The students have arrived and campus is alive with activity!

As vehicles filled with students, family members and supplies rolled onto campus late last week, our faculty, staff and student workers sprang into action to greet and assist. Thank you to all who helped students move into the residence halls on Saturday.

I spoke with many parents who were very appreciative of the help with moving. The day went quite well and each person who assisted in the effort gave students and parents a wonderful first impression of NCTA and the Curtis community. Thank you!

We expected an exceptionally large freshman class this year – nearly 50% above last year - and they came ready for classes. Our welcome mat was in place as the physical plant crew did a great job getting the residence halls and campus ready. The bookstore and food service was prepared. A special compliment to Cindy Fritsche who manages all of NCTA’s food services - Aggie Dining, catering and Chandie’s Castle Deli - but now also manages the bookstore. I appreciate Cindy and her crew for the work they did preparing for this event on such short notice, and to the faculty who came to help in binding study guides and printed materials. Many faculty, staff and students spent the day greeting parents and students with a friendly hello and then carrying boxes and refrigerators up a few flights of stairs.

Student services and the resident assistants did a great job making the students feel comfortable and welcome. I especially appreciate Scott Mickelsen’s leadership in organizing the move-in activities, coordinating orientation sessions on Sunday, and guiding many more activities for students this week.

I wish to extend a special thank you to the Curtis Rotary and our other friends from the community who put on the Sunday afternoon barbecue for our students. The food was delicious and our students appreciated the opportunity to get to know some of the wonderful residents of Curtis. Cell phone “selfies” will be springing up on social media as students trek around town on a Curtis Scavenger Hunt to meet business owners, learn about community services and snap photos with signage. So, greet students, smile and enjoy the introductions to new customers and friends!

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