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### SPRING ENROLLMENT STRONG AT BETHANY COLLEGE

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Twenty-day enrollment figures for the spring 2009 semester at Bethany College show a total enrollment of 523 students: an eight and a half percent increase when compared to spring 2008 total enrollment, and the largest spring enrollment at Bethany since spring 2005.

“Despite national and global economic challenges, the Bethany renaissance continues. Students are discovering the value of a Bethany education,” said Bethany College President Edward F. Leonard III.

Of the 523 total students this spring, 262 are male and 261 are female. There are 490 full-time students.

Nearly half are from Kansas; other states with strong representation include California, Colorado and Texas. Six percent are international students.

Bethany College students this spring are from 29 foreign countries and 27 states. Overall, the Bethany student population is 26 percent U.S. ethnic minority.

Fall to spring retention of returning students this year was 88 percent, the same as fall to spring retention figures in spring 2008.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop, and challenge individuals in their search for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu).