



TITANS AROUND THE WORLD IWU HOMECOMING OCT. 13-15



Harkening back to the early 1900s, Homecoming has been a college tradition that brings alums back to campus to cheer on the old alma mater. Here at IWU, Homecoming weekend is filled with a plethora (yes, a plethora) of activities! Football, pep bands, speakers, Back to College classes, a Peace Garden farm stand, the Museum of IWU History tent, Family Fun on the Quad, an arboretum tour, art exhibits, tailgating. Seriously, it's a plethora of awesome stuff! Plus, IWU has a terrific football team this year! TGOE!

See the full list of activities [here](#).
Of special note is the annual



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Ed Studies Brunch to be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 11:00-noon in the CLA 3rd Floor Commons area. Do

stop by for some tasty treats and mingling with current and former Ed Studies students! Trade stories, ideas, recipes, jokes. It's all about community, and we can't wait to see you! (Seriously—stop by. Those tasty baked goods won't keep.)



But wait! There's more! Come to the Homecoming Brunch with Ed Studies and enjoy a Photo Booth with—you guessed it—Teacher Props! Super fun!

WELCOME BACK TO KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM!

Welcome Back! By now, we hope you're settled into a routine and are fully immersed in your courses. Be honest—it feels kind of good to be learning new, fascinating information, right? Indeed, it is quite a privilege to have access to information and the opportunity to learn, unencumbered. Of course, while you can rest assured that the information you learn in your classes is, you know, accurate, the same cannot be said for some social media sites. If we've learned anything in this new digital age, it's to be skeptical of news that comes from questionable or undefined sources. "Whatever are you talking about?" you might ask. Well, apparently there are all kinds of tasty tidbits of information making the rounds in social media that are categorically false. "False?!" you gasp. Indeed, say

we!

Don't believe us? Then try your hand at identifying the true statement from the "facts" listed below, and yes, only **one** of these statements is true.

- ◆ Einstein failed at math in school.
- ◆ George Washington's teeth were made of wood.
- ◆ Fred Rogers from Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood was once a Navy Seal sniper and had many tattoos.
- ◆ The Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery must go the rest of their lives never swearing or drinking alcohol.
- ◆ Illinois Wesleyan University is located in Bloomington, Illinois.

Well, how did you do? Be honest, now. If you're like most of us, you thought at least two or more of the statements above were true. Sadly, only the last statement is true. Don't believe us? Try checking these facts by searching the website [Snopes](#). If you haven't already discovered Snopes, might we suggest that you make a habit of checking facts through this handy reference site? Now, go forth and be amazing (and accurate). Oh, just as a reminder: IWU's mission is Scientia et Sapientia: Knowledge and Wisdom.



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Promise Councils

A Promise to Help Schools Help Kids

If you're new to Ed Studies (and even if you aren't), you may not have heard of Promise Councils. Well, you will definitely want to know about this unique organization. As their motto indicates, Promise Councils have a central goal of providing support to local students to remove obstacles that might interfere with their academic success. What does that mean? Glad you asked! Here's an example: If a teacher notices that a student needs new glasses, for instance, that teacher notifies the school's Promise Council. The Promise Council then notifies via email all Promise Council volunteers of the need and Poof!--the volunteers fill the need.

A few of our faculty members serve on local Promise Councils, and we've heard tell that at times, almost before they finish reading the email about a student need, the need has been filled by another Promise Council volunteer. Promise Councils are a heartening indication of the caring community that is Bloomington-Normal. Interested in learning more about Promise Councils? Check out their [website](#). Oh, and get this! A group of passionate, leadership-minded students at Bloomington High School started their own Promise Council. How cool is that?! Just another reason we love education.

Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world.
~Maria Montessori

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: SHAPING THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF AMERICA

As if the impending fall isn't enough reason to celebrate, there's also **Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15**. During Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the many contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. Hispanic Heritage Month started back in 1968 according to the Hispanic Heritage Month website, found [here](#). Why does it start in the middle of September, you ask? Great question! September 15 is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicara-

gua. Also celebrating their independence during this time block are Mexico, Chile, and Belize. It seems fitting that we celebrate Hispanic heritage, as 17% of the American population is made up of people of Hispanic or Latino origin—that's about 55 million people! What a great way to celebrate our nation's diversity!

CELEBRATE
Hispanic Heritage Month



Hey, you! Want to hear some corny jokes?

Q: What would bears be without bees?

A: Ears! (Get it? Because bears without bs. . .)

Q: What do you call a shoe made out of a banana?

A: A slipper (Bah, ha, ha!)

Q: How did the barber win the race?

A: He knew a short cut. (See what we did there?)



Ed Studies World

Travelers

Ed Studies students Yesenia Martinez Calderon and Linh Le weren't content to hang out in good ol' Bloomington, IL. Nope, they each set off to different parts of the world to expand their learning experiences. Yesenia completed an internship at a middle school in Mexico. Said Yesenia, "Mexico was an amazing experience! I truly recommend for anyone to enrich their experience as a teacher. IWU is fortunate to have this connection with Robert Callahan (the principal at the middle school). The staff at this school is very welcoming! In addition, my co-op teacher was one of the best people I have worked with. I feel like I'm prepared to teach in a real classroom and this experience enhanced my academic experience."

And Linh Le said of her Freeman Internship in Thailand, "I interned at EarthRights International School which focuses on empowering and educating lawyers, teachers, activists, and community leaders to fight for local human rights and Earth rights. My job was to record the lesson plans and provide ESL support for the students, so not only did I get to work with the staff and learn how to organize a classroom and plan lessons, but I also worked closely with the students, mentoring and giving extra English classes at night." Linh noted, "Working in such a diverse environment increased my awareness of other cultures and taught me to see beyond our differences." To learn more about Linh's experiences, see her post on our Ed Studies Facebook page!



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