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## **Summer Accounting Program at IWU for Inner City Students**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Approximately 20 aspiring accountants from inner-city schools will participate in the week-long Accounting Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) program at Illinois Wesleyan University, which runs from June 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. The students will meet in a variety of classrooms on campus.

The program was initiated last year by Jerry Olson, professor of accounting at IWU, who sought to promote the best and the brightest students with an interest in the accounting profession, and wanted to attract students from diverse backgrounds. The program is funded by corporate sponsors that include State Farm Insurance, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Caterpillar, Inc., and the CPA Endowment Fund of Illinois, as well as backing by Illinois Wesleyan University.

During the week, students will visit some of the various sponsoring companies and have interactive classes with IWU faculty and business and industry professionals. The students will also have sessions with staff members from the IWU Admissions Office, the Hart Career Center, and Multicultural Student Affairs, where they will learn how to apply to colleges as well as write resumés. Also scheduled are daily business simulations and presentations by the students themselves, which will help them explore the professional business world, as well as teach them how to manage credit, insurance, and investments. The program seeks to expand the communicational, analytical, and interpersonal skills of its participants through their work, as well as introducing them to the real college world of roommates, lunchroom commons, and classes with professors.

All participants must be a junior or senior in high school and have a grade point average of B+ or higher and were selected on the basis of an application submission and teacher/counselor recommendations. For additional information, visit [www.iwu.edu/~accounting/ALOT.htm](http://www.iwu.edu/~accounting/ALOT.htm), or contact Jerry Olson at (309) 556-3170.