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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University senior Emily Coles has been named the 2010 recipient of the Technos International Prize through the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational Trust in Japan.

The trust, founded by Japanese businessman and honorary Illinois Wesleyan trustee Kenji Tanaka, honors those who are committed to improving and promoting international relations around the world.

Coles, an international studies and French double major from Champaign, Ill., has been an intern at the Dutch Parliament in The Hague, as well as for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Coles was awarded the IWU John and Erma Stutzman Peace Fellowship in 2009, and was named the delegate to Northwestern University's Human Rights Conference. In the fall of 2009, she studied European politics and Denmark's welfare system at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad in Copenhagen.

Last summer, Coles interned for the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, working with the International Commission for Missing Persons, and planning the 15th Srebrenica Commemorative Celebration. Returning to campus, she served as a teaching assistant for Professor of Educational Studies Irv Epstein's course on International Human Rights. This year, she has worked as an assistant case officer and intern for the international organization Scholars at Risk Network.

Cole is also the recipient of a **Fulbright** teaching/research grant and plans to spend 10 months studying in Bulgaria, before pursuing her master's degree.

Devoted to her studies, Coles has been named to several honors societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, the international honors society Phi Beta Delta, the national French honor society Pi Delta Phi and the national first-year honors society Phi Eta Sigma. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and is an active volunteer for the Humane Society.



Emily Coles

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