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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Equipment and furniture from the former science building at Illinois Wesleyan University are being recycled for the benefit of area elementary and high school students, as well as a local community service organization.

Sixteen schools and the organization are receiving desks, lab tables and benches, microscope cabinets, chairs, chalk boards, file cabinets, textbooks, and other equipment at no cost or at bargain basement prices, according to Kenneth C. Browning, IWU's vice president for business and finance.

Sherff Hall served as IWU's science building for three decades until the \$25 million Center for Natural Science Learning and Research opened last fall. IWU's new science center houses teaching and research facilities for biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, psychology, and mathematics.

"We are planning to remodel Sherff Hall from a science building to a faculty office building," Browning said. "This put us in the position of having some unneeded equipment and furniture we thought area schools might be able to put to good use. We received an enthusiastic response from local school officials. I'm glad we could help them out. This also reinforces in a big way our campus' commitment to recycling."

Illinois schools and organizations receiving IWU equipment are:

- Bloomington Public Schools, District 87, Bloomington
- Blue Ridge Community Unit School District No. 18, Heath
- Blue Ridge Mansfield Elementary School, Mansfield
- Central Catholic High School, Bloomington
- Community Unit District No. 10, Gridley
- Dwight Public Schools, Dwight, Ill.
- LeRoy Community Unit School, LeRoy
- McLean County Unit 5, Normal
- Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, Stanford
- Pontiac-Esmon District 430, Pontiac
- Pontiac Community Consolidated School District No. 429, Pontiac
- Pontiac Township High School, Pontiac
- Prairie Central Community Unit No. 8, Forrest
- Saunemin Elementary School, Saunemin
- Tri-Valley Junior-Senior High School, Downs

- Woodland Community Unit District No. 5, Streator
- The Baby Fold, Normal, an organization involved in adoption and other services for disadvantaged youngsters.

IWU received about \$11,000 for the equipment and furniture. The surplus IWU furniture and equipment will be picked up by the schools by March 8.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,850 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition.

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