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**Austin Aldag** is a junior Political Science major with minors in History and Economics. In his time at Illinois Wesleyan, Austin served as the Treasurer and then the President of Student Senate, has been involved with the Book Bike as a part of the West Bloomington Revitalization Project, and is currently a research assistant for the Political Science Department. He is also involved in the IWU Bike Committee and was awarded a grant from the Todd Zoellick Fellowship to implement a Bike Co-op on campus. Austin spent the summer of 2012 interning on Capitol Hill for Congressman William L. Enyart, and he is currently looking forward to returning to Washington DC this upcoming summer to work as a Junior Fellow at the JPSM (Joint Program in Survey Methodology) at the University of Maryland.

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**Casey Plach** is a senior Political Science major and Spanish minor. Throughout her time at IWU she has worked as a writing center tutor, a research assistant for the Political Science department, and a residential community advisor. Casey has also interned at State Farm, Heartland Head Start, and the McLean County Law and Justice Center. Some of her most influential college experiences included volunteering at The Immigration Project in Bloomington, IL and studying abroad in Granada, Spain. Casey is currently working for an immigration law firm in downtown Chicago.

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