Move-in at Southwestern College is more than shuffling boxes and checking out laptops. At the three-day Builder Camp, new freshmen make the transition from recruit to student, forming new friendships, bonding during horseback excursions, and immersing themselves in Builder tradition. Then it’s back to campus to celebrate the arrival of the full student body in an on-campus carnival.

Freshman to fifth-year senior, Builders are ready to begin the year.

They call 11 states home, from Hawaii to California, Florida to New York, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas produced the largest number of new Moundbuilders.

As for Kansans, they come from all corners of the state—from Ulysses to Baxter Springs, from Overland Park to Osborne.

More than a dozen have alumni or family connections to the college.

Their ACT average is nearly 23 composite and the “average” grade point average is 3.4.

Their graduating high school classes were as small as 25 members and as large as over 750 graduates.