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March 15, 2007

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University's International Office has announced the winners of the first Study Abroad Photo Contest. The contest, which shows off the students' talents and highlights their travel experiences, was launched after a tremendous response to IWU President Richard F. Wilson's request to previous study abroad students for possible Christmas card images.

Winners include Marti Lyons, a junior theater arts major from Libertyville, Ill., in first place with "Wedding March;" Chris Davis, a junior economics major from Clarendon Hills, Ill., in second place for "I'll Catch the Next Boat..." and Amanda Cordes, a junior English literature major from Naperville, Ill., in third place with "El Misterio de las Ballenas." Honorable mentions go to Erin Cox, a junior political science and Hispanic Studies double major from Rockford, Ill., for "Woman and Child Walking" and Amanda Compton, a senior vocal performance major from Belleville, Ill., for "Infinitely Spacious, Moonlit Music."

The top three photos will be displayed in the International Office and copies will be enlarged, framed and given to the students. Other entries will be displayed at the initiation of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, on the International Office's Web site and in a display case near the Information Desk at The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington) through April.

Contest submissions were judged by the International Office staff and Study Abroad Advisory Committee based on image quality and aesthetics, individuality of perspective and the image's ability to capture an experience, location or event abroad. This semester's contest was open to all students who have studied abroad, but the future contests, held every academic semester, will be limited to those students who have recently returned.

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