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Exceptional Student Fellowships

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**Editor's Note:** The student highlighted in this news release is from your area.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Four Illinois Wesleyan University students are among 50 college students nationwide to receive State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowships.

IWU tied with the University of Texas-Austin for the largest number of State Farm fellowships, edging out Harvard, which tallied three awards.

IWU fellowship recipients are:

- Gwendolyn M. Alexander, a junior majoring in economics and international studies from Crest Hill, Ill.
- Kara J. Rocheleau, a senior majoring in mathematics and economics from Minneapolis.
- Charles D. Rudd, a junior majoring in economics and international business from Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Joshua D. Yount, a political science and economics major from Naperville, Ill., who graduated in January.

Michael Seeborg, chairperson of economics and the Robert S. Eckley distinguished professor, wrote this month in the *Park Place Economist*, IWU's undergraduate economics journal: "State Farm Insurance Co., just announced 50 winners in its annual national 'Exceptional Student Fellowship' competition. Illinois Wesleyan ranked number one with four winners. This put us in a tie with the University of Texas at Austin, with Harvard trailing behind with three winners. The award requires academic excellence in disciplines of special interest to the insurance industry (economics, business-related majors, mathematics or computer science) and proven leadership. All of Wesleyan's winners are economics double majors."

Each student received \$3,000. A \$250 grant is made to the institution which nominated the student. A \$500 grant is made to the college or university the student

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will be attending if it is a private institution.

State Farm Exceptional Student Fellowship awards assist and recognize high-potential college students in their preparation for leadership roles in business and society.

College juniors and seniors majoring in business-related studies at accredited U.S. campuses may apply for the fellowships.

Winners are selected by an independent committee of educators on the basis of demonstrated leadership in extracurricular activities, as well as scholarship, character, potential business administrative capability, and the recommendations of deans, professors, and advisors.

Among campuses with State Farm fellowship recipients are the College of William and Mary, Wellesley College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Illinois, University of Maryland-College Park, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, Eureka College, Texas Tech, and the University of Oklahoma-Norman.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. In recent years, the university's endowment has grown to more than \$92 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$24 million science building will open in 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 164 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition. *101 of the Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities* calls IWU "undoubtedly one of the finest small colleges in the country," adding, "Illinois Wesleyan has surged to national prominence on the basis of its reputation as a school with a rock-solid academic program."