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# Media Advisory

**Event:** 

Founders' Day Convocation

Annual campus wide assembly marking establishment of

Illinois Wesleyan University in 1850

Keynote Speaker:

Rebie R. Kingston

Director, Office of Guidance, Detroit Public Schools

**Topic:** Wade McCree Jr. Scholarship Incentive Program; Kingston helped establish the innovative high school mentoring and college scholarship program in 1986 that prepares inner-city, minority, and other students for entry and retention in college. Twenty-eight Detroit high schools and 1,000 students participate in the program run by Kingston's office, as well as 10 public universities in Michigan and Illinois Wesleyan University. Kingston is a member of IWU's Board of Trustees. Program is named for famed Detroitarea attorney, judge, community leader, and Solicitor General under President Jimmy Carter. Solicitor General is the U.S. Justice Department's third-ranking official and argues the U.S. case before the Supreme Court of the United States.

**Special** 

**Announcement:** A new mentorship-scholarship program--modeled on the McCree program--linking the Chicago Public Schools and the Associated Colleges of Illinois, a group of 24 private campuses, including Illinois Weslevan: Details are embargoed until, 11 a.m. (CT), Wednesday, Feb. 14. The announcement will be made by:

Harold R. Wilde

President, North Central College, Naperville, Ill., and Secretary,

Associated Colleges of Illinois

(more)

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Honorary Degree

**Recipients:** 

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees will be awarded to three

individuals for their lifetime contributions as youth and education

advocates:

Rebie R. Kingston

Nancy Stevenson

Chief Executive Officer, Voices for Illinois Children, Chicago

Wife of former U.S. Sen. Adlai Stevenson (D-III.)

Silas Purnell

Executive Director of Educational Services, Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Chicago

**Note:** Purnell has helped more than 40,000 African-American men and women enroll in about 200 campuses over the last 30 years.

Date:

Feb. 14 (Wednesday)

Time:

11 a.m. (CT)

**Location:** 

Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall

303 E. University St., Bloomington

**Admission:** 

Founders' Day Convocation is open to the public, free admission;

The Convocation is open for news media coverage