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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Donna Hartweg, former director of the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing and Caroline F. Rupert Professor of Nursing, will retire in December after 31 years at the University.

“This has been the most wonderful job in the world,” said Hartweg. “I have been able to stand up in front of high school students and talk about what a fantastic place Illinois Wesleyan is. Then I watched those students select IWU, mature and walk across that Commencement stage four years later, and know they are better prepared for the world.”

A graduate of the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Hartweg began teaching at Illinois Wesleyan in 1978. Earning master’s degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Illinois State University, she was appointed acting director of the Illinois Wesleyan’s School of Nursing in 1990. She earned her doctorate from Wayne State University in Michigan in 1991, the same year she was named director of the IWU School of Nursing.

Along with her administrative duties, Hartweg has been active in research, which focuses on assisting health-care professionals in communicating with Spanish-speaking immigrant women on healthy living. She has presented on the topic at an international conference in Japan, and helped to create a Spanish minor for nursing students at Illinois Wesleyan. Hartweg has also written many articles and made presentations nationally and internationally on the concept of health promotion and self-care.

Recently given a 2009 Illinois Nurses Association (INA) Nurse Educator Award, Hartweg continues to work on the national nursing shortage, joining the Illinois Center for Nursing Advisory Board in 2006 to help find solutions.

Active in local and state groups committed to health care, Hartweg has chaired the boards of many organizations, including the Community Health Care Clinic, BroMenn Healthcare Hospitals, the Illinois Association of Colleges of Nursing and District 6 of the Illinois Nurses’ Association.

Hartweg plans to continue writing, as well as teach part-time, volunteer in healthcare related services and spend more time with her grandchildren.