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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Illinois Wesleyan University College Democrats were named the 2014 National Chapter of the Year at the College Democrats of America national convention Aug. 22-24 in Atlanta, Ga.

Being selected as the National Chapter of the Year is the highest honor given to a College Democrats chapter. When presenting the award, the Awards Committee noted the chapter's unprecedented growth and ability to work with high-profile elected officials and candidates.

In addition to expanding membership and working on targeted campaigns, the Illinois Wesleyan College Democrats also worked on philanthropy projects in the Bloomington area, conducted voter registration drives and phone banks, sent students to campaign in the Virginia governor's race, and hosted elected Illinois officials on campus. The Illinois Wesleyan College Democrats also hosted the College Democrats of Illinois (CDIL) state convention, which was attended by more than 100 students and was the largest state convention in recent CDIL history.

The Illinois Wesleyan College Democrats is a chartered chapter of the College Democrats of Illinois and the College Democrats of America, the official youth arm of the Democratic Party. As a Registered Student Organization (RSO) representing collegiate Democrats at Illinois Wesleyan, the group strives to educate students on Democratic values, promote advocacy in concert with student leaders' furthering of those values and engage students through local, state and federal campaigns.

"We are incredibly proud to have been chosen as the College Democrats of America's National Chapter of the Year," said Illinois Wesleyan College Democrats President Brexton Isaacs. "This recognition is a testament to the hard work our members do. It's often said that students don't vote or care about politics. IWU College Democrats have proven that is not always the case."



From left, Kahri Jung '16, Brexton Isaacs '15 and Annie Kehler '15 pose with the National Chapter of the Year award

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