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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— One hundred Illinois Wesleyan students who are recipients of scholarships from the State Farm Scholars Program were honored on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at a luncheon held in the Joslin Atrium of Memorial Center.

Each year, the State Farm Companies Foundation recognizes 25 students from each class with a scholarship that provides financial assistance. Over a five-year period, more than 200 students at IWU have been awarded grants. This program is one of the many ways State Farm lends its support to the educational and professional development of Illinois Wesleyan students.



State Farm Scholars



Danny Kenny '13

At the luncheon, the students and representatives from State Farm heard remarks from IWU President Richard F. Wilson, Tia Lindell, assistant secretary of the State Farm Foundation and senior Daniel Kenny, an environmental studies and Hispanic studies major from Wildwood, Mo.

Kenny expressed gratitude in his address for the many ways in which State Farm has enriched his academic experiences, such as the Community Partnership Program (CPP). "The scholarships and the CPP provide great examples of the impact that State Farm can have," said Kenny. He further added, "State Farm has empowered students to believe that we as students have power to change our world, right now. Our unique experiences and our unique passions give us the power to make a difference for the better."

Wilson acknowledged the longstanding ties between State Farm and IWU. "I know of no other liberal arts college in the United States that has a corporate scholarship program with the same range and level of commitment that we enjoy through the State Farm Scholars Program."

State Farm associate Mark Schwamberger, IWU Class of 1991, also attended the event. "It was a pleasure to meet the high-caliber students who are State Farm Scholars. As an alum, I always enjoy listening to, and learning from the perspectives of current students. As an associate of State Farm, it is an honor to represent the company and see the impact of our investment in the lives and futures of our young adults."

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