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115 Attend FWBBC Spring Welcome Days

NASHVILLE, TN—Eighty-six prospective students from 12 states and 31 churches gathered on campus March 31-April 2 for three days of activities, informational seminars, and special events during Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Welcome Days, according to Rusty Campbell, director of enrollment services. With accompanying parents and sponsors, the campus guests numbered more than 115. In addition to individual students and their parents who drove to Tennessee for Welcome Days, nine churches in eight states (Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Tennessee) sent groups with sponsors.

"What a great week to have so many guest students on campus," Mr. Campbell said. "We started by hosting a three-day national accreditation team and concluded by opening the college's resident halls for three days to an exciting group of energetic high school students, most of whom were getting their first up-close-and-personal look at FWBBC. From what we heard Saturday morning as the group packed to leave, a number of students made decisions to attend FWBBC."

The 86 students (39 women, 47 men) who visited the campus attended a series of classes and chapel, interacted with current FWBBC students, enjoyed a presentation Thursday evening by the Evangelists Drama Team, and participated in a Friday afternoon Treasure Hunt to familiarize them with campus buildings and history, as well as basketball and volleyball games.

Provost Greg Kettelman led a Friday workshop for sponsors and parents that focused on the freshman experience and the top 10 things students can do right now to prepare for college. He also answered questions about tuition, financial aid options, and scholarship availability.

An exit survey indicated that more than 90% of the visiting students rated FWBBC's enrollment staff high for providing helpful advance information about the event. More than 95% of the visiting students rated dorm hosts high as they shared their rooms and learned about college life. Almost 85%

of the students surveyed indicated that their interest in FWBBC was elevated as a result of their campus stay.

A number of high school students commented about Welcome Days:

“I had an amazing time! I hope I get to come back soon.”

“Well, you convinced me to come here; I think you’re doing a great job.”

“What a wonderful experience. I’m so glad I got to come and meet new people.”

“I love it here and am really considering enrolling.”

President Matt Pinson hosted a Friday reception for high school seniors, recent graduates, parents, and sponsors on campus in Thigpen Theater.

More than 225 prospective students visited the FWBBC campus during the 2010-2011 academic year. The college will sponsor three Senior Days during the 2011-2012 academic year (September 29-October 1, 2011; February 2-4, 2012; March 22-24, 2012), as well as fall and spring Welcome Days (November 10-12, 2011; April 19-21, 2012).