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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Seven Illinois Wesleyan University students who have exhibited superior scholarship and serious interests in sociology have been initiated this spring into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society.

The purpose of Alpha Kappa Delta is to promote human welfare through the association of a fellowship group interested in developing scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems.

The new Alpha Kappa Delta members are, with hometown, year, major, and high school:

- Silvia E. Alba, senior, sociology, **Chicago (Lane Technical HS)**. She is the daughter of Juan and Sara Alba, 2927 N. Washtenaw, Chicago.
- Richard Balcaitis, junior, sociology, **Lockport (HS)**. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Balcaitis, 14441 S. Boulder, Lockport.
- Jill M. Calcaterra, junior, sociology, **Sugar Grove (West Leyden HS)**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Calcaterra, 925 Black Walnut Dr., Sugar Grove.
- Cynthia A. Ciluffo, senior, sociology, **Elmhurst (York HS)**. She is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara L. Caldwell, 288 Forest, Elmhurst, and William J. Ciluffo, 1681 Parkview Green Circle, San Jose, Calif.
- Julie Durrer, senior, sociology, **River Forest (Oak Park-River Forest HS)**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Diane D. Peters, 302 Gale Ave., River Forest.
- Shannon K. McManimon, sophomore, history, **Rochester, Minn. (Lourdes HS)**. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. McManimon, 5815 St. Mary Dr. NW, Rochester, Minn.
- Joseph D. Nelson, junior, political science, **Elgin (Larkin HS)**. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick L. Nelson, 2040 Royal Blvd., Elgin.

The IWU chapter's faculty sponsor is Dr. James Sikora, professor of sociology.

Illinois Wesleyan, 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. In recent years, the University's endowment has grown to more than \$100 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in autumn 1994; and a \$24 million science building opened in October 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted IWU to a "baccalaureate I"

institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective national liberal arts colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *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."