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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Twenty Illinois Wesleyan University students will head to Washington, D.C. over spring break as participants in the University's [Career Immersion Excursion](#).

The students were selected for the excursion from more than 40 candidates. [Hart Career Center](#) staff believes the high number of applicants reflects the success of the inaugural Career Immersion Excursion (CIE) program to Chicago in 2016. In a survey of students who participated in Chicago trip, 100 percent reported it met or exceeded their expectations and 100 percent would recommend the CIE program to a friend.

The four-day experience provides students with the opportunity to get a closer look at working in government, public policy, advocacy, nonprofit, law, healthcare and the intersections of business and government. Confirmed site visits include the FBI, the office of Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), and the Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy organization.

Five panels of alumni working in education, international affairs, health, and business and government connections are planned along with a special panel featuring young alumni working in the D.C. area. An alumni social at the Capitol Hill Club on March 13, and small-group dinners hosted by alumni on March 14 are two other highlights of the week.

Students selected include: Cindy Basilio '17 (Streamwood, Ill.); Regina Blaskie '17 (Shorewood, Ill.); Josie Blumberg '19 (Normal, Ill.); Emily Brown '17 (Chicago); Madalyn Browning-Perry '17 (Chelsea, Mich.); Amy Gordon '19 (Chatham, Ill.) Veena Hamill '18 (Glenview, Ill.); Molly Johnson '17 (Westmont, Ill.); Nubari Kanee '17 (St. Louis); Hamzah Kanee '19 (Pakistan); Preslav Mantchev '17 (Palatine, Ill.); Kurt Meyer '18 (Moorhead, Minn.); Jacob Robbins '18 (New Lenox, Ill.); Kyle Serafico '17 (Buena Park, Ca.); Ojaswee Shrestha '18 (Nepal); Alex Stogin '18 (Orland Park, Ill.); Alani Sweezy '19 (Chicago); Veronica Torres Luna '19 (Chicago); Taylor Williams '18 (Heyworth, Ill.); and Megan Zsorey '19 (Chandler, Ariz.).

Staff from the Hart Career Center will accompany the students. The CIE program is made possible by the support of the family of Cathy Carswell, an IWU Trustee and 1965 graduate of the University. Students contributed only \$250 per person toward the trip, which includes three nights hotel, air transportation, programs and most meals.

"Washington, D.C. is home to many successful Titan alumni," said Laurie Diekhoff, associate director for career engagement. "During the excursion, students will have an opportunity to meet many of these alumni through employer site visits, alumni socials and professional networking events."



Students will have the opportunity to network with many successful Titan alumni during an excursion to Washington, D.C.