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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Bloomington Junior High School (BJHS) students will visit Illinois Wesleyan Friday, April 11 for their annual field trip to the campus as part of the Promise and Potential Program. Throughout the day the students will take a tour of the campus, hear lectures by IWU professors and participate in a talk with student athletes.

The Promise and Potential Program began in 2001 with a grant from State Farm Insurance Company. It is a partnership between the Educational Studies Department and the BJHS Jump program. The partnership is designed to improve the educational achievement of struggling middle school students, provide an opportunity for IWU students to engage in community service and develop their skills working with youth and to support the professional development of teachers.

Part of the of Promise and Potential program is the Coaches Mentor Program, which pairs IWU students with BJHS students during school hours for tutoring and mentoring activities. The goals of the Coaches Mentor Program are to support long-term social, emotional and academic development of BJHS students, to improve the student's chances of success in school and to help students realize their promise.

For more information please contact Robin Leavitt, professor and chair of Educational Studies Department, at rleavitt@iwu.edu. For more information on the Promise and Potential Program visit the Web site at <http://www2.iwu.edu/edstudies/Promise/index.shtml>.