

The Freshman Perspective

The Freshman Orientation Newsletter for John Wesley Scholars

John Wesley Honors College

Indiana Wesleyan University



Get Involved: Make the Most of College!

To help you make the most of your time at Indiana Wesleyan University and in the John Wesley Honors College, this issue of the *Freshman Perspective* includes information

about a host of opportunities to explore within the JWHC and across campus — everything from the Honors College Student Association, to Student Government Association (where there is a long history of JWHC student involvement), to multiple other extracurricular activities. And if you don't see something you're interested in, there is always the option to start something new!

Finding ways to connect with others — inside and outside of class — will also enrich your college experience. In these pages, you'll meet current John Wesley Scholars and faculty, as well as another batch of incoming students. You'll soon be sitting with them in classes, but we hope you enjoy getting to know them a little now.

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Honors College Student Association

A Message from Your 2012-2013 HCSA President

Welcome to the John Wesley Honors College! We are so excited that you have joined our community and hope you will feel very much at home in it come September! Being in the JWHC, you enter college already part of a community which seeks to encourage, support, and challenge you both academically and spiritually.

When I began freshman year, I assumed college was all about academics and coursework, but in reality, it is an environment where one grows in every area of life. For most of us, college is the first time we are on our own and we begin deciding what loves we will orient our lives around.

The thing I love about the Honors College is that it not only recognizes that, as people, we are more than mere intellect, it celebrates that fact and provides opportunities for all of us to grow with one another as we orient ourselves around Christ. A major opportunity for you to build community with fellow Honors College students is to be involved in the Honors College Student Association (HCSA), which is a student-run organization to provide spiritual, social, and service events for the JWHC community.

College provides many opportunities — yet the responsibility lies with you. You are in college — you have autonomy over your schedule. Your college experience will be largely determined by what you choose to invest in. You will be blessed by investing in relationships with your peers and professors. Many will be lasting friendships! You are about to begin a wonderful adventure and the Lord has something unique in store for each of you. Enjoy each day! College is wonderful!

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Jenna Childress

HCSA 2012-2013 Cabinet

President



Jenna Childress

Vice President



Melia Sneden

Chaplain



Michael Conner

Secretary



Jaki Brueggen

Honors College Student Association

Several students from each JWHC class serve on the HCSA Senate, helping to fulfill its mission through a variety of projects, events, and service opportunities — everything from *Coram Deo* chapel and Evensong prayer services, to chess tournaments, to theme parties, to the annual LoveFast fundraiser for the underprivileged of Marion.

Nominations for Freshmen Senators will be requested during the first week of classes. Get to know your classmates during New Student Orientation and nominate those you think would enjoy this role. We will confirm with all nominees whether or not they are interested in the position. Feel free to nominate yourself! You will then be sent an e-mail to vote for your top three candidates. The winners will also be announced by e-mail. Starting in the fall, be sure to check your IWU account regularly for Honors College and HCSA announcements.



HCSA 2012-2013 Senate

Freshmen



You?

Seniors



Bailey Haskins



Rachel Heffern

Juniors



Jonathan Dunn



Drew Hawkins



Kyle Sofolo

Sophomores



Ali Cravens



Katherine Fitch



Sara Mak Hoffman



Colin O'Grady

At-Large Senators



Eliza Bauler



Lucas Heffner

Extracurricular Opportunities

Numerous **student organizations** on campus provide avenues for you to pursue and develop your interests and passions. Can't find one you like? You can always start a new one! Look for more information at wildcat.indwes.edu/student-organizations/. Current student organizations are listed below.

Academic-Related

Community of Accountants
Council for Exceptional Children
Criminal Justice Club
English and Writing Club
Exercise Science and Health and Fitness Club
History Club
Honors College Student Association
International and Community Development
IWU Leadership Society
Mathematical Academia Consortium
Model United Nations Club
National Art Education Association
Nurses Christian Fellowship
Psychology Club
Science Club
Social Work Club
Society of Physics Student
Student Education Association
Student Nurses Association

Honor Societies

Alpha Chi
Iota Omega Upsilon (counseling)
Kappa Delta Pi (education)
Phi Alpha Theta (history)
Psi Chi (psychology)

Sports & Recreation

IWU Budokai
IWU Running
IWU Ultimate Frisbee Club
Sixth Man Club
Swim Club

Interest-Related

Creation Care Alliance
Doulos
Launch
Military and Leadership Club
Student Activities Council
Students for Life
Student Government Association
World Christian Fellowship
IWU Remix

Student Media

Caesura (literary magazine)
The Legacy (yearbook)
The Sojourn (student newspaper)

Other Leadership

ROTC

Professional

AIGA IWU Student Group
American Society of Interior Designers
Association for Computing Machinery
NAfME: National Association for Music Education
Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Extracurricular Opportunities

In addition to participating in student organizations, there are multiple other ways to serve and lead throughout campus, including those listed here.

Student Government Association

wildcat.indwes.edu/sga/



The Student Government Association represents the total student body on issues and information concerning student welfare and services. SGA also distributes significant funds to student organizations in support of their mission and activities. SGA is comprised of a president, executive cabinet, student organization representatives, and a senate (many of whom have been and currently are JWHS students). Elections are held each spring. See the “Student Spotlight” to meet a John Wesley Scholar who will be serving on the SGA cabinet next year.

Intramural Sports

wildcat.indwes.edu/intramuralsports/

Residence Life

indwes.edu/residence-life

Ministry Teams (Music)

University Chorale ♦ IWU Wind Ensemble ♦ One Voice ♦ HIS Instrument ♦ The Master's Praise ♦ Redeemed

Christ-in-Action Teams (Drama)

Overflow ♦ Shine ♦ Amplify ♦ Catalyst

Worship Bands

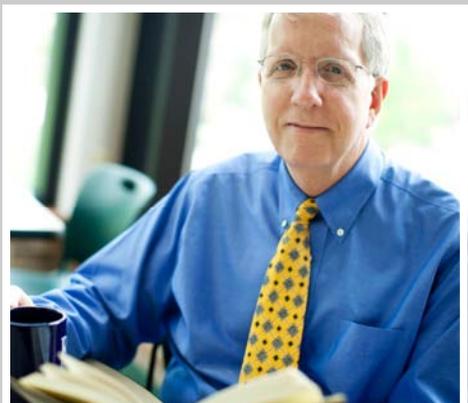
Revolution ♦ Veritas ♦ En Gedi



Music and Drama Ministry

indwes.edu/Church-Relations/Ministry-Teams/

Introducing JWHC Faculty



Dr. Charles E. Bressler (B.A., Wilkes University; M.S., University of Scranton; Ph.D., University of Georgia) joined the IWU community in 2008 as professor of English. In addition to his teaching several English courses each academic semester, Dr. Bressler is the senior scholar for undergraduate research in the John Wesley Honors College. He is actively involved in the JWHC, teaching research tutorials, supervising and coordinating undergraduate honors theses, and teaching Honors World Literature. Next spring, Dr. Bressler will also teach the introductory JWHC freshman writing course, “Rhetoric and the Sacramental Imagination.”

In addition to his work in the Honors College, Dr. Bressler maintains an active scholarly life. The fifth edition of his text, *Literary Criticism: An Introduction to Theory and Practice* (Prentice Hall), was published in the fall of 2010. He has also delivered many scholarly presentations at such venues as the British Tolkien Society, the National Hawthorne Society, the C. S. Lewis Oxbridge Conference, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, and the American Popular Culture Association, to name a few. This summer, he and three student researchers will be presenting their work on J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings* at the International Tolkien Society Conference.

Dr. Bressler’s primary areas of research include literary theory and criticism, C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, G. K. Chesterton, Charles Williams, Edgar Allan Poe, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. While writing articles for such journals as *Touchstone*, he is also working on a scholarly edition of a Hawthorne romance, a new English grammar text for freshman composition courses, and a text showing the influence of George MacDonald and G. K. Chesterton in the lives and literary works of the Oxford Christians, known as *The Inklings*.

Dr. Bressler has been married for more than 30 years to Darlene. Presently, Darlene is serving as the vice president and academic dean for the College of Arts and Sciences at IWU. He and Darlene have one daughter, Heidi, who married to a Lutheran minister and is a first-grade teacher.



**Questions about the JWHC?
Contact
honors.office@indwes.edu or
765-677-1441, and we’ll be
happy to assist you.**

Introducing JWHC Faculty



Dr. Todd C. Ream, senior scholar for faith and scholarship and associate professor of humanities, (B.A., Baylor University; M.Div., Duke University; Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University) lives with his wife, Sara, and daughters, Addison and Ashley, in Greentown, Indiana (*Home of the Eastern Comets!*), where they are members of Jerome Christian Church. Prior to coming to Indiana Wesleyan, he served as a postdoctoral research fellow, a chief student development officer, and a residence director. In addition to his teaching and administrative efforts, Dr. Ream's research interests include historical, philosophical, and theological explorations of higher education.

Dr. Ream is the author of *Christian Faith and Scholarship: An Exploration of Contemporary Developments* (with Perry L. Glanzer, Jossey-Bass, 2007), *Christianity and Moral Identity in Higher Education* (with Perry L. Glanzer, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), *A Parent's Guide to the Christian College: Supporting Your Child's Mind and Spirit During the College Years* (with Timothy W. Herrmann and C. Skip Trudeau, Abilene Christian University Press, 2011), and *The Idea of a Christian College: A Reexamination for Today's University* (with Perry L. Glanzer, Cascade Books, Forthcoming).

Dr. Ream is also the editor of *Taking Captive Every Thought: Forty Years of Christian Scholar's Review* (with Don W. King, Perry L. Glanzer, David A. Hoekema, Jerry A. Pattengale, and Todd Steen, Abilene Christian University Press, 2011), and *Beyond Integration?: Inter/Disciplinary Possibilities for the Future of Christian Higher Education* (with Jerry A. Pattengale and David L. Riggs, Abilene Christian University Press, 2012).

His current book projects include an edited volume entitled *Crisis on Campus? Hopeful Responses from Ernest L. Boyer* (with John L. Braxton, SUNY Press) and *The Lost Idea of a University: Reflections on a Squandered Inheritance* (with Perry L. Glanzer, InterVarsity Press). He also serves as the book review editor for *Christian Higher Education* (with Perry L. Glanzer) and *Christian Scholar's Review* (with Perry L. Glanzer).

Dr. Ream has contributed over 130 articles, editorials, interviews, and reviews to a variety of academic journals, popular magazines, and newspapers including *Big Sky Journal*, *Books and Culture*, *Christianity Today*, *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, *The Heythrop Journal*, the *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, the *Kokomo Perspective*, the *Kokomo Tribune*, *Modern Theology*, *New Blackfriars*, *The Review of Higher Education*, and *Teachers College Record*. However, his favorite publication to write for is *The Greentown Grapevine*.



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Dr. Rusty Hawkins, assistant professor of humanities and history, graduated from Wheaton College (IL) in 1999. After taking an M.A. in American History from Montana State University, Dr. Hawkins served for a year with AmeriCorps as a literacy program coordinator in the public schools of Boston, Massachusetts. He earned his Ph.D. in American history from Rice University in 2009.

Dr. Hawkins is currently working on a book manuscript titled *Sacred Segregation: White Evangelicals and Civil Rights in South Carolina*, which is under contract with Louisiana State University Press. Drawn from his dissertation research, the book examines the way that white Christians' religious beliefs caused them to work against the civil rights movement in the South. He has received research grants for his book from the Southern Baptist Library and Archives, Baylor University's Institute for Oral History, the University of South Carolina's Institute for Southern Studies, and Indiana Wesleyan University's Lilly Scholarship Fund.

In 2010, Dr. Hawkins organized a national conference held at Indiana Wesleyan University to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the publication of Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith's book, *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*. Dr. Hawkins is currently editing (with Philip Luke Sinitiere) a collection of the papers presented at that conference for a volume titled: *Christians and the Color Line: Race and Religion after Divided by Faith*.

Dr. Hawkins began his work in the John Wesley Honors College as a postdoctoral teaching fellow. He has taught survey classes in American history and world history, as well as upper-level research seminars on the northern civil rights movement, American evangelicalism, and competing religions in the black freedom struggle.

New Student Registration: Don't Miss the JWHC Meeting!

Are you coming to New Student Registration in July? If so, we look forward to seeing you! We'll meet with you and other incoming JWHC students at 9:15 am on your registration day. Look for more information in your packet when you arrive. You won't want to miss this meeting, in which we'll share all you need to know about registering for Honors classes.

Scholar Spotlight



Taryn Coates is a rising junior in the John Wesley Honors College. She is majoring in Secondary Social Studies Education and minoring in International Relations. She will serve as the Vice President for Academic Affairs in IWU's Student Government Association next year.

Hometown: I'm a military kid, so home is a relative term. Currently, my family and I are from Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Favorite aspect of the JWHC and why:

I appreciate the emphasis on theology and church tradition that I would completely miss without participation in the Honors College. My understanding of the Christian faith and life has

been enriched and deepened. As a result, my mindset towards my studies at IWU and my relationships with people have been tremendously impacted in such a positive way.

What she loves most about IWU: The professors! I expected competent instructors at college, but I have been wonderfully surprised by the way so many of the professors (ALL of the HC profs!) really care about students and go to great lengths to encourage me and invest in me. Their genuine spirit and generosity is not something you will encounter at every school.

Advice for freshmen: There are many exciting opportunities that you will want to take full advantage of during your college years and you should enjoy this time of life. From painful personal experience, however, I advise that you don't load your schedule too much. Challenge yourself (because you are all very competent and brilliant people!), but don't take on so much you can't get the rest you need to feel and perform well. Truly, life is so much more fun with sleep!

Her role in SGA: This year I will be serving as Vice President of Academic Affairs for Student Government Association (SGA) at IWU. Overall, SGA represents the student body (you) to the Administration and works with students and faculty to promote the key values and mission of the school. We're essentially the communication link between students and administrators. As VPAA, I will be advocating for students on all issues academic. My cohorts (officially, they are called Academic Representatives. There is one student representative per academic division.) and I will work to hear and voice students' questions or concerns. We will also be heading up certain events throughout the academic year. Professor Appreciation Week is in the spring — and it is something you definitely want to involve yourself with. It's fun and it means a lot to the professors! My goal this year to encourage you in your academic pursuits by providing ways for you to participate in shaping your education. Welcome to the fun!

Chaplain's Corner

Emily Hathway (Class of 2011) is an alumna of the JWHC. She and several other IWU alumni are starting an intentional community—The Incarnation House—in Marion, Indiana. She is also planning to pursue a graduate degree in Student Development Counseling and Administration. Emily served as the Honors College Student Association Chaplain during her junior and senior years at IWU.

In the past few months, I've been learning a lot about community. The main catalyst for this learning journey is my recent move into an intentional community of five Christian college graduates in downtown Marion. Our goal and purpose is to be a presence for Christ in that area of Marion, to learn how to be good neighbors, and to cultivate a virtuous and disciplined Christ-like life. As such, I have been reading quite a bit of literature from Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the challenges and blessings of cultivating a Christian "life together." Bonhoeffer makes a great observation on the gift that visible community is in his book, *Life Together*.



“The measure with which God gives the gift of visible community is varied. Christians who live dispersed from one another are comforted by a brief visit of another Christian, a prayer together, and another Christian's blessing. Indeed, they are strengthened by letters written by the hand of other Christians. Paul's greetings in his letters written in his own hand were no doubt tokens of such community. Others are given the gift on Sundays of the community of the worship service. Still others have the privilege of living a Christian life in the community of their families.”

The reality is that living together as Christians is an incredible grace from the Lord. We yearn for it inwardly because we were made in the image of a God who is himself in community within the Trinity. But when the Lord provides that grace, we are often caught up in the petty conflicts and selfish annoyances that inevitably come and rather than working through those things in love and humility, our primary reaction is to withdraw and pull away, hindering what could have grown into something deep and beautiful for the sake of keeping our pride intact.

As you enter into the incredible community of the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan, as well as the wider Christian community at IWU, seek to cultivate true peace among your brothers and sisters. Don't let the enemy sell you short by believing the lie that a mere surface (and counterfeit) peace through avoiding conflict is the ultimate picture of community to which we are called as brothers and sisters in Christ. No, the truth is that as we take the time to speak to the reality of situations with brothers and sisters through the filter of humility and love, such a deep grace is released into our lives as we find who we are created to be in Christ within Christian community.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Featured Freshmen

Katie Cahill

Home: Fredericksburg, Indiana

Major: Biology

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "The Lord gave...be praised." (Job 1: 21b)

Hobbies or interests:

Reading, playing basketball, and playing time management computer games.

Best high school experiences:

Participating on Academic Team and theater productions.



In college, I am most looking forward to:

Meeting new people and growing spiritually and educationally.

If I could have any superpower: Invisibility, easier to get things done when you are not being seen.

If I could travel anywhere: I would go to Ireland because it seems like a great place to just relax and enjoy nature.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Strawberries, skittles, Snicker doodle cookies, ice cream, and gummy bears/worms.

Strange thing I did as a child: I would play "Dinosaurs" in my grandma's basement with my brothers. We each chose a dinosaur (I was usually a pterodactyl) and acted it out.

Alyssa Campbell

Home: Huber Heights, Ohio

Major: Communications

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived, this is to have succeeded." –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hobbies or interests: Cheerleading, choir, musicals, church praise team, sound team at church, lifeguarding, swim instructing, and have been on the KCW Aikido youth competitive team (martial arts).

Best high school experiences:

My favorite memories in high school were getting my back handspring back during football cheer, being in "The Wiz" musical, and Friday chapels at school.

In college, I am most looking forward to:

I am so looking forward to meeting new people, stretching myself spiritually, and growing academically.

If I could have any superpower: I would like to have the superpower of reactive adaptation/evolution, which is the ability to adapt to any situation or environment, though time and molecular manipulation would be a close second.

If I could travel anywhere: I would go back to Hong Kong in a heartbeat! I visited when I was little, and I fell in love with the different culture, people, and experiences I had there.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Chick-Fil-A sandwich meal with a lemonade drink, water, carrots and celery, grapes and green apples and mangos, and Campbell's soup.



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Strange thing I did as a child: When I was younger I received a water bed, so when I was bored I would climb onto the headboard and launch myself off into a belly flop onto my bed. Repetitively.

Rachel Gagliardo

Home: Highland Heights, Ohio

Major: Elementary Education

Favorite quote or Bible verse:

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Hobbies or interests: I enjoy playing tennis, synchronized swimming, reading, photography, and hanging out with friends.

Best high school experiences: Participating in and taking trips to Hawaii and Disney World with marching band, and being co-captains of the tennis team with my best friend.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Meeting new people.

If I could have any superpower: I would want to be able to read minds so that I could know what people were really thinking about.

If I could travel anywhere: I would travel to Italy because I am Italian and have been learning Italian so I would love to immerse myself in the culture and test



out my Italian language skills. Also, I love history and think Italy is absolutely beautiful and full of historic attractions.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Ice cream, black olives, pasta, apples, and chicken cutlets.

Gabriela Garver

Home: I was born in Caracas, Venezuela. I call Plano, Texas, my home town. I now live in Falconer, New York.

Major: International Relations

Favorite quote or Bible verse: “If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth, only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.”—C.S. Lewis

Hobbies or interests: Writing, reading classic literature, enjoying nature, creating various forms of art, training horses.

Best high school experiences: I tutor elementary students in English and Spanish at a local community center. It has been awesome to overcome my fear of entering a different culture, to improve my Spanish, to learn about the social welfare system in the United States by seeing it first-

hand (I’m very interested in the U.S. social welfare system.), and cultivate lots of diverse friendships. Some other great experiences have been: hosting a foreign exchange student, a recent missions trip to Joplin, Missouri, with my youth group, getting asked to prom, and trying new foods.



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In college, I am most looking forward to: I'm looking forward to being challenged in my faith so that I can grow stronger and to making friends.

If I could have any superpower: I would choose invisibility, because I am shy in some situations and it would be so nice to disappear. Plus, it would be great to go places, like the grocery store, in my pajamas.

If I could travel anywhere: I would probably go to Europe because it's the one continent, besides Antarctica, that I have never been too, other than airport layovers! I have heard it is wonderful. I have never seen, in person, structures that are thousands of years old. I love the historical riches Europe has preserved.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Grapes, grilled vegetables, steak, vanilla ice cream, arepas.

Strange thing I did as a child: I sucked on my toes.

Gus Goggin

Home: New Castle, Indiana

Major: Psychology

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves and wiser people so full of doubts." – Bertrand Russell

Hobbies or interests: Basketball, ultimate frisbee, disc golf, archery, boxing, and movies.

Best high school experiences: Making friends and spending quality time with them.



In college, I am most looking forward to: Getting an education and making new friends.

If I could have any superpower: Time control, because it's so practical.

If I could travel anywhere: Alaska, because I've never been and I really enjoy the great outdoors.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Chocolate chip cookies, hamburgers, a nice salad, spaghetti, corn on the cob.

Strange thing I did as a child: My first books I ever read, and possibly still my favorites, were Calvin and Hobbes collections.

Michelle King

Home: Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but moved to Indiana from Lakeland, Florida

Major: International Relations

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

Hobbies or interests: Reading, listening to music, watching old movies, playing with my dogs.

Best high school experiences: Playing basketball, being co-valedictorian, attending a government camp in Virginia, and getting to visit Langley Air Force Base.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Making new friends, being challenged academically, spiritually, and athletically, playing basketball.

If I could have any superpower: Mind reading. I am very curious and am always being told: "That is



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none of your business.” Mind reading would allow me to know what is going on and I wouldn’t get in trouble.

If I could travel anywhere: I would travel to either Italy or Greece. Not only are they both beautiful countries, but there is so much history there—and not just pictures or museums either, but the ruins of some of the most famous buildings in history.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Strawberries, Mom’s chicken broccoli casserole, pasta, white chocolate chip macadamia nut cookies, Mom’s homemade apple pie.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was about five years old, I sang *Jesus Loves Me* in front of my church. Ordinarily, that wouldn’t be strange, but when you sing as well as an alley cat, then singing in front of people is crazy. I don’t know how mom and dad convinced me to do that. Believe me, I will never sing in front of people again.

Noelle Lehman

Home: Swayzee, IN

Major: Christian Ministries, Leadership Minor



Favorite quote or Bible verse: “For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” 1 Corinthians 1:25

Hobbies or interests: I love singing and acting. I enjoy playing the violin, piano, and guitar. Dancing for me is also fun, yet I am not at all a talented dancer. I love reading and writing stories and poetry in my free time.

Best high school experiences: In high school, I really have found the best experiences to be those with the friends I’ve gained and the great times I’ve had. During my high school years, my church youth group was one of

my favorite places. I love the camps and missions trips I went on through my church youth group as well.

In college, I am most looking forward to: Honestly, I can’t really answer this with one answer. I’m looking forward to the fact that I can leave my dorm and not have to tell my parents where I’m going and what I’m doing. I’m looking forward to new friends and experiences. I’m looking forward to being challenged and being surrounded by a Christian community. I’m really looking forward to how I’ll grow in my faith in college.

If I could have any superpower: I would want to be able to fly because whenever I just want to take a break from life and relax, I can just go and fly. Plus, flying would save a lot of money that would otherwise pay for the gas required of my car.

If I could travel anywhere: I would go to Europe, specifically on a trip through Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. Europe appeals to me because I took German for three years with an amazing teacher in high school. After learning all about the architecture, culture, and community of Europe, I want to one day see all of the sites that I’ve seen in pictures.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Peanuts, chicken dumplings, fruit smoothies, cheese, and cheeseburgers with ketchup.

Strange thing I did as a child: When my brother and I argued as children, my mother punished us by making us write love letters to each other. In my “love letter,” I told my brother that he’d sinned by arguing with me, so I gave him instructions on how to get saved and ask forgiveness from God for sinning so terribly. Within the entire “love letter,” I said nothing about being sorry, and I offered no apologies.

Tracey Mamerow

Home: Brookfield, Wisconsin

Major: Nursing

Favorite quote or Bible verse: “Believe God’s word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea.”—Samuel Rutherford

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Hobbies or interests: I love adventure! So I love trying new things, especially relating to water. Jet skiing, tubing, boating, swimming, etc. are wonderful, as well as four-wheeling, hiking, and just being outside. I also love reading, board games, and dance parties. As for interests, one of my major interests is traveling. I want to visit so many places, and I have a special passion for Africa.

Best high school experiences: My senior trip. My class of fifty went to a YMCA camp in Colorado. We climbed mountains, had volleyball tournaments, and a very powerful speaker. It was one of the times my class has been most unified. It was wonderful.

In college, I am most looking forward to: So many things! The Honors College — I'm super excited



for the research part, but also just being on my own and meeting new people and getting out of my comfort zone.

If I could have any superpower:

Shapeshifter! I'd then be able to fly, breathe in water, run fast, and do pretty much anything!

If I could travel anywhere: New Zealand.

I've always wanted to see

where they filmed *Lord of the Rings*, not to mention the beautiful landscape and awesome accents.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Watermelon, chocolate, bread, red peppers and chicken.

Strange thing I did as a child: Does seven grade count? During field day I ran into a wall and broke my arm in front of the whole middle school.

Chloe McLaughlin

Home: Frankfort, Indiana

Major: Church Music and Christian Worship

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

Hobbies or interests: Music is my passion. I sing constantly, and I am always trying to learn new things and find new artists that I like. I also love cooking. My mom has always said that if I lost my voice tomorrow I would have a future in the gourmet food industry.

Best high school experiences: I was in twelve theatrical productions while I was in high school, and I am so thankful for those experiences. When you spend five hours a day with people, the group definitely becomes a family!

In college, I am most looking forward to: I am looking forward to making new friends and pursuing new opportunities. I love going on mission trips and working with charity organizations, and I know there are bound to be service opportunities while I am at IWU.

If I could have any superpower: I would want to have the ability to be several places at once. Life gets hectic sometimes, and I think that would come in handy!

If I could travel anywhere: I have always wanted to go to Italy, because it is the center for two of my great loves...food (pizza to be more specific!) and opera!

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat

five foods, they would be: Key lime pie, pizza, noodles, chicken, and blueberries.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child I had a knack for falling in things. At the age of five, I fell into our neighbor's sewage pit. It was dark out and we were walking back from the lake behind their house. A few years later I tripped over the handle of a shovel and fell face first into another hole, succeeding in cutting my leg open on the sharp end of the shovel. I'm rather clumsy and nonobservant!



Featured Freshmen

Stephanie Munger

Home: Shelbyville, Indiana

Major: Math Education

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "You will call to me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12

Hobbies or interests: I like to draw or paint in my spare time. I also like to hang out with friends when I have the chance.



Best high school experiences: I took off the first semester of my senior year to join my youth pastor, his wife, and a few other teenagers to run on foot from New York to California. It was such an amazing experience!

In college, I am most looking forward to: I'm excited to meet a lot of new people.

If I could have any superpower: I would like to have the power to just blink and appear wherever I was thinking of going. I would love this power because I hate driving long distances or wasting time traveling short distances. If I could just blink and appear wherever, I would save time and money on gas.

If I could travel anywhere: I would love to go to Australia. I have always wanted to go there to see what it's like over there. I know it a beautiful place and I would love to experience for myself.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Nutty Bars, spaghetti, chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, and French fries.

Strange thing I did as a child: When I was younger I would play with my best friend every day, and we would act like we were secret spies. We would ride our bikes around our block and stop between houses and act like we were spying on people on our

block. We had a bunch of fake gadgets and everything to go along with this game.

Navar Watson

Home: Noblesville, Indiana

Major: Communications

Favorite quote or Bible verse: "I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing." —Agatha Christie

Hobbies or interests: My favorite things to do are write, act, paint, read, and talk. I especially love journalism and getting the opportunity to meet and interact so many different types of people.

Best high school experiences: My best high school experience was traveling with a small group of fellow staff members from the student newspaper (as well as our adviser, Mrs. Shields) to the IHSPA (Indiana High School Press Association) First Amendment Symposium at Franklin College. I loved getting to skip school for a couple days in order to be with hundreds of other journalism students like myself. We also stayed overnight in this totally sketchy motel that ended up being torn down the following week.



In college, I am most looking forward to: I look forward to a fresh start with new friends and new opportunities to explore.

If I could have any superpower: I would love to have the power to shape-shift into any person I want to (kinda like Mystique in *X-Men*). It would be so much fun to play tricks on people by pretending to be someone else.

If I could travel anywhere: I would travel to New Zealand. My parents have been there, and I've heard it's just the most beautiful place.

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If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Peanut butter, cheese, McDonald's fries, Ramen Noodle, and Chick-fil-A chicken sandwiches.

Strange thing I did as a child: As a child, I was simply awkward. Everything I did was strange. In fact, I never really grew out of this.

Grace Wyatt

Home: Richmond, Indiana

Major: Music Education



Favorite quote or Bible verse: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hobbies or interests: I love the community theatre, music, photography, sign-language, and having a good time.

Best high school experiences: The times I've been with my friends have been some of my best high school experiences. Surviving through Advanced Composition was also a great experience.

In college, I am most looking forward to: I can't wait to work on my major. Music has always been my life, and I'm so excited that I will be able to have a career involving music. I'm also excited for the community life at IWU.

If I could have any superpower: I wish I could control things with my mind or the ability to transport anywhere at any time.

If I could travel anywhere: I have always dreamed of going to Ireland. Somewhere near a creek and a snow-covered mountain.

If I was stranded on a deserted island and could only eat five foods, they would be: Up noodles (linguine), pepper jack cheese, grapes, thin wheats, and corn.

Strange thing I did as a child: I've always been clumsy. One time when I was a child as I was talking to my older cousin I walked into a pole and rendered myself unconscious.

Items You May Want to Bring to Campus

First, the basics:

- Clothes (don't forget hangers, a hamper, a drying rack, laundry soap, and dryer sheets)
- Bedding, towels, and toiletries
- Computer and accessories (USB drive, power strip, extra printer ink cartridges)
- Phone and accessories
- Bible, school supplies, and books
- Trash can and trash bags
- Any additional furniture you plan to put in your room (think small)
- Miscellaneous electronics (TV, lamps, fan, refrigerator, hairdryer)
- Dishes, cups, silverware, and food

Additional suggestions:

- 3M hooks to hang posters or pictures on the walls
- Quarters...lots and lots of quarters
- Extra storage (plastic drawers, small baskets, and over-the-door hooks)
- Cleaning supplies (dish soap, dish towels, cleaning wipes, paper towels)
- Basic first aid (aspirin, Band-Aid type band-aids, Roloids/Pepto Bismol, cough drops, antibiotic ointment)
- "Egg carton" type mattress pad
- Small sewing kit
- Tools (hammer, screwdriver, tape measure, duct tape, etc.)
- Camera