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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan student Alan Russian '15 has earned a sought-after spot as a Google Inc. intern for the summer of 2014. Google, with positions in global business, product management, user experience and more, is one of the many companies that offer an assortment of competitive internship opportunities for students.

In early December, Russian received his official internship offer. The computer science major will become part of the team at Google in Los Angeles, working on AdWords, Google's advertising platform that draws both small businesses and Fortune 500 companies. "I will be a part of AdWords and, specifically, the interface that a business would go to in order to create an advertisement," Russian noted.

The internship process included two rounds: a technical interview, followed by interviews with possible managers. "I had three interviews with potential hosting managers, one in Los Angeles, New York, and Boulder, Colo.," said Russian, who added that he had a say in what location he would work at, ultimately selecting Los Angeles.

A native of Grayslake Ill., Russian developed a passion for computers early in his life. "I've been interested in computers since I was very little," he said. "I did a lot of programming in high school and I helped out my high school with their website."

This early interest led to Russian's pursuit of a degree in computer science at Illinois Wesleyan. Thus far, he has pursued his interest in computing both inside and outside the classroom. In the summer before his junior year, he secured an internship working in software engineering at Boeing Co.

He currently serves as president of Illinois Wesleyan's chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), the world's largest and most prestigious computing society. "Our ACM is a small group but we get together and do things like hackathons, where we work on personal projects for an extended period of time, as well as a coding competition every year," Russian said. He also serves as a teaching assistant for the computer science department.

Russian said he has known what he wants to do for quite some time and plans on continuing his work with software engineering in his future.

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