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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Emily Vock, a senior political science and history double major from Wheaton, Ill., has been named Illinois Wesleyan University's recipient of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award. Each year, the academy honors seniors from each of Illinois' higher learning institutions who have excelled in academics or extra-curricular programs.

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois honored the student laureates for their contributions to Illinois society with a ceremony held on Nov. 7 at the Old State Capitol in Springfield and a luncheon in the Governor's Mansion, where they received a certificate and a medallion.

A committee chose Vock from a pool of Illinois Wesleyan seniors in late October. Said Vock, "I feel so honored to have been named the Lincoln Laureate. I am surrounded by incredible students who simultaneously excel in the classroom and work to improve our campus and community through extracurricular activities and involvement. To have even been considered for such an award among our amazing student body is a very humbling experience."

Vock is an active member and has served on the executive boards of the IWU Student Senate and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. She is a member of national honor societies Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, as well as the national political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha and the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta.

For two years, Vock worked as the editor of the history department's research journal, *Constructing the Past*, and this year she will serve as the editor for Illinois Wesleyan's political science journal, *Res Publica*. Vock also had the opportunity to build

on her research experience with Illinois Wesleyan's political science department by
interning in state senator Bill Brady's office in research and constituent services.