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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University’s student-run newspaper, [*The Argus*](#), garnered 11 awards at the recent Illinois College Press Association (ICPA) convention in Chicago.

The Illinois College Press Association serves 40 member schools and honors the work of student journalists whose newspapers are members of the ICPA. Entries to the annual ICPA Contest are judged by professional journalists. The students earned awards for the 2009 issues of *The Argus*.

“We made a lot of changes to the newspaper last year,” said junior Nicole Travis from St. Charles, Ill., who was news editor in 2009, and is currently editor-in-chief of *The Argus*. Under then-Editor-in-Chief Garrett Rapp, a senior from Harvard, Ill., and Managing Editor Laura Spradlin, a senior from Morton, Ill., *The Argus* changed size, added color and poured focus into the content, said Travis. “Getting the recognition for all that work meant a lot to us,” she added.

This year’s honorees from *The Argus* are:

Reggie Taole Zhu, a junior mathematics and economics major from China, first place for feature photo;

Natalie Lalagos, a sophomore English writing major from West Chicago, Ill., second place for spot news photo;

Dave Buesing, a senior English writing major from Hoffman Estates, Ill., second place for headline writing;

Garrett Rapp, a senior English writing and religion major from Harvard, Ill., second place for editorial;

Jessica Hinterlong, a junior English writing and Hispanic studies major from Batavia, Ill., second place for sports game story;

Ashley Jaconetti, a senior English literature major from Park Ridge, Ill., second place for sports page design and third place for sports game story;

Nicole Travis, a junior English literature major from St. Charles, Ill., third place for front-page layout.

Honorable mentions went to **Benn Marion**, a senior art major from Arlington Heights, Ill., for the advertisement less than full page category; **Jessica Meyer**, a junior international studies and political science major from Chicago, Ill., for the column (excluding sports) category; and 2008 alumnus **Michael Kreuser**, a senior English literature major from Peoria, Ill., for the sports feature category.

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