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Kasprzak Will Compete on So You Think You Can Dance?

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Evan Kasprzak, who just completed his junior year at Illinois Wesleyan University, has made it onto the fifth season of Fox TV's *So You Think You Can Dance?* as one of the top 20 dancers. Kasprzak auditioned for the show last year, but was cut just before the final roster of contenders was decided.

"It's an amazing experience getting to be around so many incredibly talented people who are so passionate about the same things," said Kasprzak, a music-theater major. Over the summer, he will have to prove himself against those people to win votes from the audience. Anyone can vote by calling a toll-free number, and those votes will determine how far he advances on the show.

After auditioning in Memphis in May with his older brother Ryan Kasprzak, who choreographed his routine, Evan Kasprzak advanced to the Las Vegas callbacks to compete for a place in the top 20. Unfortunately, his brother Ryan was cut from the show with the judges' condolences on the June 4 episode, and Evan was left to continue on his own to rehearse and perform in Los Angeles for the summer. "One Kasprzak is better than no Kasprzaks," said Ryan during the final moments of the episode, nudging his younger brother to join the other finalists.

New episodes of the show will air on Fox TV at 7 p.m. Central time on Wednesdays, and 8 p.m. Central time on Thursdays. Wednesdays will consist of two hours of performances by the contenders, after which the audience can vote by phone. Thursday's one-hour shows will reveal the results. Previous prizes have included the title of "America's Favorite Dancer" and \$250,000 in cash.

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