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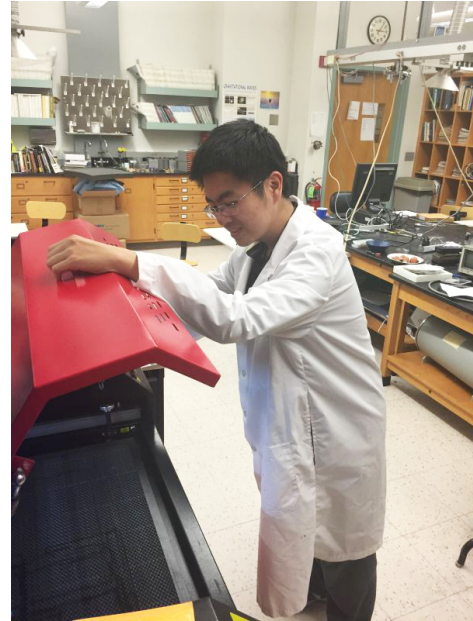
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Illinois Wesleyan University physics major Zhenghao (Andy) Ding '18 has been awarded a 2015 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship from SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or a related field.

An international student from China, Ding is currently researching microfluidics, optical trapping and quantum entanglement in the physics lab at Illinois Wesleyan. This summer he will take a laboratory electronics course at Harvard Summer School, and will also attend the SPIE Optics + Photonics Conference in San Diego in August.

At Illinois Wesleyan Ding is president of the newly founded IWU student chapter of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), the world's largest professional association for the advancement of technology. He is secretary of IWU's SPIE chapter and a member of the Society for Physics Students. He is also vice president of the Chinese Culture and Communication Club, and will assist with International Student Orientation this year.

SPIE is a nonprofit organization founded in 1955 advancing light-based technologies. It serves more than 264,000 constituents in over 160 countries.



Andy Ding '18 operates the laser cutter in the IWU physics lab.