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WE ARE FAMILY!

Good morning, and welcome to our campus as we officially kick off the 2014 Family Weekend! My name is Austin Aldag, and I am the President of the Illinois Wesleyan University Student Senate. It is my pleasure to finally get to be in the same room as all of you, and I am thrilled to finally meet the people that have sent these amazing students, friends, and scholars to this campus for their college years. See I personally think it get the best out of this deal, because I have both the pleasure and privilege of working with your sons and/or daughters every day on campus in a variety of capacities. This may take the form of one of our over 150 registered student organization on campus, Student Senate, class work. Etc. And one thing is for certain, it never ceases to amaze me all of the talent, thoughtfulness, and drive that they all possess.

I know, at least for me personally, my family was not only one of the motivating factors in my life; they were **THE** motivating and encouragement epicenter as I grew up. They challenged me when I needed it, they encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone when necessary, they found me when I was lost, and they loved me when I was probably rather difficult to love at certain times. At certain times I am sure it is hard for some of us in this room to be away from their loved ones for an extended period of time while they are either at college or located at home, and I know this feeling firsthand. But rest assured that all of us are now a family in the form of being a part of the I-W-U campus community, and there is always support and help around every corner. I am almost inclined to start singing the hit by Sister Sledge entitled “We are Family,” but I will save you all the torcher of listening to me attempt to sing.

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As I continue think about family, one quote in particular resonates with me, and it was articulated by the renowned 19th century German philosophy Friedrich Nietzsche:

“In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony.”

So I hope we all keep that in mind as we go along with our journey forward with all the time that is yet to pass here on campus.

In continuation, Student Senate is always happy to be a part of campus events such as this, and we very excited to announce that this evening at 8:00pm in this very room where you are all sitting right now, we are hosting the award winning mentalist and alumni of IWU named Christopher Carter. So please attend for night filled of laughter, illusions, community, and hypnotism. Though I assure you that this is just one of the many amazing events that await you this weekend.

In closing, I would like to rearticulate my thanks to all of you for your continued support and love of our student, and I look forward to all that they do during their time here on campus and after they receive their diploma.

Thank you!