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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University was named to the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This is the University's fifth consecutive year on the Honor Roll and its sixth in the eight years of the designation.

"Community engagement, volunteering and service are aspects of an Illinois Wesleyan education that we feel are very important," said President Richard F. Wilson. "Students who are engaged during their college years tend to be engaged citizens, which means they are more likely to give back to their communities and to those in need."

The Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support exemplary community service programs and raise the visibility of effective practices in campus community partnerships. A total of 766 institutions nationwide were honored for their work in one of four categories – general community service, interfaith community service, economic opportunity and education. Illinois Wesleyan was recognized for its efforts in general community service.



Titans start early – volunteering in the community as part of orientation activities.



Alternative Fall Break students Jennifer Carter '17 and Lisa Mishra '15 helped paint a resident's house and garage.

**The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** highlights the role college and universities play in solving community challenges. As a result, more students are likely to pursue a lifelong path of civic engagement that achieves meaningful and measureable outcomes in their communities.

Illinois Wesleyan's strategic plan, IWU 2020, includes goals for students to engage in robust, fully integrated student experiences that emphasize collaboration regarding community service, service-learning, human rights and social justice.

CNCS, the federal agency for volunteering and service, has administered the award since 2006 in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education, Campus Compact, and the Interfaith Youth Core.

College students make a significant contribution to their communities through volunteering and service, according to the most recent *Volunteering and Civic Life in America* report. In 2012, 3.1 million college students dedicated more than 118 million hours of service across the country.