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### **Alpha Lambda Delta's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On April 9, 2009 the Illinois Wesleyan chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 1949.

The honor society recognizes academic excellence among first-year students, and was founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois. Alpha Lambda Delta has more than 250 chapters nationwide. Approximately 800,000 students have been initiated into membership. The organization will celebrate its own 85-year anniversary during 2009 as well.

To be a member of the society, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better and be in the top 20 percent of their first-year or first-term class. Once initiated in the organization, an individual holds a lifetime membership.

To encourage superior academic scholarship, Alpha Lambda Delta awards fellowships and scholarships each year to outstanding members. This spring, 15 graduate fellowships of \$3,000 each, seven fellowships of \$5,000 and the Maria Leonard fellowship of \$7,500 will be awarded. Thirty-five undergraduate members will receive Trow Undergraduate Scholarships worth \$1,000 to \$3,000, and the Society has announced the creation of ten new \$1,000 awards, the James G. Stemler Study Abroad Scholarships.

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