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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan University senior Erin Anderson, a chemistry major from Freeburg, Ill., recently returned from presenting her research, catalyzing known reactions with relatively non-toxic Bismuth compounds, at the UT Southwestern Biochemistry Research Retreat, held in New Braunfels, Texas, from November 10-12.

Anderson was selected as one of 12 finalists for the 2006 Frank and Sara McKnight Prize in Undergraduate Chemistry from a field of over 100 highly accomplished applicants representing 81 schools in 28 states.

Working in the Laboratory for Environmentally Friendly Organic Synthesis under Ram Mohan, associate professor of chemistry at Illinois Wesleyan, Anderson credits "his great advising for all my experience."

The Frank and Sara McKnight Prize in Undergraduate Chemistry is an award for senior undergraduates who have done outstanding laboratory research in chemistry. Applications are judged based on an applicant's written summary of the research, GRE scores and GPA, as well as a letter of support sent by the applicant's research mentor.

Finalists for the prize are also eligible for Welch Foundation/UT Southwestern Graduate Fellowships in Chemistry, awarded to students pursuing graduate training in synthetic and/or natural products chemistry at UT Southwestern.



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