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Event: Illinois Wesleyan's Associates Luncheon featuring a speech by Norm Wesley, chairman and chief executive officer of Fortune Brands, Inc.

Date: May 8 (Thursday)

Time: Noon

Location: Shirk Center, 302 Emerson St., Bloomington

Background: Norm Wesley is chairman of the board of Fortune Brands, Inc., the \$8 billion consumer products company with premier brands including Jim Beam, Sauza, Courvoisier, Titleist, Moen and Master Lock.

From December 1999 through December 2007, he served as chief executive officer as well as chairman. Prior to becoming chairman and CEO, Wesley was the company's president and chief operating officer. For more than ten years he led the company's office products unit, which Fortune Brands spun off to shareholders in 2005. He became CEO of the company's largest business, home & hardware, in 1997.

He serves on the corporate boards of ACCO Brands Corporation, R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company and Pactiv Corporation. Wesley's commitment to community and philanthropic causes includes serving as chairman of the board of Junior Achievement of Chicago and as a Trustee of the Glenwood School. He also serves on the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago and on the board of the Executives' Club of Chicago.

Wesley, who earned a B.S. in finance and an M.B.A. from the University of Utah, has been the recipient of the ADL's Torch of Liberty Award and the City of Hope's Spirit of Life Award.

The Illinois Wesleyan Associates, formed in 1953, is a group of business and professional leaders interested in the advancement and support of private higher education. The Associates invest in the University, provide internships and job opportunities for Illinois Wesleyan students, as well as financial support for students from McLean County.

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