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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University was named the 57th best value among private liberal arts colleges in the latest *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* Best Values in Private Colleges listing released Tuesday. Kiplinger's names the top-100 private liberal arts colleges based on a combination of factors intended to measure academic quality and affordability.

"We have typically done well in Kiplinger's value rankings because of our strong academic program and commitment to student financial aid," said President Richard F. Wilson. "We are pleased to be included among the best liberal arts colleges nationally and to be the second highest ranked liberal arts college in Illinois."

In addition to being ranked No. 57 nationally, Illinois Wesleyan is considered the No. 2 best value among the five Illinois liberal arts colleges that were part of the top-100 national list.

According to Kiplinger's, this year the magazine "adjusted its criteria to better reflect the issues affecting families." Among the measurable standards used by Kiplinger's are the percentage of students who are admitted out of those who applied, the test scores of incoming freshmen, the ratio of students to faculty members, the four- and five-year graduation rates, cost of attendance, financial aid packages and student borrowing.

"The institutions on Kiplinger's rankings for best value in private colleges represent schools that provide high-quality academics as well as affordable cost even in these tough times," said Jane Bennett Clark, Senior Associate Editor for *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

Kiplinger's annual top-100 rankings will be published in the magazine's December issue.

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