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Illinois is now on Sina Weibo!

Sina Weibo, often referred to as "Chinese Twitter," is a leading social networking site in China. The entire site is in Mandarin, and its popularity is staggering. Weibo, which means "microblogging" has approximately 300 million



registered users, out of 500 million internet users throughout the country, and there are roughly 100 million posts a day. Launched in 2009, Sina Weibo is the fastest-growing social media tool in China, where Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are inaccessible. It offers more in terms of content, structure and customization than its American counterparts, and is quickly becoming an essential tool in social media strategies.

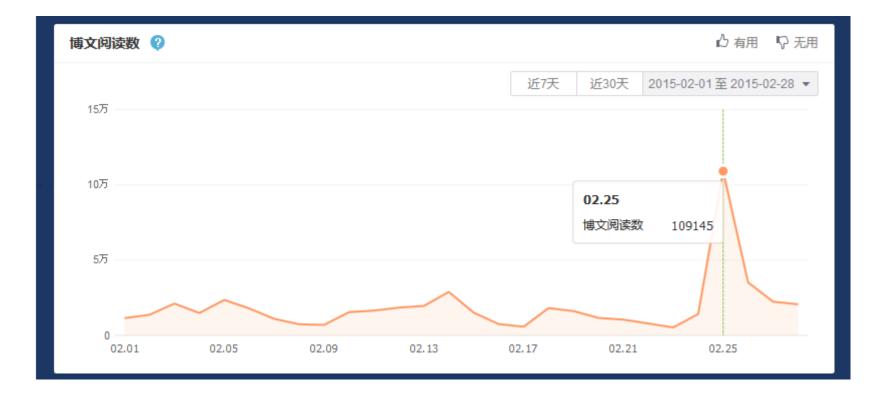
On June 6, 2012, the University of Illinois established a Sina Weibo account to connect with its Chinese alumni and students. Between 1911 and 1920, Illinois was educating one third of all Chinese students in the U.S. Today, the Urbana campus receives more applications and SAT scores from China than any other university. Almost 20,000 Chinese alumni have graduated with an Illinois degree or completed a professional training program. As of October 2012, Illinois had nearly 2,000 followers on Sina Weibo. Illinois Alumni are reconnecting with the "Cornfield Ivy" as the school is known in China. They are exchanging memories of the campus, sharing photos of weddings, and fondly recalling the Alma Mater and Illini Union.

Iris Huang, a U of I alumna and social media expert and consultant, created and helps maintain the Illinois Weibo page. Iris is co-founder of Glogou Inc., a global digital marketing company headquartered in Santa Clara, California. She brings her expertise as well as her love for Illinois to this important outreach effort.

Visit the Illinois Weibo page at **www.weibo.com/uiuc2012** You can find us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** too!

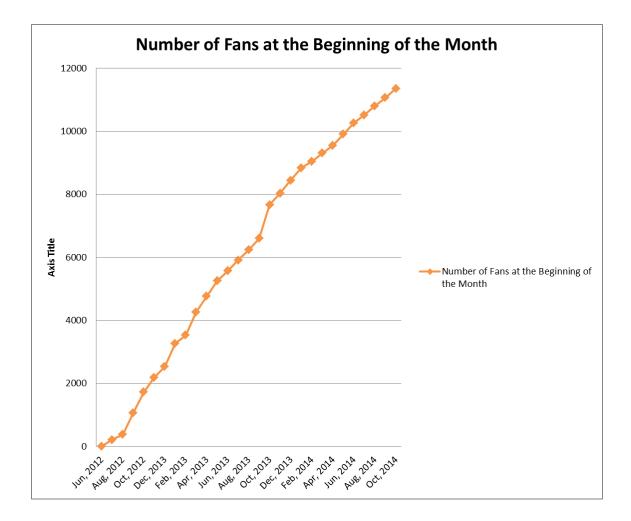


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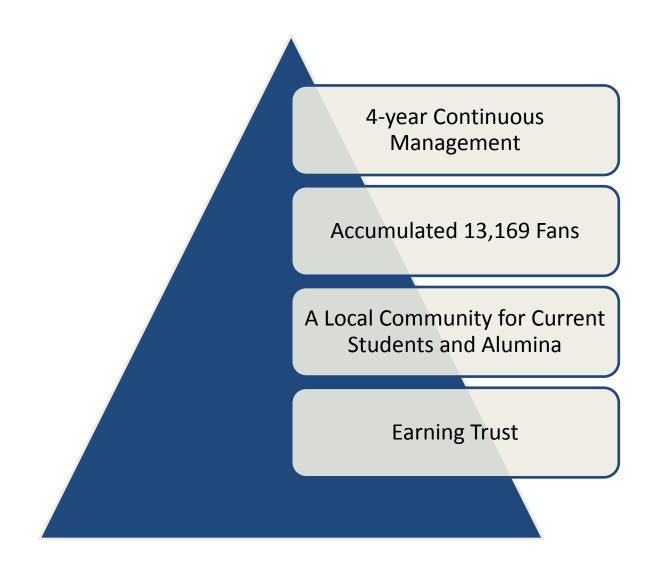


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