



2015

## "Family With Dog" Dedication

Jake Thaker

*Illinois Wesleyan University*

---

### Recommended Citation

Thaker, Jake, "'Family With Dog' Dedication" (2015). *Remarks and Messages*. Paper 9.  
[http://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/senate\\_news/9](http://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/senate_news/9)

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by The Ames Library, the Andrew W. Mellon Center for Curricular and Faculty Development, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President. It has been accepted for inclusion in Digital Commons @ IWU by the Student Senate President at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact [digitalcommons@iwu.edu](mailto:digitalcommons@iwu.edu).

©Copyright is owned by the author of this document.

September 22, 2015

Being a musician, I am a firm believer that artwork is the most effective vehicle of cultivating emotion. As Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Mr. Boaz Vaadia's art has truly changed the way our campus feels, and for the better.

When I first saw Mr. Vaadia's work on our campus, I was amazed by the breadth of the art we had and if I'm honest, the Family With Dog was always my favorite.

On behalf of the IWU Student Body, I would like to thank Stevie Joslin for donating this beautiful sculpture to our school. As many of the speakers mentioned at the Welcome Address of Family Weekend, family is at the heart of our campus, and this sculpture is also at the heart of our campus. It's no coincidence. Family With Dog can now forever remind us of our close-knit campus family. Thank you again Stevie.