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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Five Illinois Wesleyan University seniors were recognized for their leadership and service to the campus and community at the annual senior dinner last week.

Nominated by Illinois Wesleyan faculty and staff, the five students were honored for their distinguished leadership over the course of their time on campus.

The students were:

Erin Bradley, a senior history and Hispanic Studies double major from Normal, Ill. Bradley was recognized as a distinguished leader for her service to the Bloomington-Normal community. She was nominated by Illinois Wesleyan Action Research Center Coordinator Deborah Halperin for her extraordinary work with Radio Latino. Taking over the show on the campus station WESN, Halperin noted Bradley transformed Radio Latino into the “go-to” place for communicating with the community’s growing Spanish-speaking population.

Mark Kasperczyk, a senior physics and English literature double major from Winthrop Harbor, Ill. Kasperczyk was recognized for his distinguished service in cultural leadership. He was nominated by Illinois Wesleyan Director of Multicultural Student Affairs Roshaunda Ross for his work with campus lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) issues. Kasperczyk spearheaded the efforts of students to lobby Illinois Wesleyan leaders to change the anti-discrimination statement to include “gender identity and expression.” For four years, Kasperczyk led the student body in National Coming Out day events, and educated the campus on the needs of LGBT students on the Illinois Wesleyan campus.

Scott Krabbe, senior chemistry major from Creston, Ill. Krabbe was honored for his distinguished intellectual leadership. He was nominated by Professor of Chemistry and Earl H. and Marian A. Beling Professor in the Natural Sciences Ram Mohan for his exceptional work in lab research, and for his track record for publication and professional presentations. He also made a four-year commitment to Habitat for Humanity.

Garrett Rapp, senior English and religion double major from Harvard, Ill. Rapp was honored for his distinguished service to campus life. He was nominated by Professor of English James Plath for his outstanding contributions to *The Argus*, the Illinois Wesleyan student newspaper. As editor-in-chief, Rapp led *The Argus* staff in overhauling the presentation and content of the student newspaper.

Samantha Rohl, senior nursing major from Kenyon, Minn. Rohl was honored for her exceptional work as a student employee. She was also nominated by Ross for her work as a first-year resident assistant.

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