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| College | New students | Graduating students | Change |
|  | Undergraduate |  |  |
| Cedar University | 110 | 103 | +7 |
| Elm College | 223 | 214 | +9 |
| Maple Academy  | 197 | 120 | +77 |
|  | Graduate |  |  |
| Cedar University | 24 | 20 | +4 |
| Elm College | 43 | 53 | -10 |
| Maple Academy  | 3 | 11 | -8 |
| Total | 600 | 521 | 79 |

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