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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Acclaimed political activist and author [Sister Souljah](#), who critics have called, "one of the most eloquent and artistic spokespersons of her generation," is coming to Illinois Wesleyan University's campus, as part of this year's Black Student Union (BSU) Fall Weekend.

The nationally-renowned speaker is just one of the events planned for the weekend, that will introduce prospective multicultural students to IWU, as well as celebrate their current involvement with the university. "Multicultural students have a significant impact on IWU's campus, and BSU Weekend highlights that impact," said Solomon Jones, computer science major from Kankakee, Ill., class of 2004, BSU chairperson.

Beginning on Thursday, November 15 and concluding on Saturday, November 17, nearly two dozen prospective multicultural students will travel to the university and spend the weekend with current IWU students, experiencing several facets of the collegiate experience. The prospective students will attend classes, visit the cafeteria, and attend a BSU meeting.

Their first evening on campus, Thursday, November 15, will be punctuated by the first of two appearances by Sister Souljah. The speaker will participate in an educational forum in the Center for Natural Science, 201 E. Beecher St., at 7 p.m. in room C102 and on Friday, Souljah will speak in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University, at 7:00 p.m.

The final day of programming will begin in the Main Lounge with a "Free Your Mind" workshop that will explore issues of stereotypes and diversity. The prospective students will then have an afternoon of free time, before attending The Lyricist's Cypha: Umoja, an event that encourages all students to contribute their own poetry, music, and lyrical talents on stage. The event will take place in the Memorial Student Center's Underground.

The weekend of programming is coordinated by the BSU and its executive board members: Kristin Gregory, English-writing major from Carbondale, Ill., class of 2003; Princess Johnson, international business major from Detroit, Mich., class of 2002; Solomon Jones, computer science major from Kankakee, Ill., class of 2004; Joanna Littleton, political science major from Normal, Ill., class of 2003; Jean Muscadin, Jr., computer science major from Flossmoor, Ill., class of 2003; and Gianina Taylor, biology major from Decatur, Ill., class of 2004.