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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - It will be a year to honor those who work behind the scenes and take the stage at Illinois Wesleyan University's *2011 Homecoming: Lights, Camera, Action* from Oct. 21-23. Events below are free and open to the public.

The new DreamWorks Animation movie *Puss in Boots* will have a world premiere at Illinois Wesleyan University before it hits movie theaters, thanks to alumnus Bill Damaschke '85, chief creative officer of the animation company responsible for the enormously successful *Shrek* and *Kung Fu Panda* films. Damaschke, who will also be honored at this year's Homecoming as the **distinguished alumnus**, will host a screening of the movie at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).



*The DreamWorks film Puss in Boots will have a premiere in Hansen Student Center, presented by DreamWorks CCO and IWU alumnus Bill Damaschke '85.*

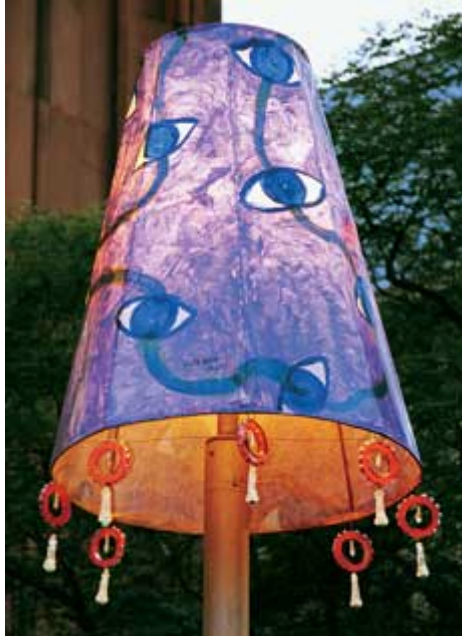
For information on any Homecoming events, or to register, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (309) 556-3251, or go to [www.titanpride.org](http://www.titanpride.org).

**Friday, Oct. 21**

**Back to College Classes** - Coming from the small screen, alumna Marjorie "Ocho" Kouns '79 will discuss her journey as the voice of several characters in the children's cartoon *Dora the Explorer*, which reaches countries around the globe. Kouns will share her inside knowledge of a career in voiceover during a Back to College Class at 2 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza East, Bloomington) on Oct. 21. Living in New York and Shreveport, La., Kouns is also an acclaimed artist-in-residence, whose latest public art work "Shades of Shreveport" will light up the IWU Robert S. Eckley Quadrangle during Homecoming.

The class with Kouns will be **available online**, live and on demand.

Friday's Back to College Classes will also welcome Eric Snowden '00. A vice president at Atlantic Records, Snowden is being honored as this year's Robert M. Montgomery **Distinguished Young Alumni**. He will explain how Atlantic Records is using design and technology to create powerful fan experiences and connect fans to their favorite artists in new and exciting ways. The class will be at 3 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library. Register for your favorite Back to College classes by the registration deadline of Oct. 14. To register, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (309) 556-3251.



*"Shades of Shreveport" by alumna Marjorie Kouns '79 will grace the Quad during Homecoming.*

**Honoring Sammy Scifres** - In many ways, Emeritus Associate Professor of Music Sammy G. Scifres has been a voice for Illinois Wesleyan for more than four decades. Scifres retired this spring after serving and leading IWU's voice department for 44 years. Alumni will return for a special tribute at Homecoming on Friday, Oct. 21 at 9 p.m. for a **performance to honor Scifres** in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St. Bloomington).

**Titanium: IWU's Biggest and Best Pep Rally Ever** - Kaotic Drumline will take the stage at the pep rally, which begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 at Illinois Wesleyan Stadium at Wilder Field (300 Titan Drive, Bloomington). Known for energetic, trick-filled, "don't try this at home" performances, Stampede plays everything from hip-hop to Latin.

Also at the pep rally, the 1996 Titan undefeated conference championship football team will be recognized during their 15th reunion celebration. The evening will end with fireworks and the annual Titan Games.

### **Saturday, Oct. 22**

**Family Fun on the Quad** - Boasted as an event for "kids from 2 to 102," the Eckley Quad will be host to activities for all ages on Saturday, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., featuring the IWU Pep Band and the IWU Museum Tent, highlighting more than 160 years of IWU history.

**Ryan A. Beaupre '95 Run/Walk** - Named in honor of the IWU alumnus who was the first Illinois soldier killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom, the fund-raising run will commence at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wilder Field. **Register** beforehand online or call (309) 556-3251, or register the day of the race. The annual Kid's Fun Run will precede the race.

**School of Nursing to Honor Distinguished Alumna** - Alice (Schrader) Gruber '62 will be honored as the 2011 **Distinguished Alumna for Excellence in Nursing** during the School of Nursing reception, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the Commons of the Center for Natural Science (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington).

**Opening of Time Capsule** - A ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. during which the **time capsule** rescued from the recently demolished Sheean Library will be opened at the IWU Museum Tent.

**Back to College Classes** - Back to College Classes will continue in Beckman Auditorium on Saturday. Fans of The Learning Channel's show "Hoarding: Buried Alive" can hear Patrick McGrath '93 discuss obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) at 8:30 a.m. McGrath is the director of the Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital's Center for Anxiety and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Program, and has been featured on the Discovery Health Channel's documentary "Anxious" and on "Hoarding: Buried Alive." He is the president of Anxiety Centers of Illinois, and president of OCD-Midwest, an affiliate of the International OCD Foundation.



*A ceremony on Saturday will reveal the contents of the old Sheean Library time capsule.*

IWU Student Senate Professor of the Year James House will teach a class at 9:30 a.m. titled "The Road to Writing." House, who has been with the Illinois Wesleyan Chemistry Department as an adjunct professor since 1997, will give ideas and inspiration to those who wish to become writers.

Bill Damaschke will present a class at 10:30 a.m. on animation highlighting such films as Academy Award®-winning blockbuster "Shrek" in 2001, Academy Award-nominated movies "Shrek" (2001) and "How to Train Your Dragon" (2010), as well as bringing "Shrek the Musical" to Broadway.

The classes with McGrath and Damaschke will be **available online**, live and on demand.



*Trace Hummel '12 and Jeremy Adams '12 join football teammates at the 2010 Titanium pep rally.*

**Football Game** - The IWU Titans will take on North Central College at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Illinois Wesleyan Tucci Stadium. For more information and tickets, go to the **IWU sports website**.

**Honoring James Dougan** - The IWU Psychology Department will hold a special reception **celebrating 50 years of psychology** at Illinois Wesleyan at 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research (201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). The event will include a tribute to beloved Professor James Dougan, who died earlier this year.

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

**All Campus Service** - Join the campus and new University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger for an all-denominational service at 10 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel, highlighted with a reunion performance of the IWU Co-Choir, directed by Professor Scott Ferguson.

**Memorial Concert** - The School of Music will hold a memorial concert for the late **Dr. C. Lawrence Campbell**, who served as a member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty for 33 years before his death on July 25. The concert will be at 11:30 a.m. in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 Park St., Bloomington).

Additional information on all Homecoming events can be found by calling the Alumni Office at (309) 556-3251, or going to **[www.titanpride.org](http://www.titanpride.org)**.

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