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*The Business/Education Partnership of Sangamon County presents....*

### **Dr. B. Joseph White, President of the University of Illinois “Brilliant Futures for America’s Children, Home and Family Imperatives”**

Date: **Friday, November 7, 2009**  
**Doors open at 11:45 a.m.**  
**Program 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Location: University of Illinois at Springfield  
Public Affairs Center (PAC)  
Lower Level – Conference Room C&D

Additional Information: University of Illinois President B. Joseph White will survey the landscape of American childhood, touching briefly on early childhood development, K-12 education, and health care, before focusing on the role of the family and home environment in creating brilliant futures for America’s children. He will answer the question, “what can parents do to increase their child’s academic achievement while also helping them to be happy, healthy, and productive?” White will talk about fatherhood, family conflict, sibling relationships, and children living in poverty, showcasing research being done at the University of Illinois.

Note to Media: Media are invited to attend the event and Dr. White will be available for comment following the event.

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The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is focused on enhancing the business climate and promoting and stimulating economic development in Sangamon County for the benefit of its members and the community. The Quantum Growth Partnership (Q5) is an initiative by The Chamber, local governments, labor and business leaders, to build wealth, unity and prosperity in Sangamon County, with 4,500 new, retained and expanded jobs and \$2.6 billion in wealth by 2012.

The Business/Education Partnership of Sangamon County (BEP) is an affiliate of The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. BEP includes the educational community, the business community and other stakeholders to provide the highly skilled, literate and productive workforce necessary to support a successful economic development environment.

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