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IWU to Host Orientation for Parents of Incoming First-Years

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Saturday, June 18, Illinois Wesleyan University will welcome to campus parents of incoming first-year students in the day-long Experience IWU: Parent Orientation.

According to the Office of Orientation Services, Parent Orientation will give parents and guardians “vital knowledge of the University’s academic and social aspects,” as well as answers to any questions or concerns they might have about financial aid, housing and more. Sessions like “Surviving Your Student’s First Year in College,” presented by Counseling and Consultation Services, and “Academic Life: How You and IWU Connect,” presented by the Academic Advising Center, are specifically geared towards helping parents and guardians become more supportive and effective during their child’s transition to college life.

Between registration in the Memorial Center’s Joslin Atrium and the closing reception in the commons area of the Center for Natural Sciences, parents will have the opportunity to interact with administrators, faculty and staff during a welcome ceremony led by President Richard F. Wilson, lunch in the Bertholf Commons and educational sessions reflecting a hands-on experience of what it’s like to attend classes at IWU. During the lunch hour, guests can also attend the Titan Fair to learn more about on-campus services like the Hart Career Center, Information Technology and Study Abroad.

Program events will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Registration costs \$20 per person, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch and program materials. The pre-registration deadline is Friday, June 10; registrations after this date will be taken as space remains available.

Future students are not encouraged to attend Parent Orientation. IWU will host its annual Turning Titan: New Student Orientation from Tuesday, August 16 to Sunday, August 21.

For a schedule of activities and information about lodging and registration for Experience IWU: Parent Orientation, please visit www.iwu.edu/orientation/parents/ or contact the Office of Orientation Services at orientation@iwu.edu or (309) 556-3749.

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