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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – James Mullins, a senior public accounting major at Illinois Wesleyan University, is one of 13 recipients in the United States to earn the National Association of Insurance Women (NAIW) 2001-2002 Professional Award of Excellence Scholarship.

The \$2,000 professional scholarship is rewarded to students who are both working in the insurance industry and enrolled at a college or university. Mullins said, "Receiving this scholarship has been phenomenal at pushing me towards my career and professional goals. I have a healthy head start on my peers because I consistently work for companies in my area of study while going to school."

Although the organization's name infers exclusively female affiliation, NAIW is an association whose membership is open to people from all levels within the insurance industry who strive for and practice professionalism. While promoting mentoring, acceptance of change, and personal growth, NAIW serves its members by providing professional education. The organization believes that professional education can provide an environment in which to build business alliances as well as create opportunities to make connections with people of different career paths and levels of experience within the insurance industry.

Mullins, who graduated from Normal Community West High School in 1999, is the son of William B. and Mary Mullins. Other scholarships Mullins has received include: Central IL CPCU Scholarship, Westran Scholarship, IL CPA Society Scholarship, IMA Essay winner, and IIA Essay winner. Employed by AFNI: Insurance Solutions Group, in Bloomington, at the time he received the scholarship, Mullins now works for State Farm Insurance.