DEAR MILLIGAN COMMUNITY,

The total traditional undergraduate cost, including tuition, fees, standard room, and board, reflects a 3.4% increase for 2018-19. We work hard to keep the annual cost increase—necessitated by increasing operational costs, including insurance and utilities—to a minimum while delivering an exceptional educational experience that has proven outcomes far superior to most other institutions.

COMPETITIVELY AFFORDABLE
- Total published cost is $7,500 below the national average for private colleges
- Net cost after aid is considerably less, since most students receive generous aid
- Room and board is lowest in region and $5,000 less than the national average
- Average federal loan debt at graduation is $5,000 below the national average

ACADEMIC VALUE
- Retention and graduation rates are well above most colleges, meaning you get a top-rate education and are more likely to finish on time, which is a time and cost savings
- 98% of graduates are employed or in grad school within 6-12 months of graduation
- Student satisfaction and engagement levels are consistently higher than elsewhere

WHERE DOES TUITION GO?
Milligan’s total operating budget for 2017-18 is $38.7 million and is allocated as following:
- SCHOLARSHIP & INSTRUCTION: paying our faculty and academic support staff, supporting all our various academic program costs, and providing student scholarships.
- ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT & OPERATIONS: general administrative services, information technology, business and fiscal operations, employee benefits, recruitment and marketing, public relations, and development.
- STUDENT SERVICES: residence and student life, campus ministry, wellness center, athletics, and student success.
- PHYSICAL UPKEEP OF CAMPUS: paying our electric and water bills and maintaining our buildings and grounds.

OTHERS STAND IN THE GAP
Tuition covers only a portion of the cost of operating Milligan. Thousands of alumni, friends, churches, and organizations “stand in the gap” to make up the difference between student tuition and the actual cost of attendance. They collectively give over $4 million each year to help build scholarship funding, enhance academic excellence, add new programs, and make significant campus improvements. Without this support, tuition would be significantly higher.

We have historically been, and continue to be, a college that demonstrates good stewardship and high quality. We offer an outstanding education, while keeping a careful eye toward budgetary restraint and prudent management. Milligan is stronger than ever, thanks to God’s guidance and faithfulness. We remain committed to being a dynamic and growing community of Christian scholars.

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