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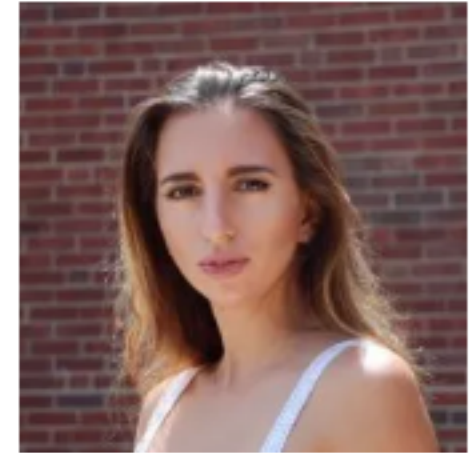
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Boryana Borisova (Elgin, Ill.) has received this year's Phi Beta Kappa Liberal Arts Scholar Award at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest academic society and recognizes excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. Illinois Wesleyan's [Phi Beta Kappa Liberal Arts Scholar Awards](#) foster and celebrate student research that engages, translates and bridges academic disciplines and/or crosses traditional boundaries. Applicants submit a senior-level research paper or a work of art, music composition, film, collection of poetry or research that stems from experiential learning. The award-winning project is published in [CrissCross](#), the IWU chapter's online journal of undergraduate interdisciplinary work.



Boryana Borisova '17



Boryana Borisova '17 presented her research on Soviet era children's literature at the Midwest Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities.

Borisova's winning essay was entitled "Aesopian Language of Soviet Era Children's Literature: Translation, Adaptation, and Animation of a Western Classic," the same title as her research honors project. An [International Studies](#) major, she graduated summa cum laude with research honors on May 7.

As a student, Borisova received the Robert S. and Nell B. Eckley Scholars and Artists Fellowship for a comparative analysis between the original English text of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and its retelling by Russian writer Boris Zakhoder. She also received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for study abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia.

During her time at IWU, she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, a Russian and Spanish language tutor, and a research assistant to Isaac Funk Professor of German and Russian Marina Balina, who served as Borisova's advisor for the Eckley and research honors projects. Borisova was also selected for the International Studies Outstanding Senior Award.

She will enter the Master of Library Science program at Indiana University's School of Informatics and Computing this fall. She will receive a full-ride research fellowship – the Information and Library Science (ILS) Merit Scholar Fellowship – along with the ILS Technology Scholarship.

