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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The campus community at Illinois Wesleyan University will shine a light on the talents of its own next week with a new series of workshops called “IWU’s Got Talent.”

“This is a way we can enjoy bringing faculty, staff and students together, and applaud the talents we have that may not readily be known,” said Illinois Wesleyan’s Associate Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Educational Studies Irv Epstein.

Nineteen volunteers from campus will lead special workshops that highlight the hobbies and activities in which they participate. Workshops include such subjects as faculty showing how to ride a unicycle, or teach African drumming; staff members giving great golf tips, or faculty and staff offering instruction on how to bake chocolate truffles; and students discussing Amnesty International cases, or exploring the guerilla art movement through an open journal project that swept the campus this spring.

“We are a community dedicated to the art of teaching,” said Epstein, “and for us that means learning occurs in many different ways that go beyond the curricula.”

The three-days of workshops from May 11-13 are sponsored by the Mellon Center on campus, with assistance by the IWU Wellness Center and the Illinois Wesleyan Office of Student Affairs. As Epstein stated, “In many ways we are all teachers, and we are all students. Events like this remind us of that.”