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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Institute for International Education (IIE) recently announced the recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman study abroad scholarships. Among the recipients are four students from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Sophomore nursing majors Amanda Magallon of Round Lake Beach, Ill. and Cassie Mellen of Murris, Ill. received scholarships for study in Spain on the IWU Spain Program. Junior psychology and business administration major Max Polisky of Deerfield, Ill. received a scholarship for study in Morocco at Al Akhwayan University on the IWU-AUI Exchange program. Junior biology major Emily Wechter of Park Ridge, Ill. received a scholarship for study in Thailand at Mahidol University with AsiaLearn.

According to Director of the International Office Stacey Shimizu, these are the most awardees Illinois Wesleyan has had in one semester. Noting that international experience is both rewarding and a substantial financial investment, The Gilman Scholarship program aims to support undergraduate students in their study abroad endeavors and encourages them to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

This year, over 2,300 scholarships were awarded through a competitive selection process. The program is funded by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000 and is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State.

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