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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—This summer 12 Illinois Wesleyan students will focus on professional and personal growth as part of the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). The program is open to current Multiracial, African-American, Latino-Hispanic, Asian-American, Native American (MALANA) and international students.

Throughout the 10-week program students will live on campus and take part in volunteer projects and cultural trips. There will also be team-building and leadership training workshops held once a week.

As part of the program, students have the opportunity to work in a paid internship with non-profit organizations and Bloomington-Normal businesses that relate to their future career plans.

In addition to the internship, SEP participants will work together on a community service project. This year's theme, "Shedding Light on Shadows," reflects the activist approach the group will take in raising awareness on declining graduation rates of high school students.

The SEP program is an initiative of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. The 2015 SEP participants include:

- Miriah Burns '16, Normal, accounting
- Jennifer Carter, '17, Chicago, accounting major
- Lizbeth Garcia '16, Glendale Heights, nursing major
- Will James '16, Champaign, psychology major
- Yolanda Juarez '17, Chicago, mathematics major
- Chaunta Love '16, Normal, psychology major
- Ojaswee Shrestha, '18, an international student from Nepal, environmental studies major
- Tia Sims '17, Harvey, English-literature major
- Ashley Spain '16, Chicago, elementary education major
- Jordan Staley '17, West Hartford, Connecticut, philosophy and political science major
- Kathy Tun '16, Spring Valley, biology major
- Lali Valdivia '16, West Chicago, French & Francophone studies major

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