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exceed, outdo, go beyond... }



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN
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If you want to excel





in college and your life,

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

is the place for you.



On the pages that follow, you'll find seven reasons why every year some of the best students from across the country and around the world choose to enroll here.



REASON
1
EXCELLENCE *and value*

There are nearly 2,800 four-year colleges and universities in the nation, and a plethora of magazines, guidebooks and experts that seek to identify the best ones. Here's what just a few have to say about Illinois Wesleyan and our students.



Illinois Wesleyan moved up two places to 58th among the nation's private liberal arts colleges in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* 2014 "Best Value Rankings." This marks the eighth consecutive year that Wesleyan has been included among the national leaders in this ranking of academic quality and affordability.

U.S. News & World Report

In 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Illinois Wesleyan 73rd among the national liberal arts colleges. Even more noteworthy was Wesleyan's rank of 43rd in student selectivity and 61st in graduation and retention rates, which are key measures of student and institutional quality.

Washington Monthly

Illinois Wesleyan moved up four places to 43rd among the 246 private liberal arts colleges and universities in the 2014 *Washington Monthly College Guide*.



Illinois Wesleyan is annually named among America's Top Colleges by both *Forbes* and *Barron's* magazines.

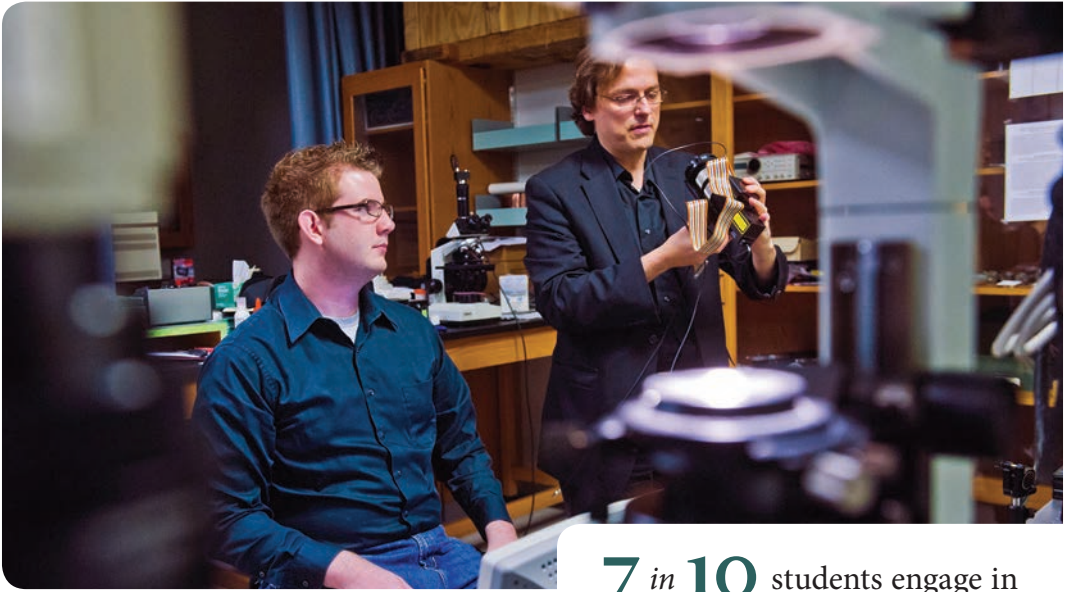
The Princeton Review

Illinois Wesleyan has been included in *The Princeton Review's* annual listing of America's Best Colleges every year since its inception in 1989. The listing, which is based on student surveys, includes 300-plus public and private colleges and universities, which are not numerically ranked. However, in the 2015 edition of America's Best Colleges, Illinois Wesleyan was also recognized on special listings as having the 19th Best College Library and 18th Best College Radio Station.

REASON
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OPPORTUNITIES *to explore*





As an Illinois Wesleyan student you'll be encouraged to find and pursue your passions, engage in meaningful ways on and off campus, think outside the box, travel the world and more.

Above: Physics professor Gabe Spalding and Patrick Dahl '12 were part of an international team of researchers that developed an acoustic tractor beam named one of the Top 10 Physics Breakthroughs of 2014 by *Physics Magazine*.

Right: Professor of Sociology Teddy Amoloza and student organizations worked to raise funds to build a new home for survivors of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Opposite page: Students of the IWU Spain Program, in which 16-24 students study for a semester with a Wesleyan professor and local faculty while living with host families in Barcelona.

7 in 10 students engage in research or creative activity

1 in 2 students study abroad before they graduate

8 in 10 students volunteer



7 *in* **10** students have one or more internships before

they graduate. Internships provide them with hands-on experience in a field related to their career interests, help them to explore careers or allow them to provide some form of service to others. As a senior, nursing major Jenna Ducharne gained valuable training working alongside experienced RNs.





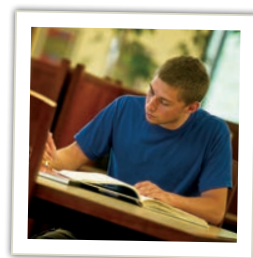
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first-class RESOURCES

Not only do we have a beautiful
campus, but you'll find our facilities
and resources second to none.



The Ames Library
(left) is among the nation's
top collegiate libraries.



State Farm Hall *(above and previous page)*

is our newest building with state of the art classrooms and the latest in teaching technologies (inside and out).

Center for Natural Science *(above right)*,

a National Science Foundation Model Building, houses a Scanning Electron Microscope Lab, an NMR spectrometer, hooded lab stations, and a wide range of research equipment and laboratory resources.

Mark Evans Observatory *(near right)*

is a national observing post, with an 11-inch Cassegrain telescope and Charged Coupled Device camera.

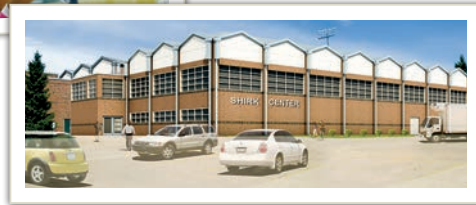


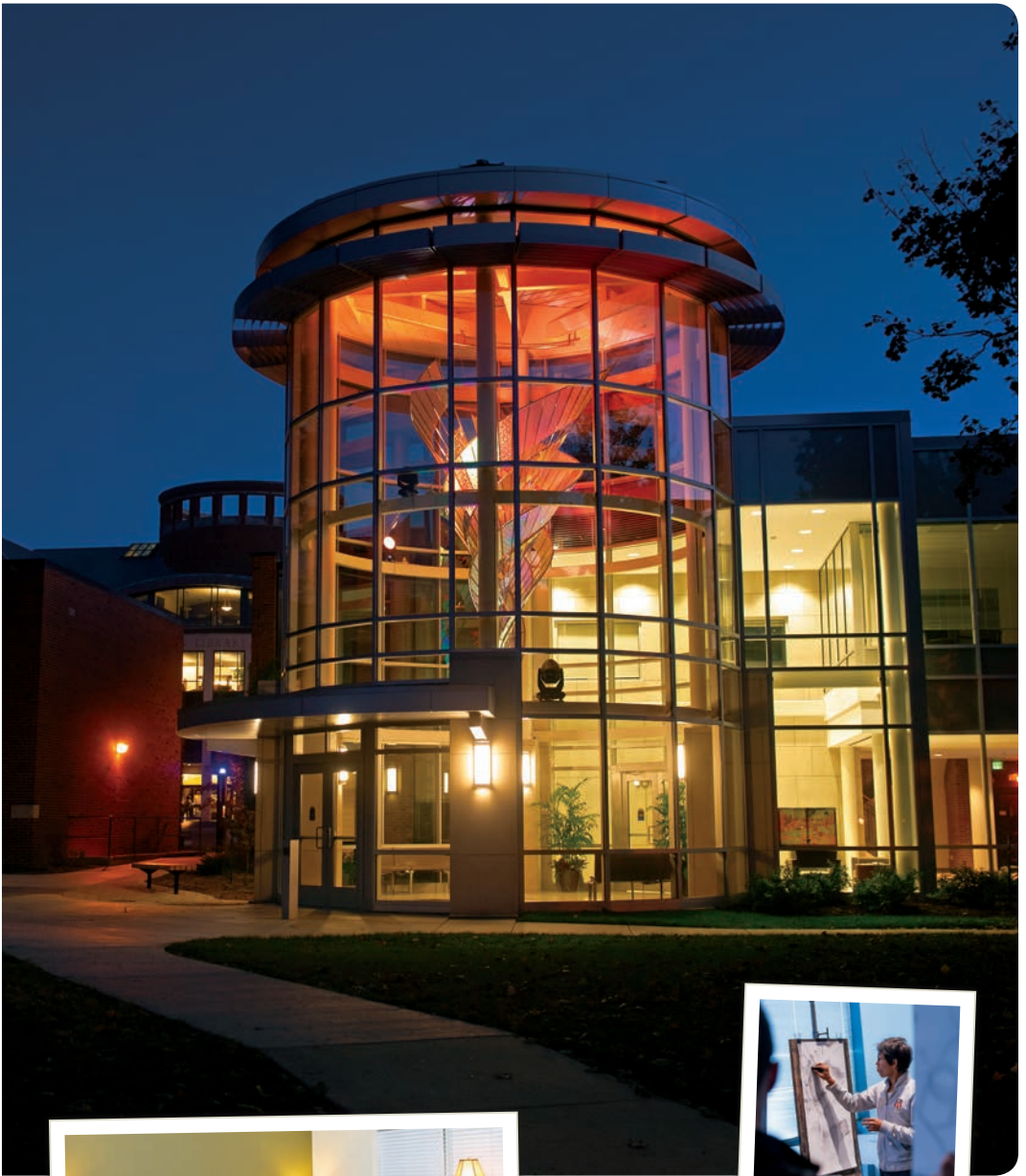


Tucci Stadium (above), home to the Titans, has a new FieldTurf playing surface on the fifth-oldest playing field in the NCAA.



The Shirk Center for Athletics and Recreation (right), one of the finest sports, fitness and recreation centers of its kind, is expanding to meet the increasingly active and fitness conscious student body.





Ames School of Art *(above)* features studios, labs and the Merwin & Wakeley Galleries.

The Gates at Wesleyan *(left)*, new 4 bedroom apartments, add to the variety of student housing choices.

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VIBRANT *campus life*



At Illinois Wesleyan,
we know that not everything
you learn in college takes place
in the classroom, which is why
campus life is so important to
you and to us.



31 theatre productions
13 gallery exhibits
97 concerts and recitals

185 student organizations,
including Greek Life, intramural
sports, student government
and media, volunteer activities,
cultural, spiritual and arts
groups, and more

200 concerts, comedy acts,
fairs, carnivals, talent shows
and other student events at the
Hansen Student Center



Above: "Live Band Karaoke" at the Hansen Student Center.

Top: The School of Theatre Arts April 2014 production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

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GREAT *college towns*

The twin cities of Bloomington and Normal are two great college towns that have much to offer while you're in school and when you graduate. With US Cellular Coliseum and the Corn Crib stadium, the Twin Cities are home to professional hockey, basketball, arena football, and baseball teams. And, both venues bring in big name musical acts.

But don't just take our word for it. The Twin Cities have been ranked among the best places in the nation:





1 *Best Cities for Singles* *Kiplinger (2013)*

2 *Top Places to Find a Job* *Beyond.com (2013)*

9 *Most Exciting Cities in Illinois* *Movoto.com (2015)*

11 *Fastest Growing Cities* *NerdWallet.com (2013)*

15 *Top Cities for Recent Graduates* *The Atlantic (2011)*

100 *Best Communities for Young People**
The America's Promise Alliance and ING (2011)

**The only Illinois community on this list*

17 *Geekiest City* *Forbes (2011)*

28 *Best Small Places for Business and Careers*
Forbes (2012)

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6 NCAA Division III
National Championships

WINNING *Titan traditions*

Our 22 Titan varsity teams are among the nation's best in terms of championships and our student-athletes among the top academically.



NCAA FINAL FOUR



The men's basketball team reached the Final Four of the Division III national tournament in both 2012 and 2014.





132 league championships

36 NCAA Division III
top-10 finishes

116 Academic All-Americans,
among the top 15 nationally
in all NCAA divisions

Varsity Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball (M&W)
- Cross Country (M&W)
- Football
- Golf (M&W)
- Lacrosse (M&W)
- Soccer (M&W)
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving (M&W)
- Tennis (M&W)
- Track (Indoor/Outdoor, M&W)
- Volleyball (W)



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SUCCESS *after graduation*

Whether it's beginning your career at a Fortune 500 company, working to create a better world with a nonprofit organization, starting your own business, contributing your talents in the arts, healthcare or education, or pursuing graduate or professional school, Illinois Wesleyan graduates are well-prepared for whatever path they choose to follow.



Bill Damaschke '85

Former Chief Creative Officer, DreamWorks Animation SKG

“Every day I look back at what I learned here—whether it was about creativity or taking risks—those kinds of things serve me every single day and I’m really happy and proud that I have the foundation I developed at Illinois Wesleyan.”



**“My professors taught me
to be a strategic, imaginative thinker....**

Wesleyan definitely taught me how to
build relationships and respect others —
how to engage one another, how to engage
the world and how to care about one another.”

Chad Maxwell '02

Senior Vice President of the Integrated Insights,
Human Experience and Intelligence Group,
Starcom USA

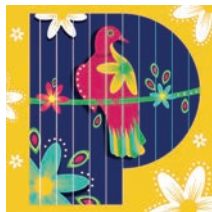
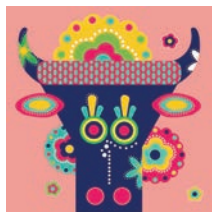


Kirk Schroeder '84 (near left)

President and Co-Founder, Essen Bioscience

“My job mostly involves negotiating, hiring, forming collaborations and planning. The liberal arts education I received at Illinois Wesleyan certainly helped with the communication and writing skills I use every day.” And, Kirk’s co-founder says, “He can take any problem and figure out how to solve it. He’s constantly training and learning new things.”

Left: Maria Gonzalez's award-winning illustrations take inspiration from Mexican folk art known as alebrijes.



Maria Gonzalez '08

Senior Art Director, Leo Burnett Advertising Chicago

“It was through Professor McElroy that I even discovered design magazines like PRINT, which she made available to us for inspiration and she brought in people to look over our portfolios, and she encouraged us to explore different design paths within graphic design.”



Rod Adams '95

Director Human Capital Strategy, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

“It’s been many years since I graduated, and each year more and more I appreciate the experience that I had at Illinois Wesleyan. You obviously get a great education here, but the friends that you made, the lessons that you learned are really what it’s all about.”

96%

of Wesleyan graduates are employed full time or in graduate/professional school within six months of graduating

80-85%

of those applying to medical school are accepted at their first choice program, compared to 50% nationally

100%

placement rate for nursing majors

90%+

of accounting majors who take part in the Chicago internship program receive a job offer following their internship



Dawn Upshaw '82

Five-time Grammy Award-winning Soprano

“It was Professor David Nott who first told me I might have what it takes to become a professional performer. . . . I just can’t say enough about what that meant to me and how truly wonderful and supportive the faculty were and continue to be to this day.”



Karl Pierburg '98

Senior Director of Football Systems, Atlanta Falcons

“Football is my passion but it’s not my main passion. My main passion is solving problems and developing systems, and that was nurtured here at Illinois Wesleyan. My IT computer science training at Wesleyan did not just qualify me to walk into a job and say, ‘Okay, I can program in this language that you need. Hire me.’ But it taught me how to think and how to go and how to build and how to do. It set me up for a whole career here, and I’m not just pigeonholed into some kind of one-tier track. It’s a whole broad horizon.”



Sundeep Mullangi '97

Managing Director, PPM America Investment Management

“When I came to Wesleyan, I didn’t really know what I wanted to do. It was a place where I could challenge myself and do things other than what I knew, which is the hallmark of a liberal arts education. Attending Wesleyan is a phenomenal experience, and I want students, now and in the future, to have the same experience I had.”

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