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Seniors give their secrets for success

In our Internet survey, we asked the graduating seniors, “What advice would you give to first-year students on how to make the most of their time at Illinois Wesleyan?” Here are some of their responses:

> Don't be afraid to put yourself out there — get involved and meet new people. Although you do a great deal of learning in the classroom, some of the most valuable lessons you learn are outside the classroom. Be sure to take a break every now and then! Don't be too reserved, express what you are interested in ... you never know who else might share the same interest, or know a way you can get involved.

> Study abroad! It's the best thing you can do to grow, expand your horizons, make memories, and experience something you will never get a chance for again. Also, do an internship if possible. It's the best way to find out if a career is right for you.

> Explore thoroughly every feeling of doubt you have about what you want for your future. It is better to change your mind early than it is to find out in your last year what you really want.

> Try every activity you're even vaguely interested in at least once. Study hard because that is why you are at IWU, but don't let opportunity pass you by. If it sounds like something you would like to do, check it out! Don't pre-judge people, they will surprise you. Always keep your chin up ... IWU isn't designed to be easy.

> Take every opportunity to go to concerts, speakers, sports events, etc., on campus. Also, make the most of the time you spend building relationships with people. Someone you interact with today could become your best friend for life. Don't miss out on getting to know other great IWU students just because they have a different major or residence or group of friends, etc. Show people you love them — they will remember you less for what you said to them, and more for how you made them feel.

> Find your passion. Get involved with something you love, and always tell people who ask you “What are you going to do with that?” “Anything I put my mind to.”

> This will be the fastest four years of your life so far. Make the most of it!