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Dear Prefname,

Greetings! I hope your summer is going well and that you are finding time to rest and recharge for another productive year at Illinois Wesleyan. We are expecting about 500 new students on campus August for Turning Titan orientation. Faculty and staff are working together to arrange class schedules and housing for the newest members of the IWU community, in addition to preparing for your return and the first day of classes on August 24.

I know you are looking forward to your senior year at Illinois Wesleyan, when so many of the things you’ve worked for over the past few years will come to fruition. Here are some points to consider as your final year begins:

- **Senior Fall Credit Check an Application for Graduation:** When you return to campus the Registrar’s Office will be contacting you by email regarding the pick-up and completion of your senior fall credit check form and your Application for Graduation. Please review your Degree Evaluation with your advisor and complete the Application for Graduation online. Contact the Registrar’s Office if you have questions (registrar@iwu.edu or 309-556-3161).

- **Post-Baccalaureate Scholarships:** If you are considering applying for post-baccalaureate scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Watson, and others, remember that the deadlines in most cases are very early fall. To learn more about these opportunities, including specific deadlines, criteria and faculty liaisons, contact Associate Provost, Dr. Frank Boyd (fboyd@iwu.edu, 309-556-3255). [http://www.iwu.edu/associate provost/fellowships.html](http://www.iwu.edu/associate provost/fellowships.html).

- **Visit the Hart Career Center:** The Hart Career Center will provide you with information to help you structure your senior year to prepare for graduation. Staff members are available to provide a wealth of resources for you, from professional school testing, resume development, and interview preparation to providing you with a network of alumni who will help you as you explore jobs and graduate schools. Regardless of your minor, these services are available to you. Visit the Career Center website at www.iwu.edu/ccenter or contact the office anytime at 309-556-3071.

- **Gearing up for Graduation:** In January, the President’s Office will coordinate a couple of days where representatives are on campus to take orders for your cap and gown for the May 1, 2016 ceremony, and to purchase class rings and graduation announcements.

- **IWU Community Read:** An Unlikely Disciple by Kevin Roose is the summer reading selection for new students and the campus community. In addition, the author will be on-campus on September 9 for the President’s Convocation, 11am. This book embodies IWU’s 2015-16 intellectual theme Nation(s) Divided? as it unpacks the simplistic assumption that America is experiencing a two-sided war between forces of inclusion and exclusion. For more information, visit: [http://www.iwu.edu/advising/reading/](http://www.iwu.edu/advising/reading/).

When you return to campus, you will notice a few exciting things.

*Campus Diversity:* This past year was an exciting year for our commitment to educating for diversity. Over 70 programs were sponsored throughout the year to help all students prepare to live and work in a diverse global society. If you missed 3D Thursday, the International Film series, ReligiousiTEA, the Human Rights workshop or other opportunities, I encourage you to make these programs a priority this year. Please do all you can to develop global friendships, be inclusive in your class work and student organizations, and learn to lead in a global society.

*Intellectual Theme:* The campus intellectual theme for this year is *Nation(s) Divided?* Within the world, global conversations are taking place around: immigration and emigration, environment and human impact, threats and risks to global health, economic and political instability, freedom of expression as it intersects with faith and religion, and constructions of human identity and self-understanding, just to name a few. These conversations have the potential to unite or to divide us as nations and as individuals, but we have an opportunity to achieve mutual and holistic understanding through nuanced, thoughtful exploration in the best tradition of the liberal arts. [http://www.iwu.edu/nations-divided/](http://www.iwu.edu/nations-divided/)
**Hart Career Center**: As the economy continues to improve, we consistently monitor career trends to ensure that we are able to assist you in meeting your career goals. The Hart Career Center embraces a service-delivery model that emphasizes career development, career engagement/experiences, and career technologies. Our staff are also developing career field specialties to maximize our network of alumni to your benefit. Please visit Warren Kistner, Laurie Diekhoff, or our new Assistant Director of Career Development, Abby Reel, this fall.

**Campus grounds and facilities projects:**
- **Shirk Center Addition**: Construction began this Spring on a two-story addition to the Shirk Center that will double the size of our fitness facilities, provide multipurpose rooms for fitness classes and team use, and add team locker room space. Thanks to the Shirk family and other supporters this $6.5 million project will be funded entirely with private funds.
- **Egbers Quad**: The North Quad area behind State Farm Hall was officially dedicated as the Egbers Quad thanks to a generous donation by the Egbers family. The Egbers Quad features a new water sculpture named "Aspiration". This contemporary sculpture was designed by Giles Raynor, leading international water designer and sculptor.
- **Inter-faith prayer space**: Thanks to the Merwin family, on August 27, we will celebrate our commitment to faith development and inclusion by dedicating a renovated Inter-faith prayer space in the Memorial Center. Please plan to join us for the dedication and think about how you might make greater use of this reflective, meditative, prayerful space.
- **Residence halls**: Dodds will get a new roof this summer. ITS is installing additional wireless equipment in several residence halls to increase wireless coverage as a result of student feedback.

**Technology updates**: ITS Help Desk will move to Ames third floor. In-person support or service for personal equipment can be received at the Help Desk in the Thorpe Center (Ames 300). Phone support at (309)556-3900, and online support at [http://help.iwu.edu](http://help.iwu.edu), is available as always. ITS is implementing a new authentication system to improve security and simplify signing-on to multiple systems. Part of the project requires everyone to change their password used to access IWU services. You will receive details on when to change and improve your password security this summer.

**Presidential Search**: As you know, President Wilson announced his retirement in December, 2014 and agreed to stay with us through this Fall. The Presidential Search committee continues their work in selecting our next president. For more information, [www.iwu.edu/presidentialsearch/](http://www.iwu.edu/presidentialsearch/).

**Nuts and Bolts:**
- **Vehicle Registration/Parking permit**: Please complete the form and stop by Security to pick up your decal.
- **Health Insurance**: In June, you received a reminder about the mandatory health insurance and the process for waiving the insurance. Please make sure you either verify existing coverage no later than August 28 or be prepared to have the $1584 bill added to your IWU account.
- **Off Campus contact information**: If you are living off-campus, please log into MyHousing and update your off-campus address so that important information can be sent to you by mail. The student planner and a collection of off-campus resources and supports are available for you to pick up in the Dean of Students Office (Holmes 103).

Two items for your calendar: First, Titan Carnival, Saturday, August 22 will kick-off some fun “welcome week” programming. Welcome Week will include the RSO Fair, Epic Rap Battles and an Improv Comedy group. And … before you forget it, ask your parents, brothers, sisters, and other family members to mark September 18-20 on their calendars and make plans to visit you at Illinois Wesleyan for **Family Weekend**. We are planning fun activities for everyone. For more details, visit [http://www.iwu.edu/activities/FamilyWeekend.html](http://www.iwu.edu/activities/FamilyWeekend.html).

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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