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## Inspiring Alumni to Share Stories During Inaugural Week

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Six inspiring and successful alumni will share their stories during an Alumni Showcase April 1 as part of activities and events surrounding the **inauguration of President Eric Jensen** at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The six alumni are: actor Kevin Dunn, a member of the Class of 1977; hedge fund analyst Marcus Dunlop '08; broadcast journalist and documentarian Demetria Kalodimos '81; Hall of Fame sportswriter Dave Kindred '63; healthcare executive and policy advisor Stephen Ondra, M.D. '80; and immigration attorney Carlina Tapia-Ruano '77.



Alumni Showcase Teaser



Kevin Dunn '77

Dunn has appeared in more than 80 films and television episodes. He plays “Ben Cafferty” on HBO’s *Veep*, which won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Comedy Series. He also portrays “Dr. Taylor” on the CBS medical drama *Code Black*, which has just been renewed for a second season. He played “Ron Witwicky” in the *Transformers* series of films; “Colonel Hicks” in *Godzilla*; and “Lt. Commander James Block” in the spoof *Hot Shots!* Other credits include the films: *Jobs* (2013); *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* (2008); *Live Free or Die* (2006); *Lions for Lambs* (2007); *I Heart Huckabees* (2004); and the Oliver Stone-directed *Nixon* (1995).

After graduating from IWU, Dunlop arrived on Wall Street in July 2008 to begin his dream job as an investment banking analyst for Goldman Sachs. Dunlop would then witness, firsthand, one of the biggest financial meltdowns in modern history just a few months later. Goldman Sachs alone cut some 3,200 jobs in the first of a series of layoffs in November 2008.

The following spring a former colleague recommended Dunlop for a job at a new hedge fund, HG Vora Capital Management, an opportunity where he could be more entrepreneurial. Dunlop and his team identify and evaluate potential investments for HG Vora.



Marcus Dunlop '08

Kalodimos has been a news anchor at WSMV-TV, Nashville’s NBC affiliate, since 1984. She’s won 15 Emmys, two National Headliner Awards, two Investigative Reporters and Editors National Awards, and a national citation from the American Women in Radio and Television, Inc.

She also formed her own documentary production company, Genuine Human Productions. The company’s films have won awards at several film festivals. She has also directed music videos for Americana artist Mary Gauthier and singer-songwriter Shawn Camp.



Demetria Kalodimos '81

National Hall of Fame sportswriter Kindred has covered every major sporting event in America, most of them multiple times. He is currently a contributing writer for *Golf Digest* following a career writing for the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *Sporting News*.

He is the author of 10 books, including *Sound and Fury*, a portrait of the decades-long friendship between Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell. Kindred has received accolades ranging from the Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism to the Associated Press Sports Editors Red Smith Award for lifetime excellence in sports journalism.



Dave Kindred '63



Stephen Ondra '80

Ondra is a nationally recognized surgeon who is currently senior vice president and chief medical officer at Health Care Service Corporation, the country's largest customer-owned health insurer. He was appointed by President Barack Obama as the senior policy advisor for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and also served in the Executive Office of the President.

Prior to serving in government, Ondra was chair of neurological surgery for Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He served in the U.S. Army in Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, earning a Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

Tapia-Ruano is a national leader in immigration law and has handled a broad range of family and employment-based immigration matters. She is former president of the

American Immigration Lawyers Association, the first Hispanic individual ever elected to the position.

She has testified before Congress on the USA Patriot Act and is a frequent lecturer on immigration law to attorneys throughout the country. A naturalized citizen who emigrated to the U.S. from Cuba, Tapia-Ruano has been listed in Woodward/White's Best Lawyers in America and has repeatedly been named a "Super Lawyer" in Illinois.



Carlina Tapia-Ruano '77

The Alumni Showcase will be held between 1 and 2 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center and is part of the **events surrounding the inauguration** of President Eric Jensen. The Showcase presentation is free and open to the public.