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Jaynanne Calaway of Bethalto, Ill.

IWU Senior Wins \$7,000 Fellowship from Honor Society

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—A \$7,000 fellowship for graduate study has been awarded to an Illinois Wesleyan University senior by a national honor society.

Jaynanne Calaway—a senior majoring in economics and international studies with a concentration in diplomatic studies—received the Phi Kappa Phi National Fellowship this month. She intends to apply it toward a dual program she will start this fall at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, where she will be enrolled in the School of Law and the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Calaway told *The Argus*, IWU's weekly newspaper: "I feel incredibly honored to receive this scholarship. It's the first time that an Illinois Wesleyan student has ever won it for the full amount."

The fellowship award, Calaway added, is based on academic achievement. However, the application also stressed research experience, leadership activities on- and off-campus, community volunteer work, and long-term goals.

Last month, Calaway received a \$3,000 State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowship.

Calaway, who is from Bethalto, Ill., is eyeing a career in labor law, a field she is attracted to because it's about people.

"I always knew that I wanted to go to law school," Calaway said. "I enjoy the analytical skills legal study requires."

However, she didn't nail down a specific area of legal interest until last year, when she was studying in England. One of her professors, Ken Mayhew, was a former director of the National Economic and Development Organization, when Margaret Thatcher was prime minister.

"He opened my eyes to labor issues," Calaway recalled. "I found them interesting." Calaway was IWU's 1998 Lincoln Laureate Award winner, an honor she received from then-Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar (R) in a ceremony in the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield attended by recipients from other campuses. The Lincoln Laureate program honors students who have achieved academic excellence, reflecting the commitment to education symbolized by Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States.

For the 1997-98 school year, Calaway was a visiting student at Pembroke College, Oxford University in England, enrolled in the Honour School of Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics.

"The British," Calaway said, "consider this program the most prestigious and challenging course you can take at Oxford."

Among Calaway's other honors are a Robert C. Byrd Congressional Scholarship, IWU Alumni Scholarship, and a St. Louis Army Leadership Award. She is one of a dozen IWU students in the class of 1999 who are IWU Presidential Scholars.

The Calaway family resides at 7 Evergreen Ct., Bethalto.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter—a total of 281—chooses one student annually to nominate for the fellowship. Only 50 winners are chosen to receive the full scholarship, according to *The Argus*.

Phi Kappa Phi has been part of the IWU campus for 75 years. Thirty-seven students and three faculty members were initiated into IWU's Phi Kappa Phi chapter on April 17.

Phi Kappa Phi's membership is drawn broadly from various academic fields, including the liberal arts, fine arts, and nursing. To be eligible for membership, seniors must be in the top 10 percent of their class and juniors in the top five percent.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium.