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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Juried Student Exhibition Awards—HOMETOWN

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - (NAME), a (YEAR, MAJOR) from (HOMETOWN) received (NUMBER OF AWARDS) of 16 awards to presented to Illinois Wesleyan University students at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

(NAME) was presented with...

The awards were presented by the IWU School of Art in response to an exhibition that featured the work of IWU art majors and minors. The studio art program was fully represented at the show in the areas of painting, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, photography, ceramics, sculpture and kiln-fused glass. The IWU art faculty juried the show.

Illinois Wesleyan, an independent, residential, liberal arts university was founded in 1850 and enrolls more than 2,100 undergraduates. The University comprises the College of Liberal Arts, with 17 academic departments, and the Schools of Art, Theatre Arts, Music, and Nursing.

Emphasizing a distinctive liberal arts curriculum as the central feature of every student's education, Illinois Wesleyan also provides opportunities for professional and pre-professional preparation.

For additional information contact the School of Art at (309) 556-3976.

-Matt Martin of Heyworth, Ill. won two awards. He was presented with the Hart Career Center Art Purchase Award, which recognized Martin with a \$250 purchase prize and he received an ALAMO II Award, for which he was given a \$25 gift certificate to ALAMO II in Normal. Martin, a senior art major, was given these awards for his acrylic work, "dead boys dead."

-Courtney Letkewicz, a senior art major from Naperville, Ill. won two awards for her painting, "Healing Comes to the Broken Places First." Her awards include the Hansen Center Art Purchase Award, which presented to Letkewicz a \$250 purchase prize, and an ALAMO II Award for which she was given a \$25 gift certificate to ALAMO II art supply.

-Katie Allen of Batavia, Ill. was the recipient of the President's Award, sponsored and selected by IWU President Richard F. Wilson and his wife, Pat. Allen, a sophomore art major, was presented a \$100 cash award for her glass and aluminum artwork titled, "Cut."

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-Mel Keiser of Naperville, Ill. won the Director's Award, sponsored and selected by the School of Art Director Miles Bair. Keiser, a senior art major, was presented a \$50 cash award for her mixed media painting, "Investigations of the Body as a Vessel: Inquiry I (control)."

-Maria Gonzalez, a junior art and business administration major from Chicago received two awards at the exhibition. She was presented with a \$50 Gallery Award for her graphic design, "La Feria" and a Faculty Selection Award for her graphic design, "La Tomatina," chosen by the School of Art faculty.

-Bryan Byers, junior art major from Bloomington won a \$50 cash prize Gallery Award for his monoprint, "Aeronautics" and a Faculty Selection Award, chosen by the School of Art Faculty, for his print, "The River."

-Katelynn DeWitt, first-year art major from Roscoe, Ill. won a \$50 cash prize Gallery Award for her graphite on paper drawing called, "Plushies in Repose."

-Emily Dieling, a sophomore art major from Elmhurst, Ill. won an ALAMO II Award for her print, "Now and Then" and was presented with a \$25 gift certificate to ALAMO II art supply.

-First-year students Emily Cellini and Emily Haager were awarded the first-year Faculty Selection Awards. Cellini, an art major from Normal won the award for her conté crayon drawing "Self-Portrait" and Haager, an education studies major from Woodstock, Ill. won the award for her glass piece, "Wind Power."

-Sophomores Alisha Rogers and Nicole Pizzini won the sophomore Faculty Selection Awards. Rogers, an art major from Detroit, Mich. won the award for her graphic design, "Advertisement for the Detroit Electronic Music Festival," and Pizzini, an art major from Edwardsville, Ill. won for her painting, "Cocktails."