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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- A total of 50 Bloomington High School students will attend the sixth District 87 Sports & Scholars camp, which will be held at Illinois Wesleyan University June 17 to 22.

The Sports & Scholars program has been hosted by IWU every summer since 1996. The program was designed by IWU professors and administrators in collaboration with representatives from Bloomington School District 87, State Farm Insurance Companies, and Verizon.

Coordinating the program again this summer is Diane Stempinski, a Bloomington High teacher, along with Washington Grade School principal Jeff Lockenvitz, a 1984 IWU graduate.

Illinois Wesleyan physics professor Narendra Jaggi, Bloomington High English teacher John Coppess, and IWU Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Monica Taylor are among those who will address, mentor, and tutor the students during the week.

The goal of the program is to identify students who appear to be performing below their academic potential and provide them with the support and skills necessary for them to excel in life.

With an emphasis on teamwork, the Sports & Scholars program helps build character, and participating students will have the opportunity to enhance their writing skills, discover the basic elements of physics, learn more about computers and the Internet, and prepare for college entrance testing.

Students will also learn lessons designed to build self-confidence and other interpersonal skills.

"Teaching cultural diversity is always a goal and this year there is a heavy focus on it since we've talked so much about it during the school year," Stempinski said. "The students and staff are going to be equally divided between white and minority members to help stress and emphasize diversity."

On Monday night (June 18), a three-hour block is set aside for camp members to perform local community service. Camp members will see and discuss the movie "Remember the Titans", will participate in variations on the popular television shows "Survivor" and "Weakest Link", and will play in a volleyball tournament at IWU's Shirk Center.

<p>MEDIA NOTE: For more information on the Sports & Scholars program, contact Diane Stempinski at (309) 829-6712 or 824-5532.</p>
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