By the time Dezeray Barr was a sophomore in high school, she had shuffled from home to home due to the deaths of her parents and her personal “grandparents.” “I quickly came to the realization that my brother and I were orphans,” she said.

Against that difficult backdrop, Dezeray became a Christian while attending a high school youth conference. By the time Dezeray Barr was a junior, working toward a B.S. degree in Honors Humanities and a Public Relations concentration, a B.A. degree in Convergent Journalism minor.

IWU has continued to nourish Dezeray through the scholarship IWU offered me, plus the realization that my brother and I were orphans,” she said. “I quickly came to the

Dezeray had faith,” she said. “Faith is the reason hardship, even when I didn’t know I had faith,” she said.

Dr. Wilbur Williams By the Numbers

50 NUMBER OF YEARS HE SERVED AS A PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS LITURGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY AT IWU.

17,250 NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO SAT IN HIS CLASSES.

8 NUMBER OF TIMES HE WAS NAMED PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR BY IWU STUDENTS.

156 NUMBER OF TRIPS, “SPIRITUAL ODYSSEYS”, HE TOOK TO ISRAEL.

65 NUMBER OF YEARS HE AND HIS BELOVED WIFE ARDELIA HAVE BEEN MARRIED.

$1 ANNUAL SALARY HE ACCEPTED FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS.

Dr. Wilbur Williams
It was a profound honor for this columnist’s adopted home and alma mater, Indiana Wesleyan University, to co-host the launch of a new program called the Emerging Leaders Consortium.

This program was established for high-achieving, first-generation students to create a community of local leadership in their local community. While he was in high school, Critzman began volunteering and has since amassed a total of 1,680 hours of community service, and he’s still counting. He’s now a senior at IWU and has been named to the President’s List for the second year in a row.

“I’m from a very large family, and I consider myself to be a large family, too,” Critzman said. “I take pride in the fact that I am a part of something that affects all of us.”

As a native of southern Indiana, Critzman said he was drawn to IWU because of its strong reputation in the area and its close-knit community. He said he was immediately drawn to the idea of a leadership program, and he’s been involved in various leadership roles since his first year of college. He is now the president of the Emerging Leaders Consortium.

“It’s a great honor to be part of this program, and I’m excited to see where it will take me next,” Critzman said. “I’m looking forward to being a part of the future growth and success of the program.”

For more information on the Emerging Leaders Consortium or to apply, visit www.iwu.edu/emergingleaders.