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Titan Pride to Shine at Illinois Wesleyan Homecoming

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's Homecoming 2009 will be a weekend of Titan pride. Events will run from Thursday, Oct. 8 to Sunday, Oct. 11.

Thursday, Oct. 8

A special screening of *Transformers – Revenge of the Fallen* will be hosted by actor and alumnus Kevin Dunn, who appears in the movie, will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington). After the film, Dunn will host a question and answer session along with his mentor, Illinois Wesleyan Professor Emeritus of Theatre John Ficca. The screening is free and open to the public. The movie is rated PG-13.

Dunn also plans to host the Alumni Awards Lunch later in the weekend.

Friday, Oct. 9

Titanium Pep Rally will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Wilder Field. The night will begin with the football team leading the crowd in the fight song, followed by the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen by President Richard F. Wilson. Comedian Kyle Cease, featured on the one-hour comedy special "Kyle Cease: Weirder. Blacker. Dimpler." last year on Comedy Central, will perform as a part of the pep rally. His performance may not be suitable for children, but childcare will be available for a fee at Rogy's Learning Place (900 Franklin Ave., Normal). Childcare registration can be done at www.rogys.com. A fireworks display will follow this performance.

Back to College classes will be on Friday in the Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington). The classes, which are free and open to the public, will include:

- *Abraham Lincoln's Reading – a lesson in the Liberal Arts*; Presented by Robert Bray, R. Forrest Colwell Professor of American Literature; 1 p.m.
- *Universal Jurisdiction*; Presented by Arman Dabiri '94, Robert M. Montgomery, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award-winner; 2 p.m.

- *Will China dominate the world's geo-political balance by 2050, or will it happen sooner than that?*; Presented by Lawrence Herbolsheimer '72, Distinguished Alumnus Award-winner; 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

A special Saturday morning Back to College Class will also be held this year, titled *What's the Twitter about IWU?*, presented by George Vinyard '71, president of the Illinois Wesleyan Board of Trustees and Carl Teichman '80, Illinois Wesleyan director of government community relations. The class, which is open to the public, will be held at 9 a.m.

A newly expanded event – the Fall into the Arts Fine Arts & Fine Craft Fair – will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the Eckley Quadrangle.

Family Fun on the Quad will also take place on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will include the Titan Pep Band, Tommy the Titan, face painters and balloon artists. This event is free and open to the public.

The homecoming football game will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday as Illinois Wesleyan faces Millikin on Wilder Field. For ticket prices, visit www.iwusports.com.

Sunday, Oct. 11

The homecoming festivities will conclude Sunday, Oct. 11 with an All-University Homecoming Service at Evelyn Chapel (1301 Park St., Bloomington). This service will include a new program titled Met & Married where alumni couples that met at Illinois Wesleyan are invited to renew their vows.

Several reunion parties and dinners will take place throughout the weekend. There will also be award programs to honor alumni during this year's Homecoming.

Illinois Wesleyan students will spend the week competing in Homecoming activities including window painting, a capture the flag tournament and lip sync contest.

For additional information about Illinois Wesleyan Homecoming events, contact the alumni office at (309) 556-3251 or visit www.titanpride.org.