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BLOOMINGTON, III. – A historic number of Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) students will be heading to historic Oxford University with the Pembroke Scholars Programme in the fall.

Seven IWU students have been accepted into Pembroke College of Oxford under a special exchange program that allows them to spend a year with students from universities such as Brown, Bryn Mawr, Boston College, Columbia, Cornell, Duke and Georgetown.

"Competition for the Pembroke Program was unusually intense this year," said IWU Director of the International Office Stacey Shimizu, who noted IWU usually has one or two applicants selected annually for the program. "I was delighted that we had so many exceptionally qualified students interested in applying, and I'm absolutely thrilled that we will be sending a record number of IWU students to Pembroke. It testifies to the quality of our students and our faculty."

The IWU students, all juniors, who have been accepted into the 2011-2012 program are:

Savannah Davis, an English-writing major from Freeburg, Ill.

Theodore Delicath, a political science major from Bartonville, Ill.

William Erlain, an economics and religion double major from Naperville, III.

Charles Golaszewski, a philosophy and history double major from Braidwood, III.

Will Lawrence, an economics and philosophy double major from Great Falls, Va.

Melissa Seeborg, an economics major from Bloomington

Sijia Song, an economics and international studies double major from Wuhan, China

Pembroke, founded in 1624, has a total enrollment of 420 students and only admits under 100 undergraduates each year.

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