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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Four Illinois Wesleyan University new graduates have won competitive positions to teach in Japan starting this fall.

International Studies major Charlotte Silver (Willowbrook, Ill.) is one of only two people to be selected as an English teaching intern at Technos College in Tokyo. In only its second year, the program will allow Silver to assist the English language teacher and also teach lessons as the school year progresses.

“I am very excited about this experience because I love teaching languages,” said Silver, who was an Italian tutor at Illinois Wesleyan. Silver has studied abroad in Korea, Italy and Chile, and is proficient in four languages in addition to English. She also received the International Studies Outstanding Senior Award this spring.

Three other graduating seniors have been accepted to the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, the first time three Illinois Wesleyan students have been accepted to the competitive program in the same year. Typically JET receives 4,000 to 5,000 applications each year for about 900 to 1,000 positions. JET Program participants work as teachers and public servants in cities, towns and villages throughout Japan.

The three Illinois Wesleyan students selected for the JET Program are religion major and Japanese Studies minor Caitlin Arrington '15 (Kewanee, Ill.); art major and Japanese Studies minor Devon Redlin '15 (Bloomington, Minn.); and anthropology major and Japanese Studies minor Kathryn (Kasi) Tomaszynska '15 (Highwood, Ill.).



Charlotte Silver