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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – This summer, the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) named Illinois Wesleyan senior Phil Adeleye the NABA man of the year and NABA student of the year. Adeleye is an accounting major with a minor in economics and a native of Osu-Accra, Nigeria.

In June, Adeleye attended the NABA national convention in Houston, Tex. and was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. He also gave a speech at the scholarship luncheon and had the opportunity to join one of the founders of NABA in a book signing.

“It was a great learning experience. I was honored to get such an opportunity and plan to utilize my learning experiences to improve Illinois Wesleyan’s NABA chapter,” said Adeleye, who also in June attended the Chicago Scholarship Banquet and was awarded a \$2,500 NABA Chicago chapter scholarship.

Established in 1969, NABA sets out to “address the professional needs of its members and to build leaders that shape the future of the accounting and finance profession with an unfaltering commitment to inspire the same in their successors,” according to the mission statement on their website. The same year NABA was created, there were 100,000 Certified Public Accountants (CPAs). Only 136 of that total were African-American. Today, there are over 5,000 African-American CPAs, in part through the efforts of NABA.

For more information on NABA, visit their website at www.nabainc.org.

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