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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— For the second year in a row, Illinois Wesleyan University students Alejandra Salinas '16 and Matthew Braden '16 received top honors at the Collegiate DECA International Career Development Conference.

Both students competed in the Business Simulations-Accounting category. In the Accounting event, individual participants analyze a real-world accounting situation, develop ideas and solutions to the situation, then role-play with a professional judge with experience in financial services and/or accounting. Participants also take a comprehensive exam.

Salinas (Sugar Grove, Ill.) and Braden (Aurora, Ill.) tied for highest exam score. In addition, Braden placed in the top 10 internationally for his performance in the presentation portion of the competition. Both students are [accounting](#) majors at Illinois Wesleyan.

Last year Salinas ranked in the Top 10 in the Accounting event, while Braden was recognized with a certificate of excellence for his performance in the role-play.

Salinas started Illinois Wesleyan's Collegiate DECA chapter three years ago and served as president, while Braden served as vice president. DECA's goal is to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.



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