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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Amy Buenning, an International Studies and political science double major at Illinois Wesleyan from Palatine, Ill., has been awarded the Technos International Prize by the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust in Japan. The public announcement of the award was made at the Illinois Wesleyan Honors Convocation on April 13.

The prize is given to a graduating senior at Illinois Wesleyan for outstanding academic performance and commitment to the cause of international understanding. This is the 13th year the award has been presented to an Illinois Wesleyan student.

The Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust was founded by Kenji Tanaka, a Japanese businessman and honorary Illinois Wesleyan trustee who is committed to improving and promoting international relations around the world.

While selection of the award recipient is up to the discretion of the University, it is preferred that the student be connected by studies or activities to the international spirit of the award.

Buenning, who spent her junior year studying abroad at Worcester College of Oxford University, was a 2004 winner of a prestigious Truman Scholarship, which recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the non-profit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the public service.

Buenning intends to pursue a master's degree in foreign service, concentrating in foreign policy and international security. A dean's list student at Illinois Wesleyan, Buenning is a member of both Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies.