



Fall 9-27-2005

## Alumni Celebrate Homecoming, Honor 3 Alums

Mary Bible  
*Illinois Wesleyan University*

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/news>

---

### **Recommended Citation**

Bible, Mary, "Alumni Celebrate Homecoming, Honor 3 Alums" (2005). *News and Events*. 3529.

<https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/news/3529>

This Article is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It has been brought to you by Digital Commons @ IWU with permission from the rights-holder(s). You are free to use this material in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/ or on the work itself. This material has been accepted for inclusion by faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@iwu.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@iwu.edu).

©Copyright is owned by the author of this document.



Alums being honored during Homecoming 2005 include (clockwise from above left) Robert E. Davis '55, who will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award; June E. Schultz '44, the Loyalty Award; and William A. Brown '88, the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

### Alumni Celebrate Homecoming, Honor 3 Alums

September 27, 2005

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan will celebrate its 2005 Homecoming Week Oct. 7-9, and honor three of its alums. Robert E. Davis, class of 1955, will receive the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award, June E. Schultz, class of 1944, will receive the Loyalty Award and William A. Brown, class of 1988, will receive the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

The awards will be presented on Saturday at the 11:45 a.m. alumni luncheon in the Shirk Center (302 Emerson St., Bloomington).

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus/na who has made a distinguished contribution to society, has achieved professional distinction, or has demonstrated civic leadership. Davis, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from IWU, formed the R.E. Davis Chemical Corporation in 1962, whose primary business is chemical analysis both for industry and for public safety functions, such as fire departments and police departments. The corporation is considered one of the best-equipped facilities in terms of experience and instruments in the country.

Davis, recognized as the world's expert in the field of alkylation gasoline manufacturing, is often called upon to solve various chemical problems and testifies as an expert witness in trials throughout the country, which involve chemical questions. In 2004, the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association (NPRA) presented Davis with the Peter G. Andrews Lifetime Service Award, which honors the contributions made by members to the value and vitality of the NPRA Technology Q & A.

The Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award is named for a 1968 alumnus and former IWU Alumni Director (1970-73), in recognition of alumni within 15 years of their graduation for outstanding professional achievement, civic leadership, or both.

Brown, who majored in biology at IWU, received his doctorate of veterinary medicine with honors as well as an honorary bachelor of science in veterinary science from the University of Illinois. He is the CEO of Veterinary Cardiology Consultants (VCC), a cardiology only veterinary practice in Novi, Michigan. VCC provides cardiac diagnostic testing, cardiac critical care and remote consulting services to veterinarians in general practice annually to approximately 2,000 patients.

VCC also provides professional services to several biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies as well as clinical training in small animal cardiology to senior veterinary students from Michigan State University. He also serves as a consultant for the Detroit Zoological Park, Leader Dogs, Paws With A Cause, Bayer AG, Merck and Synbiotics.

The Loyalty Award recognizes alumni and friends who have benefited Illinois Wesleyan either through service to the University, strong financial support, or both. Schultz, who was a history major at IWU, worked for the Alumni Office for 12 years, serving as alumni director her last year at the University. She taught second grade at Washington School in Bloomington for 33 years with many IWU student teachers and was the advisor of the IWU Terrapin Club, teaching synchronized swimming and producing annual water shows for 22 years.

Schultz, who resides in Bloomington, has remained associated with the University over the years in many capacities: as an alumni contributor, volunteer worker and as an Alpha Gamma Delta (AGD) alumna advisor. She has co-chaired several class reunions and has been a class secretary for the past 11 years.

In the mid-90s Schultz donated to the University all of her father's rare books, special literary collection and photos, letters and autographs of famous people he had met. Her father, W. E. Schultz became the head of IWU's English department in 1934.

## Alumni Homecoming Activities

Other homecoming activities will include a special exhibit featuring selected materials from the Charles Merrill Smith Papers, including original manuscripts, photographs, correspondence and printed materials recently donated to the Tate Archives & Special Collections at The Ames Library, (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington). Smith was a Bloomington Wesley Methodist Church minister and a member of IWU's Board of Trustees. The exhibit will be open Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Later in the day from 2-4 p.m. there will be a book signing in The Ames Library's John Wesley Powell Rotunda showcasing *How the Bible Was Built* (Eerdmans Press), by James W. Bennett, class of 1964. Bennett has reworked a manuscript penned by Smith.

Todd French, class of 1993, who received the 2003 Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award will perform at 7:30 p.m. with the IWU Chamber Orchestra in the Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). French, who is the founder and president of StringWorks, one of the leading violin-family instrument retailers in the nation, will perform Haydn's Concerto in C major. The entrepreneur is a cellist with the Los Angeles Opera and the Los Angeles Master Chorale Sinfonia.

Also on Friday there will be a series of free lectures presented in the "Back to College" program. The 50-minute programs will include:

- "What Can the Gospel of Thomas Tell Us About the First Christians?," April DeConick, associate professor of religion, 9 a.m., Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library
- "Windows Security 101," Dena Strong, class of 1995, 10 a.m., Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library
- "Kiln-Fused Glass," Kevin Strandberg, professor of art, 10 a.m., The Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building, Room 111
- "Introduction to Hatha Style Yoga," Alison Hatcher, wellness yoga instructor, the Shirk Center north classroom
- "A Congressional Campaign Odyssey," Tari Renner, professor of political science, 11 a.m., Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library
- "The Heat is On," R. Given Harper, professor of biology, 1 p.m., Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library

There also will be an alumni and friends golf outing at 11 a.m. on Friday, at Prairie Vista Golf Course, (502 Sale Barn Road, Bloomington).

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. there will be tailgating in the Shirk Center parking lot and at 6:30 p.m. students will participate in the traditional Titan Games.

On Saturday at 8 a.m. there will be the Ryan A. Beaupre '95 5K Run/Fun Walk at the IWU Track located in the 400 block of E. Kelsey St., north of the Shirk Center.

Marine captain Ryan Beaupre, class of 1995, was one of the first U.S. casualties of the war in Iraq.

Throughout the morning the IWU Titan Band will perform on the steps of the

Sheean Library and there will be family activities, including a classic car display. Also the IWU women's golf team will play for their fourth straight championship at 10 a.m. at the Pontiac Elks Golf Club in Pontiac.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be a complimentary Homecoming luncheon in the Shirk Center's Performance Gym, followed by the IWU versus North Central football game at 1:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday, there will be special reception for art alumni, from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). Light refreshments will be served.

The Post-Reunion Party with special music provided by the IWU Jazz Band under the direction of IWU Professor of Brass Instruments and Theory Tom Streeter, will be at 9 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center (Veterans Parkway at Brickyard Dr., Bloomington).

On Sunday at 10 a.m., there will be the All-University Homecoming Service in Evelyn Chapel (1301 Park St., Bloomington), followed at 11 a.m. with the Minority Alumni Network Recognition Ceremony and Service in the chapel.

To sign up for the alumni events, contact Mary Bible, events coordinator at (309) 556-3091.