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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--One hundred and thirty-one African-American honor roll students attending seven Bloomington-Normal junior and senior high schools will be honored for their academic achievements March 21 at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The 4 p.m. ceremony in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center is sponsored by Neighbor-to-Neighbor, a Bloomington-Normal community group; the "Pantagraph"; and IWU's Black Student Union.

The youngsters, who will be accompanied to the ceremony by their parents and others, attend Chiddix Junior High School, Parkside Junior High School, Normal Community High School, University High, Central Catholic High School, Bloomington Junior High School, and Bloomington High School.

"The African-American Student Recognition Day gives IWU the opportunity to participate in a community-wide activity that honors important achievements of Black youth in the Bloomington-Normal area. Through programs like this, IWU, Neighbor-to-Neighbor, and the 'Pantagraph' want to reward and encourage the talented and bright minds of the community's African-American children."

Highlighting the awards ceremony will be the presentation of special certificates of achievement to the honor roll students by members of IWU's Black Student Union. The program also will feature remarks by IWU President Minor Myers, jr., Neighbor-to-Neighbor Executive Director Barbara Malone, and "Pantagraph" Publisher John Goldrick. The program will include musical selections and remarks by various area ministers.

Honor roll students attending the March 21 awards ceremony will be invited back to the IWU campus April 25 for a bonus event, featuring a three-hour hands-on computer education program involving IWU faculty and staff. The students will have a chance to use some of the latest computer and other teaching technology housed in IWU's Buck Memorial Library. They also will have dinner with their IWU hosts. Following dinner, the students will be joined by their parents for a session focusing on how to finance a college education led by James Ruoti, IWU's dean of admissions.