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Please note change of speaker for New Student Convocation and the location is Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 19, Illinois Wesleyan University's class of 2012 will officially "turn Titan." The University's annual "Turning Titan: New Student Orientation" is designed to acclimate incoming first-year students to academic, residential and social aspects of college life. Titan Orientation will culminate on Sunday, Aug. 24, and classes will begin the following Monday.

The Titan Orientation **schedule** combines support services with entertainment, offering events such as "Traditions Night," where students can socialize while learning about the University's history, and "Real World 101," an onstage send-up of common student anxieties.

Other key events will include: **New Student Convocation**, an address to be delivered by McFee Professor of Religion and Humanities Brian Hatcher; "One Stop Shop: a Campus and Community Resource Fair," which introduces students to local businesses and other services; and the **Summer Reading Program**, which invites students, faculty and staff to critically discuss a common literary work. This year's selection is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, a celebrated bestseller by Mark Haddon. The novel chronicles the experience of a young boy with Asperger's Syndrome who investigates the murder of a neighbor's dog.

Recently appointed Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Orientation Services **Blake Bradley** will join Illinois Wesleyan first-years in turning Titan. "I'm looking forward to interacting with the students, some of whom I've already talked with over the phone and through e-mails," said Bradley. "I'm very optimistic about this orientation. Getting the opportunity to be there for new students is one of the reasons I went into this field."

Bradley cites the 40-plus **Titan Orientation Leaders (TOLs)** as the main component of the program's success. Comprised of juniors and seniors, the TOLs are paired with student groups and serve to facilitate community building, as well as answer questions. "The Titan

Orientation Leaders are an enormous help, and we hope to continue expanding and redefining their roles in the future,” said Bradley.

For additional information about Turning Titan Orientation, contact Bradley at (309) 556-3555 or visit the University Web site at www.iwu.edu.