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# Founders Day *Sesquicentennial* *Kickoff*

Thursday, February 15, 2007

- 10 a.m. Old Main Bell Ceremony  
Quad  
(Refreshments will be served 15 minutes prior to and immediately following the ceremony.)
- 1 p.m. Founders Day Convocation/150th Kickoff  
Keynote address: David McCullough  
Braden Auditorium, Bone Student Center
- 3:30 p.m. Founders Day/150th Kickoff Reception  
Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center
- 3:45 p.m. David McCullough book-signing  
Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Bone Student Center

Historical displays will be featured from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center.

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The Illinois State University Board of Trustees and President Al Bowman request the honor of your presence at the observance of the 150th anniversary of the University's founding and the kickoff of the yearlong celebration.

Featured keynote speaker  
David McCullough, author and historian

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1 p.m.  
Braden Auditorium, Bone Student Center  
Illinois State University  
Normal, Illinois

A reception will immediately follow in the Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center.





FOUNDERS DAY, 1913

As we come together for our sesquicentennial celebration, we pause to recognize those who founded Illinois State University. The work of our founders made provisions for an expanded educational mission that today undoubtedly exceeds their most ambitious expectations 150 years ago.

Honoring the path chartered by our founders, we acknowledge the dreams of academic excellence that served as Illinois State's cornerstone, and which continue to shape our history as an institution of higher learning.



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Old Main Bell Events

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Name

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Guest name

I am a  2007 Bell Ringer  Alumni Bell Ringer

I will be able to attend the following:

- Old Main Bell Ceremony
- Old Main Bell Ceremony Luncheon
- Founders Day Convocation/150th Kickoff
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Please return by **Monday, January 22, 2007.**

150  
years

1857-2007

ILLINOIS' FIRST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Founders Day Celebration

The College of Education Invites You  
to Attend A Reception and Light Breakfast  
February 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
in DeGarmo Hall, Room 551

and

Please Join Us in the Group Procession  
Assembling at DeGarmo Plaza at 9:30 a.m.  
The Old Main Bell Ceremony  
10:00 a.m. on the Quad



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January 9, 2007

Jake Thompson  
712 Kingsley St. #341-A  
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Jake:

On behalf of the Founders Day Committee it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the traditional Founders Day Old Main Bell Ceremony, which will this year kick off the University's Sesquicentennial Celebration. You have been selected to join a group of representatives of the campus community to assist me in ringing the Old Main Bell one toll for each year in the life of the University.

This special ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 15 at 10 a.m. at the Old Main Bell, located on the Quad. In the case of extremely inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Brown Ballroom. We anticipate the ceremony will end at approximately 11 a.m. Following the ceremony, you and a guest are invited to attend a special luncheon at 11:15 a.m. in the Brown Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. The Founders Day Convocation will begin at 1 p.m. in Braden Auditorium featuring David McCullough – reputable author, editor, essayist, teacher, and lecturer. The enclosed invitation summarizes the activities of the day.

To participate in the bell ceremony, you must meet **in the Center for the Performing Arts lobby no later than 9:15 a.m.** Barbara Todd, Executive Director of Internal Campaigns, will meet you there and give you final instructions before you all leave for the ceremony together as a group. If you have questions, please contact Barbara at (309) 438-2592 or [btodd@ilstu.edu](mailto:btodd@ilstu.edu).

Please confirm your participation in these historic events by returning the enclosed reservation card no later than noon on Monday, January 22.

Thank you for helping celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Illinois' first public university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Bowman".

Al Bowman  
President

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President Al Bowman  
*requests the honor of your presence  
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honoring current and alumni Old Main Bell Ringers,  
and the Founders Day Convocation, an observance of  
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