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WKU STUDENT RECEIVES DANFORTH FOUNDATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Bowling Green, Ky.--On the occasion of Western's first presidential inauguration, another first will be announced--a Western student has received a Danforth Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

Wayne Lanham, a 26-year-old Somerset native, is one of 100 graduating seniors from across the country and the first ever at Western to receive the award.

"I'm very pleased," the 4.0 student said, who is an English and French major with a minor in Russian. This fall he will begin his graduate work in Medieval English literature studies at Columbia University in New York.

Lanham chose Columbia because, "It has a really fine reputation," he said, and "New York City fascinates me."

Lanham was recommended with four other Western students from a list of 35. He competed with 1,915 students for the Danforth, which will not be awarded after this year. It will be discontinued due to rising costs in education; however, the fellows named this year will be able to renew their awards for three years.

Lanham was the 1979-80 co-recipient of the Finley C. Grise Award for outstanding undergraduate in foreign languages, the 1980 recipient Gordon Wilson Award for outstanding senior English major and was named a University Scholar at the Honors Convocation in March.

He received an undergraduate research grant and published a paper in the University Research Bulletin and received a Regents Scholarship his freshman year.

Lanham said that the support of his 23-year-old wife, Annette, has been invaluable during his college career. "I feel like I owe a great deal to her," he said. She is a registered nurse at Greenview Hospital. Lanham and his wife, who have been married two years, reside at 1225 College St. with their 11-month-old daughter, Elizabeth.

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