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Madalyn Browning-Perry is a senior Political Science major with a minor Economics. During her time at IWU, she has been an active member in Sigma Kappa Sorority and the Illinois Wesleyan Admissions office. In the past, Maddie worked diligently on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and interned with Bloomington local government. These substantive experiences allowed Maddie to further develop as a student, as citizen, and as an individual. In order to further feed her intellectual curiosity, she has applied to, and is currently interviewing, for the James H. Dunn Memorial Fellowship and the ILSIP through University of Illinois at Springfield. Maddie hopes to continue her work in government administration and public policy that promotes the public good and is also transformational to society.

Preslav Mantchev is a senior Political Science and International Studies double-major also minoring in Economics. Last summer he served Illinois constituents as a community outreach intern in Senator Dick Durbin's Chicago office. On campus, his most recent involvements include establishing an alumni advisory board for Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) and serving as the fraternity's Scholarship Chairman. Preslav also writes occasional columns for the Argus newspaper. He will be pursuing a J.D. at the University of Illinois College of Law next fall. Preslav's work in this journal is dedicated to his late grandfather, who sparked his initial interest in studying the military.

Ally Daskalopoulos is a junior political science and Hispanic studies double major. During her time at Illinois Wesleyan, Ally has been an active member of Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society), Alpha Lambda Delta (National Freshman Honor Society), and the National Society of Leadership and Success. In the past, Ally has also been a staff writer for the Argus. Currently, Ally serves as the chapter president for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and volunteers regularly at the McLean County State's Attorney's Office. Ally is an intern for State's Attorney, Jason Chambers, and spends ten hours a week working at the Law and Justice Building in Bloomington. Ally spends her summers in Nashville, Tennessee where she has also interned at the Davidson County District Attorney's Office, as well as the Madison County Police Department. She hopes to study abroad in Spain during the upcoming spring semester and pursue her dream of attending law school upon graduation.

Jordan Gagnon is a senior Political Science major with a Psychology minor. During his time on campus, Jordan has served as an officer of Tau Kappa Epsilon and been actively involved with Colleges Against Cancer. He spent a year serving as a Legislative Intern to State Senator Jason Barickman of the 53rd district.

Yige Chen is a senior Political Science major. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha (the National Political Science Honor Society) and Alpha Lambda Delta National Freshman Honor Society. During the spring semester of 2016, Yige studied abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, United Kingdom. While in the UK, he interned at the Committee of Sports and Health in the Scottish Parliament, and also completed an independent study project on the performance of smoking control policy in Scotland and UK.