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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and Sisters Actively Visualizing Vitality and Intellect (SAVVI) are co-sponsoring Yasmin Shiraz to visit campus as part of Women's History Month on Tuesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington).

The event is free and open to the public.

Shiraz will speak about "The Impact of Women's Self Esteem on College Life and Career Choices," focusing on women's empowerment in an effort to move away from a society that discourages women.

Shiraz is a motivational speaker who speaks about issues such as transitioning into womanhood, decision-making skills for young people, self-awareness as power, and entrepreneurship. She has published several books, including *The Blueprint For My Girls* empowerment series, which deals with girls' self esteem and sexuality.

Shiraz has been featured in *Essence* and *Ebony* magazines and has presented her work to college campuses, sororities, social organizations, and political organizations such as the NAACP. In her work as a journalist, Shiraz has interviewed celebrities such as Sean "P.Diddy" Combs, Jay-Z, Jada Pinkett-Smith, Nas, Queen Latifah and the late Johnnie Cochran. For several years, she owned the most successful urban entertainment magazine on college campuses, *Mad Rhythms*, which reached more than four million students. She has also written articles for such respected publications as *Black Enterprise*, *Upscale*, *Impact*, and *Electronic Urban Report*.

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