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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Senior Class President Jessica Dixon, of Reading, Pa., told her fellow students to be proud of their academic achievements as they took part in Illinois Wesleyan University's commencement ceremony held Sunday, April 30, in Bloomington.

Illinois Wesleyan University recognized 492 candidates for baccalaureate degrees during the commencement ceremony. Michael A. Mason, a 1980 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University who is currently Executive Assistant Director for Administration at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C., delivered the 2006 Commencement address.

Dixon, who graduated Magna Cum Laude with a major in music and business administration, acknowledged the challenges that each student had faced and conquered during their time at Illinois Wesleyan.

"Excellence is something this school has demanded from us upon arriving for the first day of class freshman year," Dixon said. "Each semester our professors have handed out seemingly impossible final exams and essays, our coaches have demanded drill after drill during practice, and our conductors have selected even more complex pieces than we think we have time to learn.

"However, our presence here today indicates that we have not only accepted these challenges, but surpassed them, time and time again."