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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – With the help of the Freeman Awards for Study in Asia, Illinois Wesleyan University undergraduate Tyler Rhodes will spend the fall semester studying in Japan. Since its founding in 2008, Freeman-ASIA has aided over three thousand U.S. undergraduates studying abroad in East and Southeast Asia.

A class of '10 international studies major, Rhodes will spend his semester in Tokyo with the Institute for International Exchange Japanese Society and Culture Program offered in connection with Kanda University. He is graduate of Sycamore High School in Sycamore, Ill.

Funded by the Freeman Foundation and the Institute of International Education, Freeman-ASIA promotes and assists undergraduate study exclusively in East and Southeast Asia. The organization believes that first-hand experience is critical for students who wish to gain an understanding of the language and culture of the region, which is becoming increasingly prominent due to globalization. Once they have returned to the U.S., Freeman-ASIA award-winners are asked to share the knowledge they gained with their home campuses and communities. For additional information about the Freeman Award, visit the official Web site at <http://www.iie.org/programs/Freeman%2DASIA/>.

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