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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Six Illinois Wesleyan University students and two alumni have been selected for *25 Under 25 in McLean County*, as part of Global Youth Service Day.

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day. This year's celebration was held last week at Illinois State University, which is one of the local sponsors of the day along with Illinois Wesleyan. Support for the program also comes from Youth Service America and State Farm Companies Foundation.

The *25 Under 25 in McLean County* program honors young people who not only demonstrate service to the community, but also possess an interest in further developing leadership skills. All honorees are residents of McLean County or are currently enrolled at a school in McLean County. Those honored from Illinois Wesleyan were:

Erin Bradley, a senior double major in history and Hispanic studies from Normal, who was as nominated by the Hispanic Families Work Group;

Brittini Gray, a junior sociology major from Dolton, Ill., who was nominated by the Western Bloomington Revitalization Project;

Paige Maynard, a junior double major in economics and sociology from Granite City, Ill., who was nominated by the Downtown Bloomington Association for her work on the Farmer's Market;

Starla Southward, a senior sociology major from Round Lake Beach, Ill, who was nominated by the YWCA for her service on the organization's board;

Christopher Unger, a senior international studies from Phoenix, Ariz., who is the president of the campus chapter of the national, co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega (APO). He was nominated by a fellow Illinois Wesleyan student, who is also a part of APO.

Karin Unruh, a sophomore a double major in sociology and educational studies from Algonquin, Ill., who was nominated by the Youth Advisory Board of State Farm.

Heidi Adams, a 2009 Illinois Wesleyan graduate and sociology major who resides in Bloomington, and **Adam Clark**, a 2009 Illinois Wesleyan graduate and political science major who resides in Bloomington, were also honored.

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