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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Texico native and Illinois Wesleyan junior Melissa Hill recently captured one of 10 national scholarships honoring top students who aspire to careers in insurance marketing or sales.

With funding from the Jeffrey Nordhaus Memorial Scholarship, Hill will attend the two-day Insurance Marketing & Management Services (IMMS) International Convention in San Francisco.

"I feel honored to be one of the 10 recipients of this award," said Hill, a public accounting major. "I am very lucky to participate in this once in a lifetime, education-building opportunity."

IMMS, an organization which provides information and services to insurance companies nationwide, developed the scholarships in honor of the founder's late son. After reviewing candidates from colleges and universities spanning North America, IMMS chooses approximately 10 recipients, who will attend informative sessions and meet agency owners at the annual convention.

According to IMMS, the convention "offers an excellent chance for students to make valuable internship and job contacts while gaining a competitive edge for their careers."

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$25 million science building opened in the fall of 1995. The \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts--a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty--opened in August, 1997, as well as a new \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 159 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.