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## Media Advisory : 51 students attending District 87 Sports & Scholars Program

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**Event:** Three classes of 51 students are attending the District 87 **Sports & Scholars Program** at Illinois Wesleyan University. For 12 of the participants, this will be their 4<sup>th</sup> year in the program under the direction of Diane Stempinski and Jeff Lockenvitz, with Narendra Jaggi and Linda Kunce serving as tutors. IWU students also are helping with the camp.

**Date:** Sunday, June 20-Friday, June 25.

**Sponsors:** State Farm Insurance Companies and IWU. Events during the academic school year are sponsored by GTE.

**Background:** The Sports & Scholars Program has been hosted by IWU every summer since 1996. The program was designed by IWU professors and administrators in collaboration with individuals representing State Farm Insurance Companies, GTE, and Bloomington School District 87.

The goal of the program is to identify students who appear to be performing below their academic potential and provide them with the support and skills necessary for them to excel in life.

With an emphasis on teamwork, the Sports & Scholars program helps build character, and participating students will have the opportunity to enhance their writing skills, discover the basic elements of physics, learn more about computers and the Internet, and prepare for ACT testing. Students also will learn lessons that are designed to build self-confidence and other interpersonal skills.

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