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Want to know the truth about Illinois Wesleyan's Economics majors? Well, below they tell it all about themselves, including future plans, favorite classes, favorite professors and more.

Xun Bian

Xun is an economics and mathematics double major from China. After graduation he plans on attending graduate school in economics with the expectation of earning a Ph.D in Economics. He eventually wants to become an economics professor and work at a research university or to obtain a research position with the government, an international organization, or within industry. He says that the one nice thing about being an Economics major at IWU is that "It gave me the opportunity to study with intellectual and easygoing people. It made my four years in the US both interesting and inspiring." His favorite course, although he has many wonderful memories about all the courses, was Microeconomics with Dr. Durbal. After taking Micro with Dr. Durbal, Xun decided to pursue a Ph.D in Economics. Good job Dr. Durbal! However, Dr. Chapman gets credit for making him an econ major.

Samantha Dietz

Sam is an econ major from Manteno, IL. Her favorite part about being an economics major is that she isn't a business major. After graduation, she plans to join Americorps for a year. She then plans to pursue a degree in law.

Adrien Gatesman

Adrien, or A.J. as she is known to the Econ faculty and students, is a double major in Economics and Business Administration from Melrose Park, IL. After graduation she plans on going back to the Melrose Park area and hopefully getting a job close to her home. Adrien writes that she initially started as a Business major but decided to add Economics as a

double major after taking Econ 100 with Dr. Chapman. In her own words, "econ theories just came easy to me." She isn't quite sure what she is going to do with her econ major in the future, but she knows that the research experience she acquired in her Econometrics and Research Honors classes will be helpful when looking for a marketing research or data analyst position in the future. Adrien will definitely miss all of the Econ professors, and "really appreciated the close-knit atmosphere of the department and how professors are always working with students, whether on research or class material." Her favorite memory is the party at Dr. Seeborg's house to celebrate Dr. Durbal's tenure. She thinks it was great to see the faculty outside of an academic setting.

James R. Glenn

James is an Economics and Business Administration double major with a minor in French from Lincoln, IL. He has thoroughly enjoyed his academic career here at Illinois Wesleyan. He chose to pursue a double major because both of the subject areas compliment each other extremely well. He also thanks Dr. Chapman for signing him up as an Econ major (second person to be converted by Dr. Chapman!). His best memories of being an econ major are tutoring, the Senior Seminar class, and Dr. Seeborg's jokes, which are often unexpected yet funny. His favorite classes were all the ones he took for his major. He thinks all the faculty members are wonderful, and wouldn't single one of them out as being his favorite. He also notes that the faculty was very accommodating when he continuously asked questions in class. James had a wonderful experience as an economics major and would definitely recommend it to anyone who hasn't decided on a college major because the subject matter is applicable to everything in life and the faculty is phenomenal.

His Labor Economics course with Dr. Seeborg inspired his interest in unions. This ultimately led to

his decision to apply for a seat in the Labor and Industrial Relations Institute at the University of Illinois for the fall of 2005. His future academic plans are to get a Master's in Human Resources and Industrial Relations (M.R.I.R.) and then enroll in U of I's law school and receive a J.D. degree. As a future employment lawyer, he hopes to make a small fortune and come back as alum to endow a faculty position in the economics department. Finally, he'd like to thank all his fellow students and professors for four unforgettable years.

Tim Hachmeister

Tim is a Mathematics and Economics double major from Elmhurst, IL. Tim has signed a contract with Kimberly-Clark and will be working in Nennah, Wisconsin for a few months before heading to Beech Island, South Carolina as a product supply analyst. Tim writes that working for Kimberly-Clark will give him the opportunity to apply both his majors. His favorite classes include "Econ Goes to the Movies", a May Term class taught by Dr. Durbal. He writes, "What could go wrong with playing games and watching movies? Ahem, and I guess learning some stuff as well." His favorite econ memory was realizing that his Senior Seminar presentation was done! But, according to Tim, the real question we should be asking seniors is if they had a good experience in Economics. His answer? Heck yeah!!!!!! Finally, Tim wants it to be noted that as much as he was interested in the subject, what truly made his work here worthwhile were the people he was working with.

Adam Houser

Adam is an Economics and Business Administration double major from St. Charles, IL. He writes that he is still looking for "that elusive full-time job offer in the financial services industry." He feels his Economics major will certainly help him in the financial services field as it has introduced him to several topics that the business administration major does not encompass. His favorite Economics classes were Dr. Chapman's "Money and Banking" class and Dr. Seeborg's Senior Seminar.

Stephen Mohrman

Stephen is an Accounting and Economics double major from St. Louis, MO. After graduation he plans to attend a one year Masters in Accountancy program with the intention to concentrate in passing the CPA

examination. After finishing the Master's program he will seek a position in the public accounting field. Steve thinks the critical thinking skills he has attained in his Economics major will facilitate his goals.

Sean Moran

Sean is a Political Science and Economics double major from Naperville, IL. His plans for next year are to get a job, but he doesn't know what the job will be yet, though he's looking at jobs in banks, political think-tanks, or anything that involves some sort of research that involves economics and politics. His favorite econ class was "Economics of Developing Countries" with Dr. Durbal. Sean writes, "It was one of the most interesting and informative classes I've had here at IWU." "Economics of the Environment", with Dr. Leekley, because "I got to see the economic approach to conservation as well as what the government has done positively and negatively to affect natural resources." Senior Seminar with Dr. Seeborg was also very enjoyable to him. His favorite econ professors are Dr. Durbal (his advisor) and Dr. Chapman, who convinced him to become an econ major (the third one for Dr. Chapman!). His favorite econ memory would probably be typing in data for twelve hours "only to have the computer reformat the document into read only, then crash and lose everything I worked on. Oh wait, that's the worst!" Best memories would probably be working with Dr. Seeborg and Dr. Leekley to "figure out how in the world I would set up my senior seminar and advanced research model." He's had great experiences in economics with the friendly department and positive attitude.

Elizabeth Planas

Elizabeth is a Hispanic Studies and Economics double major from Wauconda, IL. As of this spring, Elizabeth was accepted into the Spanish school at Middlebury College in Vermont. During the 2006 school year she will be studying in Madrid, working towards a Master's degree. She writes, "I had a lot of fun as an econ major at Wesleyan. My favorite class was probably Senior Seminar, where I got a real opportunity to use some of the things I learned in other classes. All of my classes were super fun classes full of super fun kids!" Elizabeth also had the idea of getting a t-shirt for the 2005 Economics class!

John Pritchard

John is an Economics and Business Administration

double major from Galesburg, IL. After graduation he will be working for Hewitt and Associates in Lincolnshire, IL. He writes, "I've had a lot fun being an economics major here at IWU. I have really enjoyed the classes, the professors and my fellow economists. I feel that economics was definitely a worthwhile major and will help me enormously in my professional life."

Ana María Romero

Ana María is an Economics and Accounting double major from Barranquilla, Colombia. After graduation she will be joining the Ernst & Young office in Chicago, in their audit practice. While working for E&Y she will also be pursuing a Master's in Accountancy at the University of Notre Dame, through Ernst & Young's master's program. Her favorite econ memories include going to Econ 100 classes with Dr. Seeborg to try and win over new econ majors (Dr. Chapman beat them at that) and the annual Movie Night at Dr. Seeborg's home.

Andrew Tarman

Andrew is a Business Administration and Economics double major from Carol Stream, IL. Andrew will be working for Prudential Capital Group in Chicago, IL as an Investment Analyst. In the future he plans on attending graduate school for Business Administration. He really enjoyed Senior Seminar because he got a chance to use all of his skills to research the baseball industry and get some great results for his project. He also enjoyed his "Labor Economics", "Microeconomics" and "Money and Banking" classes. Andrew writes, "Being an economics major helped me with my investments/finance skills by being able to look at what the government is doing to stimulate the economy using both monetary and fiscal policy. I can actually look at bonds and public policy and understand why the government is doing what it does. I think its important for finance majors interested in investment to take econ classes."

Amanda Thorson

Amanda is an Accounting and Economics double major from Cornell, IL. After graduation she will be working at Thomas & Associates, CPAs, a small public accounting firm in Bloomington-Normal. She will be sitting for the CPA exam in May of 2005. She writes, "I enjoyed the camaraderie among the econ students and the wonderful faculty."