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Andrew Giller of Des Moines, Iowa**Illinois Wesleyan Names 12 Freshmen Presidential Scholars**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Andrew Giller of Des Moines, Iowa, is among a dozen freshmen honored today (Sept. 20) as Presidential Scholars at Illinois Wesleyan University.

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Giller, a 1995 graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy in Interlochen, Mich., where he studied string bass, intends to continue his music studies at IWU.

Giller's career goal is to be a professional musician with a major orchestra. His career interests also include composing film scores.

Giller says he was attracted to IWU--rather than a conservatory--because of the university's liberal arts program since he intends to also focus his studies in philosophy and psychology.

The Presidential Scholars' Program, established in 1978, recognizes a group of entering freshmen distinguished for their past achievements and future promise. They are students who have taken on many challenges in and out of the classroom. Selections for the academic honor are based on personal interviews and application materials. Half of this year's dozen Presidential Scholars also are National Merit Scholars.

Giller received his Presidential Scholar honor at IWU's President's Convocation, a campus-wide gathering marking the start of the academic year. Yoshiro NakaMats, a Japanese inventor who holds the world record for patents with more than 3,000 (three times the number of patents earned by Thomas Edison), addressed the President's Convocation and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. NakaMats is a pioneer developer of the computer floppy disk, an information storage device which helped launch the computer revolution by making obsolete balky punch cards.

Andrew is the son Harvey and Barbara Giller of 5403 Waterbury Rd., Des Moines, Iowa.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,860 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. The university's endowment is valued at more than \$100 million. A \$25 million Center

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for Natural Science Learning and Research opened Aug. 28 and will be dedicated on Oct. 7. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, a 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."