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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Senior Josi Banales, Class of 2014, has been selected as Illinois Wesleyan University's recipient of the 2013 Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and extracurricular activities among college seniors.

Banales and fellow student laureates, chosen from different schools across Illinois, were honored in a ceremony on Saturday, November 2 at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site in Springfield. Assistant Professor of Sociology Meghan Burke, accompanied Banales to the event.

A native of Chicago, Banales is a psychology major at IWU and works as a residential community advisor for the Office of Residential Life. She currently serves as president of the IWU chapter of Psi Chi Honor Society. Banales is also a cross-cultural peer educator for the university's Counseling Center.

Banales also recently had the opportunity to gain research experience. She spent the summer of 2013 at the University of Michigan working under the mentorship of Stephanie Rowley, professor of psychology, for the Study of Black Youth In Context. She currently works as a research assistant for the Diversity Planning Committee at IWU, where she helps assess the racial climate on campus.

For additional information, visit the Lincoln Academy of Illinois website at www.thelincolnacademyofillinois.org, or contact Sherry Wallace, director for news and media relations at IWU.

Banales, Class of 2014, and her mother at Laureate ceremony in Springfield.



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