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<td>Opening Reception and Continental Breakfast (For Council Members, Faculty and Staff) Remarks from Dr. Pat Wilson and Marsha Guenzler-Stephens’78 Entertainment provided by “Touch of Class”</td>
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<td>11:00am</td>
<td>Classroom Visits – 1st Opportunity (For Council Members) Council members visit class of their choice 11:00am - 12:15pm Associate Professor Lynn DeVore - Autobiography</td>
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<td>Mentoring Lunch – Meet at Main Desk – Memorial Center (For Council Members and Students) Council members offer mentoring advice in an exchange of ideas Council members to pay for their students’ lunches</td>
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<td>2:00pm</td>
<td>Concurrent Events: (For Council Members) Classroom Visits – 2nd Opportunity 2:00pm - 2:50pm Professor Michael Seeborg - Labor Economics OR Career Center Networking Session Career Center staff outlines their services Council members identify ways to support activities of the Career Center</td>
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Saturday February 28, 2009

8:00am  Breakfast with President Dick and Dr. Pat Wilson
(For Council Members)
President’s House
Park Street

All Saturday symposium sessions and the luncheon are in the Memorial Center

9:00am-12:30pm  Symposium: “You Go Girl! – Life After College”
(for all IWU Women – Council Members, Students, Faculty & Staff)
Informative concurrent sessions exploring ways to successfully transition from
college to workplace or graduate school

9:00-9:15am  Registration  Davidson Room

9:15-9:40am  Welcome  Davidson Room
Opening Remarks by Council for IWU Women President; Marsha Guenzler-Stevens ’78

9:45am  Concurrent Break Out Sessions  9:45, 10:45 & 11:45
Each session will be presented three times to enable your attendance at all three sessions.

Session A:
Start a Life: Your World Right After Illinois Wesleyan
Moderator: Molly McLay ’06
Henning Room

Session B:
Living Your Passion: Serving Others while Nurturing Yourself
Moderator: Barb Nathan ‘80
Cartwright Room

Session C:
Loving Life: Embracing Change and Maintaining the Balance
Moderator: Laura Randolph ’92
Davidson Room

12:30pm  Luncheon  Young Main Lounge
(for all IWU Women – Council Members, Students, Faculty and Staff)

Guest Speaker: Neurosurgeon, Dr. Ann Stroink ’76

Awarding of Scholarship
SPEAKERS BIOS:

Marsha Guenzler-Stevens '78  Marsha graduated with honors from IWU, having studied biology and political science. She earned a Masters degree in Personnel Services and Counseling from Miami University in Ohio and her doctorate at the University of Maryland in Higher Education Policy and Planning and Administration. Marsha has spent all of her professional career working in the field of Higher Education. She has worked in the areas of admissions, residential life, campus activities, student affairs administration, academic affairs, and Greek Life. For six years, Marsha served as the Director of Greek Life at the University of Maryland at College Park. In that capacity she advised 52 international fraternities and sororities with memberships of over 4200 students. In addition to her work at the University, she served as the Executive Director of the Northeast Panhellenic Conference for five years. 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Ann Stroink’76 Ann Stroink received her B.A. in Biology from IWU in 1976 and her M.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in 1979. She was a fellow at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada in 1985. Before that, she did her Internship and Residency at Mayo Clinic in Neurological Surgery. In 1994 she did Skull Base Surgery in Japan. Ann is a Board Certified Neurological Surgeon. She was the President of the Illinois Neurosurgical Society and the Director for Continuing Medical Education, Central Illinois Neuroscience Foundation. Ann has taught Neurosurgery at various institutions since 1986. She is currently a Faculty Physician at BroMenn Healthcare System. She has been a board or committee member for many local organizations as well as for the American Medical Association and the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Ann has received many awards for her work. Some include being named Faculty Physician of the Didactic and Clinical Sessions for 2006/2007 and for Didactic Sessions in 2007/2008. She also received the YMCA Women of Distinction Award in 2008. She was name the IWU Outstanding Young Alumnus in 1986.

Pat Wilson received a B.S. in English Education from Bucknell University in 1968, an M.A. in Library Science from West Virginia University in 1973, and an Ed. D in Educational Administration from the University of Illinois in 1993. She spent 31 years in public schools in various roles which ranged from high school English teacher, School Media Specialist, Curriculum Coordinator, and Assistant Middle School Principal to 10 years as a Principal and Coordinator of a program serving 360 at-risk/special needs pre-kindergarten children and their families. In 2004 she was named Executive Director of the Council on Teacher Education at the University of Illinois, a position she left to join her husband, President Richard Wilson, at Illinois Wesleyan. A creative organizer, Pat enjoys working with people to reach consensus and achieve compromise in order to move forward. She currently serves on the board of the Westminster Village retirement community, and on the Programming Committee at the Baby Fold. Since coming to Bloomington, she has also chaired the YWCA Circle of Women fundraising effort and, along with her husband President Richard Wilson, the American Red Cross Evening of Stars fundraiser. She spends most of her time now working with her husband on behalf of IWU, which includes planning and participating in 40-50 annual events at the President’s house, as well as traveling to out-of-town alumni events and meetings with individual alums.
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“Get A Life” Panel Discussion

Friday, February 27, 2009

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Davidson Room – Memorial Center

Moderators: Debbie Burt-Frazier’75, Loreene Jukovich’93

Panel: Liz Eberspacher-Nohren’98, Marsha Guenzler-Stevens’78 Carole Liske’77, Barb Nathan’80, Beth Raboin-Gettleman ’90

- How do you define success? Are you successful? Why?
- When was the last time you were impressed by someone? Personal or Professional?
- How do you network?
- What was your 1st job and how did you find it?
- When you interview (both sides of the desk) what do you look for?
- What’s your favorite question to ask in an interview and/or question you’d like to hear from candidates?
- What’s your secret for getting ahead in your career?
- What’s your Pet Peeve in the workplace?
- Business Etiquette – give a tip about the following:
  - Interpreting
  - Dining out
  - Manners
  - Dress/appearance

4:00 - 4:10 Welcome and Introductions (Debbie Burt-Frazier ’75 / Loreene Jukovich ’93)

4:10 - 4:20 Icebreaker Game – Have You Ever? (Loreene Jukovich ’93)

4:20 - 4:30 Panelist Introduction – Name, Year Graduated, Current Position

4:30 – 5:15 Panelist Questions – See Below (Debbie Burt-Frazier ’75 / Loreene Jukovich ’93)

5:15 - 5:30 Open the Floor for Questions from audience (Debbie Burt-Frazier ’75)
PANELIST BIOS:

Debra Burt-Frazier '75 After graduating from IWU, Debra earned her Master's degree from Chicago State University in 1983. She then worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative, trainer, and manager for Mead Johnson Nutritionals. She later worked for Ventiv Healthcare Sales and Wyeth Healthcare Sales. She currently teaches high school English at Thornridge High School. She is a licensed Real Estate agent, and has just begun her doctoral studies at Argosy University in Educational Leadership. Debra has also stayed active with the IWU community as Chairman, Co-Chairman, and Networking Chair of the Minority Alumni Network. In 2001 she won the IWU "Loyalty Award." She has three children, Candice, Nicholas, and Max, a current IWU student.

Elizabeth Eberspacher-Nohren '98 After graduating from IWU, Elizabeth attended Law School at Southern Illinois University. Upon graduation she became an associate in Chicago at Field & Golan and served on the Chicago Council of Lawyer's Board of Managers. After 5 years, she joined her father's law practice in Shelbyville. She is currently an active member of the Shelbyville Greater Chamber of Commerce and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Boarman Roxy Theater. She also taught as an adjunct professor of business law and paralegalism at Eastern Illinois University. Most importantly, Elizabeth is a proud mother and wife.

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Loreene Jukovich ’93 after graduating from IWU, Loreene began a career in healthcare at a law firm interviewing patients for public aid at local hospitals throughout the Chicagoland area. During the next 15 years, she has worked in many facets of healthcare administration including physician and hospital contracting, national account management, HR outsourcing and operations. As her family grew from 2 to 5, flexibility at home and in the workplace became a priority. Working full-time, part-time, project work and eventually working from home were all a part of balancing work and home life. “It is very important for a woman to know her priorities and structure her life around them. Priorities may change, but the choices we make on a daily basis should always support them.” Loreene has remained active in the IWU Community also as a member of IWU’s Greek Alumni Network. At home she volunteers in her children’s’ schools and is a Brownie Girl Scout Leader. Loreene wants to use her talents and experiences to help IWU’s female students find their value and contribution in the world. “There is no greater gift to give another than giving your time and attention,” she says. Loreene is married to Dean Jukovich, also an IWU alum, and together they have three beautiful children.

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Barbara J. Nathan, a 1980 graduate of the IWU School of Nursing and current Chair of the IWU’s Distinguished Nursing Alumni Committee, serves her community as Executive Director of the Community Cancer Center and Foundation in Bloomington/Normal. Barb has combined her passion for nursing and service to the community into a thriving care center that focuses on the overall health of their patients and community. Her development activity for the Center has resulted in more than $8 M in charitable contributions. She currently serves as the President of the American College of Oncology Administrators and was recently recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Medical Administrators. Beyond work, Barb is active in civic groups throughout McLean County and the state of Illinois.

Beth Raboin-Gettleman ’99 is a progressive activist who believes in equality and social justice for all, Beth’s passions include politics, women’s rights, public service, and higher education. Now a development officer for The University of Chicago, Beth's first job out of college was with the Feminist Majority Foundation in Washington, DC, where she was a campus organizer and press secretary for the organization for 3 years. After returning to IWU as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, Beth found "her calling" in higher education and began working towards her Master's degree in Educational Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois while continuing to work full-time at IWU. After completing her degree, Beth moved to NYC, where she was hired as a Senior Development Officer at New York University. She recently moved to Baltimore, MD where she works full-time from home and is the proud mom of a 13-month-old, Noah. Through her involvement with the Council for IWU Women, Beth hopes to help other IWU students find their own passions and create a life reflective of what’s most important to them. "You can't have it all, but you'll figure out what's most important to you as you go," she says.
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Henning Room– Memorial Center

“Start a Life” --- Your World Right After Illinois Wesleyan

Moderators: Andrea Ambrosia ‘09, Molly McLay ’06,

Panel:

9:45  Abby Csanda’07, Julie (Croxton) Hainline’07, Molly McLay’06, Alissa Sherman’08, Amy Sipovic’08,
10:45 Laura Curtis ’07, Jessica Lothman ’06, Alissa Sherman’08, Amy Sipovic’08, Abby Sullivan ’08
11:45 Abby Csanda ’07, Laura Curtis ’07, Julie (Croxton) Hainline ’07, Jessica Lothman ’06, Molly McLay ’06, Abby Sullivan ’08

Attendees are asked to submit questions at the beginning of the sessions. Panelists will select questions and answer them as well as discuss the following topics:

• Moving: moving to a new town, moving home with parents, moving back to work in Bloomington-Normal

• Graduate school: deciding to go and when, balancing your work and social life with grad school

• Difficult challenges: changing career paths, finding your dream job wasn’t your dream job, figuring out a career path that’s right for you, finding a way to convey your love for your career to family/friends who don’t automatically approve of your path

• Life outside the IWU bubble: how to adjust to not having your support network within five minutes of your front door, maintaining relationships built at IWU, making new friends and networks in your new setting, getting involved in your community

• Basic responsibilities of adulthood: paying bills, health insurance, staying out of credit debt, transportation/commuting in a big city, interviewing basics

• Looking back on college life: what would you do differently in college if anything, what do you love about post-graduation life, what do you miss most about IWU
PANELIST BIOS:

Andrea Ambrosia ’09 (Moderator) will be graduating in May with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree. She is spending her last semester student teaching general elementary music, junior high chorus, and high school choir in Unit 5. Over the past three years, Andrea has been involved in A Touch of Class women’s a cappella group, Kappa Delta Sorority, Delta Omicron Professional Music Fraternity, Collegiate Choir, and most recently completed her term as President of the Student Senate. Following graduation, Andrea hopes to pursue a career in music business.

Abby Csanda ’07 grew up in Bloomington / Normal and graduated from IWU in 2007. During college, she was the president of FMLA (Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance) and after graduation; she was offered a position with the Feminist Majority Foundation (the parent national organization for FMLA) as a National Campus Organizer. She spent almost a year living in Washington, DC organizing the Midwest and South Central regions. After about a year in DC, she decided to go back to her roots in the Midwest and work on her Master's Degree. She is currently a graduate student at Columbia College in Chicago pursuing a Masters of Arts Management in Youth and Community Development. She works at Snow City Arts Foundation, an in-hospital arts education program, as a Program Coordinator. She also works a few hours a week at Bed, Bath & Beyond, and is an accounting tutor for Columbia. She now lives in Chicago in the neighborhood of Lakeview.

Laura Curtis ’07 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. During her time at Illinois Wesleyan, Laura was an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity. She also worked at the Alumni Office and Tommy’s Restaurant, and interned at BroMenn Hospital with Volunteer Services, and in the BroMenn Foundation Department. Laura spent some time after graduation working for The Baby Fold in Normal, and transferred to a position at the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, where she has been working now for 8 months. Laura has a background in event planning, fundraising, and volunteer management.

Julie (Croxton) Hainline ’07 graduated with a degree in Accounting. While at IWU Julie worked in the Business Office, was a member of the Accounting Society and was on the Women’s Club Volleyball Team, as well as various other activities. After graduation she spent a year working as an Auditor for McGladrey & Pullen, LLP. Currently Julie works for State Farm in Financial Reporting & Analysis as a Financial Statement Analyst. She lives in Bloomington, IL with her husband Kyle and their dog Toby. In her spare time she enjoys playing and watching sports, scrapbooking and spending time outdoors. She is also involved on various boards through the United Methodist Church.

Jessica Lothman ’06 graduated with a BA in Sociology after two study abroad experiences in Ireland and China. Her travels have inspired her Graduate Studies in Educational Policy and Leadership at Marquette University where she is a Graduate Assistant in the Office of International Education. She currently is employed as a Development Associate at Discovery World in Milwaukee. In her spare time she does photography and recently edited Centennial: Steaming through the American Century, a photographic history on the SS St Marys Challenger, the oldest boat sailing the Great Lakes.

Molly McLay ’06 is a smart and sensitive artist-scholar with a quiet demeanor, yet lots to say. She is happiest when she is using her creativity to help others. She graduated with a BA in English writing and women’s studies. At IWU, she was involved in Alpha Phi Omega, Tributaries, WESN, the Provost/Dean of Faculty Search Committee, Sigma Tau Delta, Tri-Iota, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and EGAS. After spending two and a half years working in publishing, she is now cultivating plans to become an expressive/writing therapist, first by applying to graduate school in clinical social work. As someone who was once a very undecided college woman, Molly hopes to be a mentor to young IWU women through the Council, helping them find the creativity and courage to truly find and follow their passions.
Alissa Sherman '08 graduated from IWU's School of Nursing in 2008 with a minor in Hispanic Studies. Prior to graduation, Alissa was Vice President of Alumnae Relations for Sigma Kappa, President of Hillel, and a member of Titan Band, Sierra Student Coalition, Student Nurse's Association, and Spanish Club. Her senior year, she presented a poster at the John Wesley Powell Research Conference and volunteered with the Alternative Spring Break trip in New Orleans. Alissa currently works as a nurse at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and is a member of the Evidence Based Practice Council.

Amy Sipovic '08 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a concentration in Secondary Education. While at IWU, Amy was active in the Titan Band, IWU Flute Choir, Sigma Tau Iota, and Phi Alpha Theta. She also worked at the Hart Career Center and became involved with the Council for IWU Women. Amy is currently in her first year teaching World History and Civics at Streator Township High School in Streator, Illinois. She also serves as the Key Club advisor at SHS.

Abby Sullivan '08 is new to the world of IWU alums having graduated just last May with a BA in Accounting. Now living in Chicago, Abby is an Assurance Associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers where she works with clients in the media industry. Through her position at PwC, she has also become involved in campus recruiting and the Junior Achievement Program for the Chicago Public Schools. She is also a founding member of Ninth Period Emmaus - a sketch comedy / improv group, whose performances benefit south suburban charities and Catholic Schools. Activities at IWU included Student Senate Exec Board, Titan Talkers, Ambassadors, APO and working in the Registrar's Office. Through the Council for IWU Women, Abby hopes to be able to inspire female leaders on campus to continue to lead in their communities after they have finished their time as IWU students.
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Saturday, February 28th

9:45, 10:45 and 11:45AM

Cartwright Room – Memorial Center

**“Living Your Passion” ---- Serving Others While Nurturing Yourself**

Moderator: Barb Nathan '80

Panel: Jane Baines, Katie Coleman'04, Molly Rollings'99

Living Your Passion ---- Serving Others While Nurturing Yourself

You’ve declared your major and you'll soon have that hard-won degree and venture into the world to establish your career. But will the work you've chosen truly make you happy? What if something is missing? Visit with IWU Women alumni who are living their passions and serving their communities in ways that nurture their own souls.

PANELIST BIOS:

**Jane Baines** A creative and fun-loving person is enriched by her personal relationships, for it is these which have helped her balance her career, family and personal life. Jane is a 22-year veteran development officer at IWU and also a wife, mom of two adult sons and a singer. She is a member of the Melodeers Chorus, which is the 2009 International Barbershop Champion and also a member of a competing barbershop quartet and a quartet coach. She finds many motivations from performing onstage that can be applied to life in general. To be the best you can be is a never-ending process which requires each of us to reach higher and to accomplish more.

**Katie Coleman'04** Katie graduated from IWU with an English-writing major and double-minor in Hispanic studies and political science. At IWU, she was active at The Argus and in several committees about diversity and environmental issues. She was also in band and the SAI music fraternity and worked at the Career Center for three years. During the last five years since graduation, she has: studied environmental conditions in the Chinese countryside, edited three magazines about the woodworking industry, received a master's degree in environmental journalism from Michigan State University, managed her own magazine about environmental issues, designed seven web sites from scratch, taken up pottery, and become slightly obsessed with microbreweries. She currently works as a grant writer for a non-profit environmental law firm in Chicago and hopes to join a Scottish pipe band as a drummer.

**Barbara J. Nathan'80** A graduate of the IWU School of Nursing and current Chair of the IWU’s Distinguished Nursing Alumni Committee, serves her community as Executive Director of the Community Cancer Center and Foundation in Bloomington/Normal. Barb has combined her passion for nursing and service to the community into a thriving care center that focuses on the overall health of their patients and community. Her development activity for the Center has resulted in more than $8 M in charitable contributions. She currently serves as the President of the American College of Oncology Administrators and was recently recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Medical Administrators. Beyond work, Barb is active in civic groups throughout McLean County and the state of Illinois.
**Molly Rollings '99** While at IWU, Molly was on the Women’s Basketball team all 4 years, the Women’s Track team all 4 years, a member of the Risk Management Group (RMS) for 4 years and president for 2 years. She graduated with a BS in Risk Management and Insurance. Molly is a Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC). Molly says “I am following in the footsteps of my father and grandfather before me. My grandfather had one agency in Arcola, IL. My father took it to 6 locations before selling. And we are currently at 16 locations throughout the state.” Molly is the unofficial marketing director for the entire Diamond Brothers Insurance Agency, Inc. and manages the Savoy location, as well as selling and servicing her book of business. Molly served as the Small Commercial Producer /Manager of Small Business Division of Hub International of Illinois, Ltd., Chicago, IL and the Commercial Underwriter, Technical Field Specialist for Selective Insurance Company, Columbus, OH. Molly is a member of the Chamber of Commerce including Young Professionals Network, Board Member and President of the Champaign Area Illinois Wesleyan Alumni Association, IIAI Young Agents, and Member of Agency Councils for Hartford, Travelers, Selective and Cincinnati insurance companies
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS
Living Your Passion: Serving Others While Nurturing Yourself

From Katie Coleman:

**Devil in the White City** by Eric Larson (because if you’re from Chicago, you should read this amazing true story)

**A Canticle for Leibowitz** by Walter Miller (because if you think you don’t like “science fiction” this will completely change your attitude toward it)

**As I Lay Dying** by William Faulkner (because if you only read a few “classics,” I think this should be one of them)

**Earth Odyssey** by Mark Hertsgaard (because if you’re looking for an easy and interesting primer on environmental issues throughout the world, this journalist-written story is truly engaging all the way through)

From Barb Nathan:

**Handbook for the Soul**, Edited by Richard Carlson and Benjamin Shiefl

**The Secret Life of Bees** by Sue Monk Kidd

**Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China** by Jung Chang Barb

From Molly Rollings:

**Along Came a Spider** by James Patterson [anything by him, he is my favorite author]

**Book of Honor: The Secret Lives and Deaths CIA Operations** by Ted Gup [a disturbing look at those who serve us and we don’t even know it]

**Me Talk Pretty One Day** by David Sedaris [hilarious]

**A Girls Guide to Hunting & Fishing** by Melissa Bank

**The Lovely Bones** by Alice Sebold

From Tracy Garrett:

**HISTORICAL ROMANCE**

**Touch of Texas & Touched by Love** by Tracy Garrett [western historicals]

**In Bed With The Devil** by Lorraine Heath [English set historicals; first in the series]

**A Highlander for Christmas** by Sandy Blair [Scottish historical]

**ROMANTIC SUSPENSE**

**Trial by Fire** by Jo Davis [first in the series]

**Better Than Bulletproof** by Kay Thomas [first in the series]

**ROMANTIC COMEDY**

**Hot Wheels & High Heels** by Jane Graves [first in the series]

**PARANORMAL**

**Dark Lover** by J.R. Ward [first in the series]

**Dream Chaser** by Sherrilyn Kenyon [first in the series]
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You Go Girl ------- Life After College

"Loving Life" --- Embracing Change and Maintaining the Balance

Saturday, February 28th
9:45, 10:45 and 11:45AM
Davidson Room—Memorial Center

Moderator: Laura Randolph ‘92
Panel: Laura Ehrhart ’84, Susan Getz ’77, Loreene Jukovich ’93, Beth Raboin-Gettleman ’90, Tracy Wych’77

Attendees will be asked to submit questions about change and maintaining balance in live. Panelist will answer questions and discuss the following issues:

- The Mommy track - raceway or speed bump?
- Can you have it all?
- What have we learned about balancing family and career?
- Crafting the life you dreamed about in college - what makes you happy?
- Navigating the lipstick jungle.
- Being a working woman with a family - is the role of a mother different than your role in the office?

PANELIST BIOS:

*Laura Gerdes Ehrhart ’84* graduated from IWU with a B.A. in Physics and went on to receive a B.S. in Civil Engineering from U of I in 1986. Laura’s career has included; registered EI (Engineering Intern) in the State of Illinois, Senior Cost & Schedule Engineer - Peterson & Co. litigation support consulting firm - construction litigation - Chicago, IL - 1987-1990, Project Coordinator - Metra commuter railroad, designing & building parking lots - Chicago, IL - 1990-1991, 1991-present - Michelmann Steel Construction Company - steel fabrication - Quincy, IL - named President in 2006. Her current volunteer work includes - Blessing Foundation Board of Trustees, Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association board secretary, Michelmann Foundation President, Recovery Resources former VP & former Secretary, volunteering in kids’ classrooms. Past volunteer work – Quincy Civic Music Association President, Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, and Quincy Society of Fine Arts Treasurer. Other interests include - Book Group, Friends in Council (oldest women's literary study group in the country). She is married to husband Richard M. Ehrhart and has three children, Clara (15), Gates (13) & Trey (10)
Susan Getz '77 graduated from IWU with a Bachelor of Music Education and then went straight to grad school. Susan married Herb '77 three years after IWU. She worked as a music therapist and taught college courses for six years in Chicago. By the time she left the city to live in the 'burbs she had two girls and became a Mom/Volunteer. Susan embraced her supportive role as Mom, partner and volunteer...two more children were born (a boy and a girl). There were lots of experiences packed into the years which followed. Susan is still the support staff for the family, although conversations and challenges are different. After raising her children and seeing them into college and out she is now back in grad school and about to begin a new work adventure! Susan says “Life is a winding road”.

Loreene Jukovich ’93 after graduating from IWU, Loreene began a career in healthcare at a law firm interviewing patients for public aid at local hospitals throughout the Chicagoland area. During the next 15 years, she has worked in many facets of healthcare administration including physician and hospital contracting, national account management, HR outsourcing and operations. As her family grew from 2 to 5, flexibility at home and in the workplace became a priority. Working full-time, part-time, project work and eventually working from home were all a part of balancing work and home life. “It is very important for a woman to know her priorities and structure her life around them. Priorities may change, but the choices we make on a daily basis should always support them.” Loreene has remained active in the IWU Community also as a member of IWU’s Greek Alumni Network. At home she volunteers in her children’s’ schools and is a Brownie Girl Scout Leader. Loreene wants to use her talents and experiences to help IWU’s female students find their value and contribution in the world. “There is no greater gift to give another than giving your time and attention,” she says. Loreene is married to Dean Jukovich, also an IWU alum, and together they have three beautiful children.

Beth Raboin-Gettleman ’99 is a progressive activist who believes in equality and social justice for all, Beth’s passions include politics, women’s rights, public service, and higher education. Now a development officer for The University of Chicago, Beth's first job out of college was with the Feminist Majority Foundation in Washington, DC, where she was a campus organizer and press secretary for the organization for 3 years. After returning to IWU as the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, Beth found "her calling" in higher education and began working towards her Master's degree in Educational Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois while continuing to work full-time at IWU. After completing her degree, Beth moved to NYC, where she was hired as a Senior Development Officer at New York University. She recently moved to Baltimore, MD where she works full-time from home and is the proud mom of a 13-month-old, Noah. Through her involvement with the Council for IWU Women, Beth hopes to help other IWU students find their own passions and create a life reflective of what's most important to them. "You can't have it all, but you'll figure out what's most important to you as you go," she says.

Laura C Randolph ’92 is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in private practice in Bloomington, Illinois. She graduated from IWU in 1992 with a degree in Biology. Laura then went on to graduate from medical school and complete two surgical residencies at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. She earned board certification in General Surgery as well as Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. She entered into private practice in 2004 and finds daily challenges balancing career and family. She is happily married to an orthopedic surgeon and has 3 beautiful children ages 4, 3, and 1. She is a proud member of the Council of IWU Women, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.
L. Tracy Wych '77 received a dual degree in Business Administration and Accounting from IWU. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), where she recently served as President of the New York Chapter and continues to serve on the Board of Governors. She serves the profession as a member of the International Membership Committee for the IIA where she partners with colleagues around the globe to further the status of the profession. Tracy is also a member of the Financial Women’s Association, the Securities Industry, Financial Markets Association and the Association of International Bank Auditors. Tracy is now a Managing Director and Head of Internal Audit for Calyon, Credit Agricole’s Corporate and Investment Bank subsidiary. Credit Agricole, headquartered in Paris, France, is the fifth largest bank in the world with branches and operations in 66 countries and 135,000 employees throughout the world. In her current role, Tracy is responsible for overseeing financial, operational and technical audit activities for the US, Canada and Latin and South American. She sits on the audit committee for Banco Calyon Brazil in Sao Paulo and is a member of the firm’s Management Committee for the Americas. Prior to Calyon Tracy was with JPMorgan Chase, where she was the Client Service Partner responsible for all consumers banking and credit audit activities in the US.