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Minority Academic Achievement Recognition Ceremony

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Approximately 435 honor roll students from the Bloomington-Normal area will be honored at the Tenth Annual Minority Academic Achievement Recognition Ceremony at Illinois Wesleyan University, Sunday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Shirk Center, 302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington.

The ceremony, which recognizes the high academic achievements of students in grades five-twelve from schools in District 87 and Unit 5 is sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies, Neighbor-to-Neighbor (a Bloomington-Normal community group), Jewel/Osco, National City Bank, Caterpillar, Inc., The Bloomington Police Benevolent and Protective Association, the Normal Police Benevolent Association and IWU.

IWU President Minor Myers, jr. and Barbara Malone, executive director of Neighbor-to-Neighbor, will welcome the students, parents and friends and there will also be special remarks by Michael Jones, assistant vice president, Systems at State Farm Insurance Companies. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Frank McSwain, pastor at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Bloomington.

Highlighting the awards ceremony will be the presentation of special certificates of achievement to the honor roll students as well as a presentation of special awards to students who have continued their academic success.

Malone hopes, "the program continues to grow, opening the eyes of the community to the academic achievements of its participants."

Kristin Gregory, a junior English-writing major at IWU will perform a vocal selection and IWU student participants in the Minority Summer Enrichment Program have volunteered to help with the event and a dinner immediately following the ceremony.

The dinner will feature performances by the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Sunbeam Choir under the direction of Shirley Boykin and an Indian classical dance by Sheena Bhayana from Northpoint Elementary School and Shivani Desai from Chiddix Junior High School. There also will be a vocal performance by KaReisha Robinson from Bloomington High School and Schiavonne Robinson from Bloomington Junior High School; Voices of Power, and closing remarks by Malone.

