at Harris-Stowe that suits your interests and future plans. Our graduates have gone on to serve as federal judges, members of the media and officers in our nation’s military. These are just a few of the many leadership roles Harris-Stowe State University alumni perform on a daily basis throughout our country.

It’s a great time to be a student at Harris-Stowe State University, and we are so excited that you have decided to take an even closer look. With so many options available, we know that choosing a university is a huge decision. We are a unique institution that loves to give our students that one-on-one attention needed to excel in a postsecondary environment. All of our programs are nationally accredited and our dedicated faculty and staff will help you to succeed in all of your campus endeavors. A successful future for you can begin right here at HSSU!

Warmest regards,

Dr. Albert L. Walker, President
Harris-Stowe State University
HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Harris-Stowe State University traces its origins back to 1857, when it was founded by the St. Louis Public School System and became the first public teacher institution west of the Mississippi. The school was later named Harris Teachers College in honor of William Torrey Harris, a former superintendent of instruction and a United States Commissioner of Education. In 1920, the college became a four-year undergraduate institution. Four years later, the school received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

A second predecessor institution is Stowe Teachers College, which was originally founded in 1890 by the St. Louis Public School System as a school to educate black elementary school teachers in the city of St. Louis. It was named in honor of abolitionist and novelist Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1929.

In 1954 these two teacher education institutions were merged by the Board of Education of the St. Louis Public Schools, as the first of several steps to integrate the public schools of St. Louis. The merged institution retained the name: Harris Teachers College.

Later in response to alumni requests, the Board of Education added the word “Stowe” and dropped the word “Teachers.” In 1979, Harris-Stowe College became part of the state system of public higher education and officially became known as Harris-Stowe State College. The school’s degree program was also changed to a Bachelor of Science in Education. Three separate teaching majors were also approved: early childhood education, elementary education and middle school education.

In 1981, the college began offering a Bachelor of Science in Urban Education. The degree programs were expanded yet again in 1993, with the addition of business administration and secondary teacher education.

Harris-Stowe State College obtained university status on August 25, 2005, by mandate of the State of Missouri. Today, the University continues to expand, adding new campuses and buildings as part of its 21st century initiative to offer opportunities for students seeking a variety of degrees, striving to meet the complex and demanding challenge of preparing students for the future.
PIVOTAL YEARS IN HSSU HISTORY

1857  The St. Louis Board of Education founds **Harris Teachers College** to prepare white teachers for white elementary schools.

1890  The St. Louis Board of Education founds **Stowe Teachers College** to prepare black teachers for black elementary schools.

1938  Both Colleges reorganize themselves and form two academic levels: a junior college division and a senior college division.

1954  The St. Louis Board of Education merges the two Colleges, which is named **Harris Teachers College**.

1977  The St. Louis Board of Education changes the name to **Harris-Stowe College**.

1979  The state of Missouri passes legislation that makes Harris-Stowe College a part of the state’s system of public higher education.

1981  The state of Missouri approves baccalaureate degree programs in early childhood education, middle school education and urban education.

1987  Harris-Stowe College is named one of the nation’s **Historically Black Colleges and Universities** under the U.S. Department of Education.

1993  The state of Missouri authorizes the College to expand its mission by offering baccalaureate degree programs in Business Administration, Secondary Teacher Education and Criminal Justice, as well as to add the word “state” to its title to become **Harris-Stowe State College**.

1996  The city of St. Louis gives the college nearly 18 acres of land, the former Laclede Town site, for just $10.

1998  Construction of the **AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center** begins.

1999  Harris-Stowe receives the **Vashon Community Center** and its land for just $10 from the city of St. Louis.

2003  The College completes its fourth building, the **Emerson Performance Center**, which houses the Board of Regents Gymnasium, the Bank of America Theatre and the Whitaker Foundation Art Room.

2004  The College dedicates the **US Bank Entryway Arch**, emblematic of the great things that occur when you enter the arches.

2005  **The Anheuser-Busch School of Business** opens in a temporary facility in the fall of 2005. On August 26, the College celebrates its official change to **Harris-Stowe State University**, and the former Vashon Community Center facility is officially listed by the Federal Government in the National Register of Historic Places.

2006  Harris-Stowe State University becomes a residential campus with the opening of its first-ever residence hall, the **Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall and Student Center**.

2009  Harris-Stowe opens the state-of-the-art **William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center** on its campus.

2010  Harris-Stowe breaks ground on its second residence hall and begins to offer Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Mathematics.
As a college student, it is important to experience feelings of accomplishment and well-being. Harris-Stowe State University provides an environment in which our students excel and gain fruitful experiences.

By providing a wide variety of degree programs, as well as numerous social, academic and athletic activities, Harris-Stowe fulfills its mission of offering an attractive and engaging learning experience for our students.

Like all exceptional institutions, Harris-Stowe State University requires a great deal of commitment from our students. Our degree programs are designed to prepare students to be competitive on a global scale, enabling them to make positive and significant contributions in their future careers.

If you are a first-time freshman, transfer, international student or a professional seeking development, we encourage you to explore the various educational and extracurricular opportunities available at Harris-Stowe State University.
The Anheuser-Busch School of Business (ABSB) is one of the University’s fastest-growing divisions. The school, along with the University, is currently expanding its facilities, students and programs. The ABSB is recognized for its academic excellence, community-focused research, creative activities, and partnerships with local, national and global businesses to help create the work force of the future.

The Anheuser-Busch School of Business offers the following programs:

- B.S. in Accounting
- B.S. in Business Administration with options in:
  - General Business
  - Management
  - Marketing
  - Entrepreneurship
- B.S. in Health Care Management
- B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- B.S. in Information Science and Computer Technology with options in:
  - Computer Studies
  - Management Information Systems

Since its inception, the ABSB has undertaken many leadership initiatives not only to serve its students, but to serve the St. Louis metropolitan community and its surrounding areas. These include the following milestones:

2001  Established the African-American Business Leadership Council (AABLC) as a major financial and program development source;
2005  Officially named the Anheuser-Busch School of Business and moved to a satellite campus in south St. Louis;
2006  Established an accelerated baccalaureate program: Adult Pathway to Success in Business, which is an accelerated evening/weekend business administration program for working adults with a minimum of four years of business experience and an Associate of Arts Degree meeting the Missouri State General Education requirements or 60 semester hours from an accredited college or university;
2007  Established articulations with regional universities and collaborations with local, regional and national organizations, such as a VITA Center/Tax Clinic on campus; Established several student chapters of national professional organizations, such as the American Marketing Association, Financial Management Associations, Students in Free Enterprise, Accounting Students Association and Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business;
2008  Increased the faculty body, both regular and adjunct, with outstanding business and legal representatives; Established the Center for Leadership Development and Speaker Series.
2009  Established the Bob Virgil Center for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development to help the community in establishing small businesses;
2010  Established a Low-Income Tax Clinic to provide the community with back taxes consultation.

The ABSB is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).
The College of Arts & Sciences offers degree programs in three separate departments:

The Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences offers programs focused on the impact of social, political and economic issues on the individual and society. Degree programs are offered in criminal justice, urban education and professional interdisciplinary studies.

The Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences encompasses the areas of mathematics and science. Studies in these areas give students an understanding of theory, practice and progressive research to positively contribute to the development and maintenance of the individual and society. Degree programs are available in mathematics or biology with either a pre-medicine or urban ecology option.

English, fine arts, and theatre are housed in the Department of Humanities. Courses in these areas are some of the fundamentals of the general education course work that is required as a foundation in all of the degree programs offered at Harris-Stowe State University.
Originally founded as a teacher education institution, Harris-Stowe State University has more than 150 years experience of preparing students to instruct in the classroom. Students receive a well-rounded educational experience that prepares them to become highly competent and effective teachers. The nationally and state accredited HSSU College of Education offers degree programs in early childhood education, elementary education, middle school education and secondary education. After completing the required course work and earning a passing score in the appropriate educational area on the state-mandated PRAXIS exam, students receive a Bachelor of Science Degree and a certificate to teach in the state of Missouri.

The mission of the department is to prepare “effective teachers for a diverse society.” In alignment with the mission of the University and national and state standards, the College of Education is preparing educators who have the knowledge, skills and dispositions to be effective classroom instructors.

The College of Education looks forward to continuing its legacy of excellence in effective teacher education committed to the next 150 years.
Applicants seeking admission to Harris-Stowe State University must submit the following:

**New and Transfer Students**
- A completed application for admission
- $20 nonrefundable admissions application processing fee
- Official high school transcripts or GED scores
- Official ACT or SAT scores
- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended

**International Students**
- A completed, signed application for admission
- $20 nonrefundable admissions application processing fee
- Official high school transcripts translated in English
- Official college/university transcripts translated in English
- Official ACT or SAT scores
- Official copy of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores (required of all students for whom English is a second language)
- Notarized letter of support
- Money on deposit to the University to cover all tuition and fees for non-Missouri residents for at least two semesters

To apply online visit the Harris-Stowe State University Web site at www.hssu.edu/admissions.

**Campus Visits**
We encourage all interested future students to meet with an admissions officer and tour our campus. A campus visit can provide an important exchange of information in the admission process. For an appointment contact:

Office of Admissions
3026 Laclede Avenue, HGA 009
St. Louis, MO 63103

Phone: (314) 340-3300
E-mail: Admissions@hssu.edu
Financial assistance is an important factor to consider when selecting a college and when planning how to fund your education. Many students and their families are unable to afford the tuition and other costs related to attending college without the option of financial assistance.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, 96 percent of Harris-Stowe students received some form of financial assistance. Financial assistance awarded averaged $6,800 per student, sufficiently covering in-state tuition, fees, books, housing and a meal plan for an entire semester. Sizable scholarships and awards, some of which are exclusively available to Harris-Stowe students, are made possible by the HSSU Board of Regents; gifts from alumni, faculty, community organizations and other friends of the University and the University’s participation in various federal, state and community programs.

The Office of Financial Assistance, located in Room 111 of the Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building, can provide crucial assistance in completing financial aid applications and providing information about available aid. There are several options to consider such as grants, scholarships, federal and private guaranteed student loans, work study and college employment positions.

How Assistance is Determined
Federal financial assistance is awarded based on financial need as defined by Congress. The information you report on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or renewal application is used in a formula that calculates your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an amount you and your family are expected to pay toward your education.

The Cost of Attendance (COA) minus the EFC equals your financial need. The COA includes the cost of tuition, fees, housing and food allowance, books, supplies, child care, costs related to a disability and miscellaneous expenses. Once the need is calculated, the student is awarded and mailed a financial assistance award letter, which the student must sign and return to the Office of Financial Assistance.
How to Apply
In order to apply and be eligible for financial assistance at Harris-Stowe State University, students must:
1. Be admitted to the University as a degree-seeking or initial certification student prior to being awarded financial assistance.
2. Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a renewal application on the Internet.
3. Complete a Harris-Stowe State University financial aid application, which may be downloaded online. This form can also be obtained from the Office of Financial Assistance and mailed in.
4. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance three to five days after receiving a Student Aid Report (SAR) from the student-aid processing center. Or e-mail us at financialassistance@hssu.edu stating your FAFSA has been accepted.
5. Comply with all requests for additional documents required by federal regulations.
6. Make satisfactory academic progress.

Scholarships and Awards
Please see the below regarding scholarship and award information for first-time freshmen and transfer students.
• Academic Performance Scholarship: Covers up to eight in-state credit hours
• Incentive for Excellence Scholarship: Covers up to 15 in-state credit hours
• Leadership Award: Covers between three to 12 in-state credit hours
• Special Access Award: Special, limited funds available only to residents of St. Clair, Monroe and Madison Counties in Illinois. The award is used to balance out-of-state tuition costs.

Continuing students should contact the Office of Financial Assistance for scholarship information.

Estimated Cost of Attendance (per semester):

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**STUDENT LIFE**

With a student center that includes a game room, gymnasium, workout facility and sand volleyball court, among other features, there’s always something to do. Through the multitude of diverse student activities, there are plenty of opportunities to meet new people and to get involved.

This includes academic clubs such as Math Club and Pre-Law Club, as well as honor societies, including the honor society for Education, Kappa Delta Pi, and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. You can embrace your artistic side by joining the Art Club or the Concert Chorale. Greek life is also prominent on campus with nine fraternities and sororities to pledge.

Our seven athletic teams provide plenty of opportunities to cheer on the Hornets. Intramural sports allow you to compete against your peers and even faculty and staff.

Every year, Harris-Stowe celebrates homecoming with a parade, dance and tailgate party, along with many other festive activities. With so many outside events held on campus too, campus life is always exciting.

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**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

African-American Studies Society  
Art Club  
Campus Activities Board (CAB)  
Campus Religious Life  
Collegiate 100  
Concert Chorale  
Dream Team  
Entrepreneurs Club  
Financial Management Association (FMA)  
Freshman Class  
Gospel Choir  
Guitar Club  
Harris-Stowe Orientation Leader Ambassadors (HOLA)  
Harris-Stowe Players theater group  
Honda Campus All-Stars  
Hornets Paintball Club  
HSSU Cheerleaders  
HSSU Flag Corp  
HSSU Honeycomb Majorettes Dance Team  
HSSU Intramurals  
HSSU Marching Hornets  
Intervarsity’s Harambee Christian Ministers  
Junior Class  
Majestic Assembly  
Media Lab Camera Club  
Multicultural Association  
President’s Student Advisory Council  
President’s Book Club  
Residence Hall Council  
Senior Class  
Sophomore Class  
Student Ambassadors  
Student Community Service Corps  
Student Government Association (SGA)  
Student Investment Club  
Student Recruitment Unit  
Student Peer Support Group  
Student Tutoring Program  
Students Working Against Trauma (SWAT)  
SUCCESS (Students Using Characteristics of Christ to Endure Stressful Situations)  
Welcome Week Committee

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**ACADEMIC CLUBS AND HONOR SOCIETIES**

Alpha Chi  
American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)  
American Marketing Association (AMA)  
Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)  
Delta Mu Delta  
Kappa Delta Pi (International Education Honor Society)  
Kappa Mu Epsilon (National Mathematics Honor Society)  
Math Club  
Missouri Student Teacher Association (MSTA)  
Pre-Law Club  
Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honor Society)  
Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)  
Together Educating Active Community Helpers (TEACH)  
Urban Education Specialists

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**GREEK ORGANIZATIONS**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.  
Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.  
Omega Alpha Psi Fraternity & Ministry  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.  
Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity Inc.  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.  
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

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**HSSU AFFILIATE GROUPS**

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters  
HSSU Alumni Association  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
Student United Way
Harris-Stowe State University sponsors both intercollegiate and intramural athletic teams and prides itself on boasting many Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes and American Midwest Conference (AMC) All-Conference athletes each year. The HSSU Department of Athletics is committed to providing a competitive, culturally diverse and gender-equitable sports program that operates within the rules and regulations of the University, the AMC and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The Department of Athletics is housed in the Emerson Performance Center, which opened in 2003. The facility includes a basketball court and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

**Intercollegiate Teams**
- Men’s Soccer
- Women’s Soccer
- Women’s Volleyball
- Men’s Basketball
- Women’s Basketball
- Men’s Baseball
- Women’s Softball

**Intramural Leagues**
- Men’s Flag Football
- Co-ed Basketball
- Co-ed Volleyball

**CENTER FOR RETENTION AND STUDENT SUCCESS**
The Center for Retention and Student Success offers comprehensive academic assistance and provides activities, materials and personnel to assist all students and faculty. These include media resources, tutoring by students and professionals in a variety of subjects, access to test preparation and reference materials and various workshops. Additionally, the center offers basic skills and test preparation courses, an academy for college preparation, a college testing service and GED testing. For more information, contact the Center for Retention and Student Success at (314) 340-3650.

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
Student Support Services is a federally funded educational program that aids qualified students academically, financially and socially by providing academic support and moral inspiration for individual and personal development. Freshmen and sophomores who are Pell-eligible can qualify for a retention scholarship. In addition to supporting funds, Student Support Services provides one-on-one tutoring and mentoring for students in all areas. Counseling is also provided for student wellness, and cultural events are held to broaden students’ understanding of the world. Finally, students with disabilities are provided with advocacy and disability-management counseling. To qualify for Student Support Services, a student must be low-income or a first-generation college student or a student with a disability.

**CAREER SERVICES**
Resources are available in the Office of Career Services to provide students with information about occupations, career fields, resume writing, job-search strategies, interviewing techniques, labor-market trends and employers. Individual career counseling appointments can be made for assistance with issues such as exploring career alternatives, career transitions, resume development, interviewing skills and job-search strategies.

Each spring, a Teacher Career Fair and a General Career Fair are held to assist students with meeting employers who are hiring for co-ops, internships and career positions. Because Harris-Stowe was founded as a teacher education institution, Career Services also hosts an annual Teacher Interview Day specifically for the students and alumni of its longest-established degree program.

The Office of Career Services also schedules employers for on-campus information sessions, recruiting and interviewing.
RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Named for Harris-Stowe State University’s longest-serving regent, the Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall and Student Center opened in August 2006. Gillespie Hall houses 228 students in four-bedroom suites, equipped with a common living and dining area, kitchenette and two bathrooms. Additional amenities include a workout facility and laundry room.

Many other student services are just seconds away on the first floor of the residence hall including the Dean of Student Affairs, Office of Student Activities, Counseling and Health Services offices, game room, computer lab and University Bookstore. All are open to residents and nonresident students of Harris-Stowe.

Due to the high demand for on-campus housing, Harris-Stowe is currently constructing a second residence hall. Planned to be completed in time for the 2011 Fall semester, the new residence hall will house 200 students, with four students per suite. When outside temperatures are at extremes, residents will particularly appreciate the new dining hall planned for the ground floor. Further, this environmentally friendly facility will contain lots of natural lighting and comfortable study areas.

The Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building, which houses most classes and University offices, is only a two-minute walk from both Gillespie and the new hall under construction. For more information about residential life, contact us at (314) 340-5005 or at GillespieHall@hssu.edu.

Gillespie Hall Amenities
Private furnished bedrooms including a bed, dresser, desk, upholstered chair and ceiling fan
High-speed Internet
Cable television
Private phone line
Full bathrooms
Furnished living area
Kitchen furnished with a microwave, refrigerator and garbage disposal
Roommate matching service
Fitness facility
Laundry facility

Student Center Amenities
Commons area
Game room
Health center
Vending area
Computer lab
Spacious lobby
Conference/meeting area
Sand volleyball court
Wireless Internet hotspot
On-campus parking
Bookstore
24-hour emergency maintenance
See for Yourself what Harris-Stowe State University has to offer you. The only way to truly determine this is to visit our campus. There are several different options you can choose from to receive more information. You can tour the campus with a current student, visit with faculty or an athletic department representative or schedule an appointment with an admissions officer. Below you will find a list of pertinent numbers and contact information that will help you begin your journey at Harris-Stowe State University, where your education will be affordable, accessible and diverse.

Office of Admissions                  (314) 340-3300
Office of Academic Advisement                 (314) 340-3307
Office of Financial Assistance                 (314) 340-3500
Office of the Registrar                  (314) 340-3600
Department of Athletics                  (314) 340-5721

You can also visit HSSU on the Web at www.hssu.edu

Campus Location

Harris-Stowe State University is conveniently located in the heart of St. Louis on Laclede Avenue between Compton Avenue and Garrison Street. The campus is easily accessible from interstates 44, 55, 64 and 70. MetroBus has bus stops located at the entrance of the campus and a MetroLink station is less than one mile from our campus. Free parking is available and patrolled by full-time public safety officers to provide additional security, 24 hours a day.