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Unconventional Spinsters

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Christina Moore '95 (right) was among the alumni who congratulated Heather Olt '96 (right) at the premiere of Olt's web series.

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“My self-starter attitude began at Wesleyan when I co-produced a night of one-acts with a fellow School of Theatre Arts student as well as a non-required senior recital,” says Heather, who majored in music theatre. “Perseverance and a strong work ethic are skills IWU definitely helped me develop.”

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