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This poster presentation highlights the use of photographs and ethnographic interviews to explore the issues African college students face as they adjust to life in the U.S., as well as to life at Illinois Wesleyan University. Through the photographs and personal accounts, the research consultants explain the difficulties they have experienced as well as the people, places, and things that have made their adjustment experiences easier. In light of the increasing number of International students on the IWU campus, this presentation is a timely examination of what can be done to make the transition to life in the U.S. easier for International students. The poster is designed to spark discussion about these issues among the IWU community as well as to motivate American students to do what they can to educate themselves about the personal experiences and patterns uncovered in the research.