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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Fourteen Illinois Wesleyan University students heading to Asia this month received a special treat recently when they met with Philippine Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge in Chicago.

The students will travel to the Philippines thanks to a \$400,000 grant from the Freeman Foundation to [intern at locations throughout the country](#), including the International Rice Research Institute, the Food and Nutrition Research Institute, and Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm. The Freeman Foundation grant covers airfare, housing, a living allowance, and all internship placement and visa costs for the students.

Consul General Calonge, together with Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr., Consul Ricarte Abejuela III and Cultural Officer Liezel Alcantara, congratulated the students upon their selection for the program, now in its second year at Illinois Wesleyan. Calonge presented a brief history of the Philippines and provided tips on sites to visit in the country. At the Consulate General, the students were accompanied by Provost and Dean of the Faculty Jonathan Green and Professor of Sociology Teddy Amoloza, who has served as director of the Freeman Asia Internship program since its inception.

Students will depart June 10 and return to the United States Aug. 6. The Freeman Foundation works to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the United States and countries of east Asia.



Students heading to the Philippines this month as Freeman Asia interns met with Consul General Calonge (seated in center). He is flanked by other Consulate General officials, IWU Professor of Sociology Teddy Amoloza (second from left) and Provost Jonathan Green (second from right).

