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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--More than 20 pieces of college memorabilia from the private collection of Illinois Wesleyan University President Minor Myers, jr.,--with items ranging from eighteenth and nineteenth-century diplomas embellished with elaborate calligraphy, ribbons and seals to the redesigned 2000 IWU diploma recognizing the 150th anniversary of IWU's founding--are featured in a special exhibit at IWU's Sheean Library, 303 E. Emerson, Bloomington.

From Wednesday, May 3, until Monday, May 29, the exhibit will be on display during the library's regular hours: 7:45 a.m.-1:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday and 11:00 a.m.-1:30 a.m. Sunday.

This summer, some of the items from the college memorabilia exhibit will be on display at the Grolier Club in New York City. Founded in 1884, the Grolier Club is America's oldest and largest society for bibliophiles and graphic arts enthusiasts. The Grolier Club maintains a research library on printing and related book arts, and its programs include public exhibitions as well as a long and distinguished series of publications.

Items included in the college memorabilia exhibit are as follows:

- 1748 Yale University bachelor of arts diploma
- 1751 College of New Jersey bachelor of arts diploma
- 1768 Harvard University commencement program
- 1810 Brown University commencement program
- 1812 Yale University master of arts diploma
- 1818 Harvard University commencement program
- 1818 Harvard University bachelor of arts diploma
- 1821 Harvard University master of arts diploma
- 1821 Harvard University doctor of medicine diploma
- 1834 College of New Jersey Cliosophic Society certificate
- 1847 Williams bachelor of arts diploma
- 1865 Bowdoin College commencement schedule

- 1866 IWU bachelor of science diploma
- 1869 Western Female Seminary certificate
- 1870 Bowdoin College Gymnastic and Musical Event
- 1872 Bowdoin College commencement program
- 1877 Bowdoin College commencement schedule
- 1883 IWU master of science of diploma
- 1892 IWU teacher's diploma in music
- 1907 IWU doctor of philosophy diploma
- 1911 Hedding College bachelor of arts diploma
- 1972 IWU bachelor of arts diploma
- 2000 IWU bachelor of arts diploma

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 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 baseball stadium. Construction is underway on a \$26 million library and \$6 million student center. Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranks Illinois Wesleyan University 12th among the nation's 1,600 private colleges in providing a top-quality education at an affordable cost. Also sharing IWU's rank are Princeton and Dartmouth.