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BLOOMINGTON, III. – On Thursday, Dec. 1, the Illinois Wesleyan University campus will observe Day With(out) Art.

Day With(out) Art is a national day of mourning and awareness that aims to strengthen the response to the AIDS pandemic. The day is observed with art galleries closing their doors and covering any art outside the galleries with information about HIV or artists who have died from the disease. The demonstrations are intended to make the public aware of the widespread effect of AIDS.

The Merwin and Wakeley Galleries will be closed as part of the event. FACE AIDS, the not-for-profit student organization that strives to mobilize students to fight global HIV/AIDS, will also cover any artwork displayed in The Ames Library with black paper.

Since it began on Dec. 1, 1989, Day With(out) Art has evolved into a collaborative project in which approximately 8,000 national and international museums, galleries, AIDS Service Organizations, libraries, high schools and colleges participate.

For additional information, contact Purav Vagadia, FACE AIDS chapter coordinator, at **pvagadia@iwu.edu** or Carmen Lozar, director of the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries at **clozar@iwu.edu**.

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