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Dear Illinois Wesleyan class of 2022,

Welcome and I'm glad you're coming. College can be a time of learning, change, and growth and IWU is great place for all of that. I hope in the next four years you find a home here, just as I have.

My guess is that you probably choose IWU for one of the visible things that make it great. Whether that was the campus, the academic challenge, an athletic program, job preparedness, or other aspects you've seen from tours or online, from personal experience I can say that it does not disappoint. However, I think the best part of IWU is something that's hard to see until you're going here and that's the community.

The people here really care about each other. They handle disagreements that arise by challenging ideas they don't agree with, but still caring for the other person. From that you can learn far more than just what is taught in the classroom. You will get out of college what you put into it, and so I hope you put in your passion and compassion to continue to grow and improve the community here.

It is to that community that I welcome you. I look forward to seeing how we can learn from each other and the ways we can continue to grow. College is an incredible experience and I'm excited to share a piece of that with all of you.

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