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Right and below, students and parents attend Connections student orientation at Milligan College on Saturday.



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# Milligan holds orientation

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**MILLIGAN COLLEGE** — Milligan College continues to pursue its mission of creating “servant leaders” as enrollment numbers steadily increase each year.

According to Lee Fierbaugh, vice president for enrollment management and marketing communications, the college hopes to meet a target goal of gaining 300 new students in the fall.

Eighteen-year-old Johnny Miller of Johnson City said he is excited and also ready to accept the challenges a private education will bring.

“I have heard that the humanities program is very rigorous,” said Miller. “But I expect to be able to take everything that I’ll

be learning here and use it toward my career.”

Miller and his parents attended Connections on Saturday, a student orientation program the college holds twice yearly, once in April and again in June. Milligan welcomed 83 incoming freshmen and transfers who were given an opportunity to meet with advisors and faculty, sign-up for classes, and take a campus tour.

The college attracts students from all over the country, offering a variety of athletic, academic, and diversity scholarships. Brent Crosby, an 18-year-old student from Kansas City, Mo. will attend the school on a swimming scholarship and hopes to win an All-American award within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes. Crosby plans to major in biology.

“I chose Milligan because of the small classes and the personal connection with the

teachers,” Crosby said.

Fierbaugh also mentioned a recent change to the college’s general education requirement, which mostly pertain to the science curriculum.

As a Christian institution, Milligan also requires those attending to participate in a spiritual formation program. Students receive one SFP credit for each chapel and convocation service they attend, which occur twice a week. Students must reach 150 credits before they are eligible to graduate.

“Milligan is a Christian college and it’s something we’re very unapologetic about,” Fierbaugh said. “It’s something we make very clear as we’re recruiting students and that doesn’t mean that we’re a perfect campus but it does mean that we’re all trying to live as Christians in a Christian community.”