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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will have a three-day student orientation for ALANA (African-American, Latino-American, Asian-American, and Native-American) students preceding the annual Fall Festival for first-year students that will run from Tuesday, Aug. 22, through Sunday, Aug. 27. The ALANA orientation will take place Saturday through Monday, Aug. 19-21, and approximately 45 students are expected to attend.

The students will participate in a variety of events designed to acquaint them with support services, groups specific for their needs, and leadership opportunities, as well as orient them to the variety of challenges they may face while becoming accustomed to university life. The first-year students will join faculty, staff, and upperclassmen in different icebreakers and panel discussions. They will also be introduced to Facebook, the online group for university students, as well as participate in a karaoke night and a movie night.

Nicole Brown-Davis, director of Multicultural Student Affairs and organizer of the event, said that students are the “trailblazers for the University, as they are at the forefront of a shift in the student body demographic.” Therefore, she wants to be able to help them appropriately meet challenges and not become distracted from their goals while at IWU.

The Multicultural Student Affairs Office provides mentoring programs throughout the year, as well as cultural events and social activities that are open to all IWU students.

For additional information, contact Brown-Davis at (309) 556-3412.