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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Based on their commitment to service and efforts to better the Bloomington-Normal community, six Illinois Wesleyan University students will be recognized at the second annual Extraordinary Ordinary Men of the Year Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel (201 Broadway St., Normal).

The dinner will be hosted by Collaborative Solutions Institute (CSI), a not-for-profit counseling practice, run by CEO and IWU alumna Cheryl Gaines, Class of 1977. The student attendees will be Bobby Castillo (senior English-literature and philosophy double major), Kent Larson (senior mathematics and economics double major), Jonathan McBride (junior business administration major), Tim Reardanz (junior business administration major), Genyl Rufino (junior biology major) and Filip Swist (senior political science major). Aaron White, residence director for Harriett Fuller-Rust House and Magill, Blackstock and Kemp Halls as well as Matthew Damschroder, assistant dean of students, will accompany the students.

The campus honorees have been role models and shown leadership in the classroom, in service, in campus organizations, on athletic teams and in residential and fraternity communities. The event celebrates and honors men who make a positive impact on the community and the lives of others through their everyday actions.

"Illinois Wesleyan prepares students to be engaged leaders and forward-thinking problem solvers," said Damschroder. "Each of our IWU student representatives for this event have shown a deep commitment to living this institutional mission as they serve both the campus and surrounding community. They exemplify both the spirit of true Titans and that of extraordinary-ordinary men."

CSI's mission is to provide innovative building blocks for civility in relationships through research, counseling programs and public education. Their aim is to develop emotional intelligence, respect for self and others and communication and behavior skills for the individual, family and organization.

For additional information about the event and CSI, visit their website at www.collaborativesolutions.org.

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