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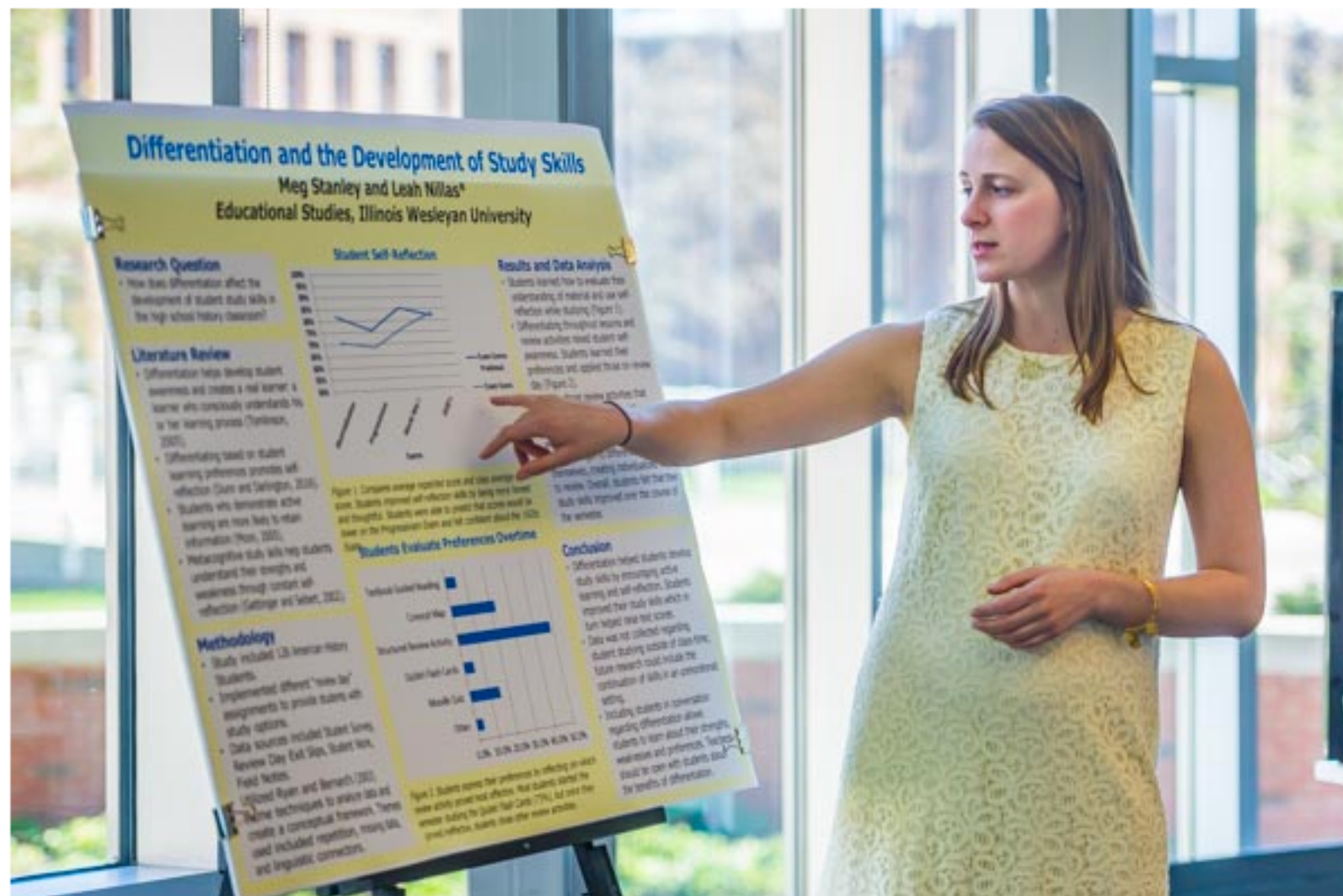
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As March dissolved into April and the winter-that-wasn't gave way entirely to spring, it was full throttle toward the end of the academic year at Illinois Wesleyan. Presentations, exams, papers, performances, celebrations, competitions, playing, living – you kind of forgot to breathe, and sleep seemed like a foggy memory.

Stop for just a moment, and have a look at our April.



A camera crew for a major cable channel makes last-minute lighting adjustments in preparation for an interview with Assistant Professor of Psychology Amanda Vicary, whose expertise includes research on the popularity of true crime stories among women. Contractually, Vicary can't reveal more about her April 8 interview or the cable channel conducting it until closer to the program's air date this fall. (Photo by Kim Hill)



Secondary education and history major Meg Stanley '17 presents her research on student study skills in high school history at Inquiries into Teaching and Learning, an Educational Studies research conference held in conjunction with the annual John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Ed Studies event. (Photo by Makenna Merritt '17)



Students kicked off the fifth annual All In for Wesleyan with a black light dance party at Hansen Student Center. The annual giving day invites alumni, parents and friends from around the world to give back to move Illinois Wesleyan forward. At day's end on April 5, more than 2,300 donors in 45 states and six countries had given over \$700,000. (Photo by Robert Frank III '14)





Several members of the Class of 2017 pose for photos following Multicultural Graduation. The annual event celebrates the accomplishments of Multiracial, African-American, Latino-Hispanic, Asian-American and Native American graduates. The stoles, which the seniors will also wear at Commencement, represent a student’s heritage. (Photo by Phone Vilailuck ’18)



The men’s golf team finished in first place and the “B” team finished in sixth place at the Augustana Invitational on April 15. Conner O’Neil ’18 finished in first place in the 111-player field. (Photo courtesy of Head Coach Jim Ott ’91)



In response to the first executive order on immigration in January, alumna Vera (Leopold) Miller ’05 organized a card-writing campaign so every international student currently enrolled at IWU — all 161 of them — felt supported and encouraged. Miller, her husband David ’05 and several alumni friends gathered to write cards in her home (*bottom, right*), while nearly 20 other alums wrote from their residences. “The attention and support from this letter really assured me that I am warmly welcomed and appreciated here at IWU,” said Linh Le ’19, a native of Hanoi, Vietnam. “I feel connected to [writer Kat Garibaldi ’05] through her writing about her personal experiences with IWU and her aspirations, even though we have never met.” (Photos of students and cards by Phone Vilailuck ’18)





Assistant Manager of Grounds Services and horticulturalist extraordinaire Ken Detloff identifies the tree framing The Ames Library as *Floribunda* crabapple. We just call it 'beautiful.' (Photo by Reilly Kasprak '17)



Peyton Letko '19 discusses her ethnographic research on the Titan women's swim team with Outreach Librarian and Professor Sue Anderson. Letko and dozens of other students enrolled in more than 20 courses associated with the intellectual theme "Women's Power, Women's Justice" presented their research at an event closing the semester. (Photo by Reilly Kasprak '17)





The only women's lacrosse senior, Maggie Krause '17, was honored on Senior Day April 15. Krause scored three goals and had one assist in the Titans' win over the University of Dubuque. (Photo by Claire Hoverson '17)

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During All In for Wesleyan's day of giving, students could record their thanks to donors for the gifts that make an Illinois Wesleyan education possible. Emcee Quincy Butler '17 (right) breaks up (from left) Emily Snider '17, Danny Baker '19 and Rachel Westerkamp '18 during their attempt to record a video message. (Photo by Robert Frank III '14)

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Multifaith Ambassador Carly Floyd '17 (in floral dress at right) reads a passage at the dedication of a redbud tree in the Multifaith Meditation Garden located directly behind Evelyn Chapel. The new tree celebrated Earth Day, multifaith diversity and environmental sustainability, with stones engraved with teachings from many faith and secular traditions placed around the tree. The garden started as the senior seminar project of Nicole Chlebek '16, now an Admissions Counselor. (Photo by Reilly Kasprak '17)

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Celebrating spring, friendship, joy, being drenched in colored powder and water, and all that makes Illinois Wesleyan wonderful (from left): Vera Louis Perez '20, Maisha Rahman '20, Tayyibah Ahmed '20, Evan Nautiyal '20 and Jasmine White '20. (Photo by Phone Vilailuck '18)