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**Minority Alumni Network
(The Network) Picnic
Sunday, August 7, 2016
2:00-4:00pm**

Hosted by Dave '79 and Genie Darling
17906 Golden Pheasant Dr.
Tinley Park, IL 60487-9552

1:30pm—Adriane, Cecilia, and Qiana arrive to help with last minute preparations and to greet guests as they arrive.

2:00pm—Guests arrive and the event begins.

2:30pm—People help themselves to buffet.

3:00pm—**Qiana/Cecilia (10 minutes)**

- Welcome guests, including any incoming students. Incoming students, in a moment I'll ask you to please introduce yourselves and your family members.
- Thank Melvin and Demetria Cryer for hosting for many past years. Thank our hosts David and Genie Darling for their hospitality. Thanks to Deon for assistance with transition of leadership.
- Discuss upcoming plans for Network. (Homecoming event on Saturday, Oct 1 at 4pm.)
- Monica Taylor Giving Circle announcements
 - Past or incoming recipients
 - Recognize supporters of scholarship and how others may contribute. (See nametags of supporters)
 - TWO scholarships now funded thanks to supporters. 2017 Recipients: Tia Simms and Tyra Palmer
- Mentorship program
- Ask incoming students to introduce themselves and their families.
- Introduce the President of the IWU Alumni Association, **Elly Jones '91 and thank her for support of the Network's initiatives.**

3:10pm—**Elly's Remarks (5 minutes)**

- Thank **Qiana and Cecilia**
- Introduce members of the Network committee on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, **Dave Darling '79, Debbie Burt Frazier '75, Sonny Freeman '70, Desiree Quizon-Colquitt '89, and Derrick Tillman-Kelly '09, Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas, others?**
- Value of staying connected to IWU
- Introduce our new Director of ODI, **Greta Franklin**

3:15pm—**ODI Director Greta Franklin's Remarks (5 minutes)**

- Introduce the new Assistant Director of ODI, **Kylie Stamm**
- SEP Program and introduce SEP students (ask which alumni have participated in SEP)

3:20 pm – **Qiana and Cecilia** introduce other campus guests

- Meghan Burke, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Bobby Castillo '13, Admissions
- Brandon Common, NEW POSITION: Assistant Dean of Students for Campus Life
- Darcy Greder, Associate Dean of Students
- Jonathan Green, Provost and Dean of Faculty
- Warren Kistner '83, Director of the Hart Career Center
- Adriane Powell, Director of Alumni Engagement
- Melissa Ramirez-Osorro '14, Admissions
- Any other staff or faculty that we missed?

- **3:25pm**— **Qiana and Cecilia** introduce **President Jensen** to give remarks and campus updates.

Eric (20 minutes including Q and A):

- Introduce Elizabeth
- Recognize Trustees present: (Phyllis Barker, George Vinyard, Deon Hornsby, Elly Jones, Sundeep Mullangi)
- Admissions report-Brandon has numbers on MALANA incoming students
- Posse (Especially important to this group.)

3:45pm – **Qiana and Cecilia** thanks guests and hosts.

4:00pm—Picnic ends.

Contact Numbers: Adriane Powell – 309-838-7120
David Darling- (708) 476-9620

Note: ODI staff to find out milestone year for SEP for future celebration

Jensen 1 minute Introduction

Eric Jensen is the 19th president of Illinois Wesleyan University. Prior to being named president, he served as provost and chief academic officer at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. In 1982 he began his academic career as an economics and public policy professor at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

While at William and Mary, he served as director of the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy. During this time, he also put his economics expertise to use modeling the impact of financial aid on college attendance. He conducted economics research in a number of Asian countries as a visiting scholar and in conjunction with research projects for the East-West Center in Honolulu and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

President Jensen earned both his Ph.D. and master's degrees in economics from the University of Michigan, and his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Miami. He hails from Homewood, Illinois and is married to Elizabeth, a former middle school science teacher. The Jensens have two grown children.