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Illinois Wesleyan University senior Kemi Adeleye '15, an international student from Nigeria, has been awarded the 2015 Technos International Prize. Presented by the Tanaka Ikuikai Educational Trust in Japan, the annual award recognizes a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and commitment to international awareness and understanding.

An international studies major, Adeleye plans to teach English in a French-speaking country before she pursues a master's degree.

In the summer of 2014, Adeleye interned with The Advocates for Human Rights in Minneapolis, a nonprofit organization that implements international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce law. As a human rights education program intern, her assignments included researching and updating human rights education curriculum and lesson plans for teachers, and conducting background research and resource lists for trainings and educational materials.

Adeleye studied abroad in Madagascar as a part of a rural development and urbanization program during the fall of 2013. During her time abroad, Adeleye participated in a month-long independent study project on HIV/AIDS in Madagascar. In the summer of 2013, Adeleye worked as a child protection, care and education intern for International Needs Ghana, an affiliate of global nonprofit International Needs Network that aims to improve deprived communities through development and human rights initiatives. As a part of the internship, Adeleye worked alongside a team to ensure children access to quality education, and took part in field observations to rural villages to learn about the potential improvement of water systems and water system integration methods.

At Illinois Wesleyan, Adeleye has worked as a French tutor and an operations coordinator's assistant for the business administration and economics departments. She is a member of Amnesty International; Pi Delta Phi, national French honor society; and Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars. Adeleye has served as Student Senate representative for the African Student Association and as a residence hall representative.



Kemi Adeleye '15

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