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## **Illinois Chapter President Welbourne Named Most Outstanding for 2008**

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** -- Levi Welbourne (IL '06) is the 2008 Outstanding Chapter President of FarmHouse International Fraternity. Welbourne, a senior from Pittsfield, Illinois, will graduate in May 2009 with a B.S. in agriculture and consumer economics with an agribusiness markets and management concentration.

During his term as president, Welbourne faced many difficult challenges including managing chapter finances and house occupancy after a large number of senior members choose to move out, while successfully keeping the men involved and engaged with chapter activities. After a decline in chapter academic performance, he held men accountable in enforcing the Illinois Chapter's academic policy. Additionally, Welbourne made it a priority to enhance member involvement within the chapter by encouraging participation in volunteer and leadership roles of brothers during their early years on campus.

On campus Welbourne has served as an Ag Ambassador for the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, interned with the Office of International Affairs and worked for the University of Illinois Foundation. An outstanding student, in the summer of 2008 Welbourne completed a field sales internship in Omaha with Monsanto – one of the most competitive and highly sought internships by agriculture students today. Beyond his campus and academic achievements, Levi has his private pilot license with over 120 hours of flight time to his name.

FarmHouse Master Builder Dwight Raab (PU '80), Illinois Foundation Council chair and nominator, had this to say about Welbourne's time as president, "Levi's servant-leadership sets the path that others follow and his strong moral bearing lets him lead the chapter. Levi has high expectations for every member of the chapter and he has his quiet, but insistent way of letting chapter members know that he expects as much of them as he does himself."

Welbourne served many roles within FarmHouse including vice president of recruitment and vice president of internal affairs before taking office as president in 2008. At the International level he attended the 2008 FarmHouse Leadership Academy, served as the Illinois delegate to the Fraternity's 43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conclave in August 2008 and was one of seven undergraduates chosen to attend the FarmHouse Foundation's Power of 7 seminar in April 2008 in Sante Fe, NM.

In announcing Welbourne as the 2008 award recipient, selection committee chair and International vice president, Garry Weston (KY '97) remarked, "We are pleased to honor a truly deserving young man with this award. Levi Welbourne represents the best of FarmHouse Fraternity."

As outstanding president, Welbourne will serve as a facilitator and speaker at the 2009 FarmHouse Leadership Academy, January 8-11, in Kansas City to share his experiences as chapter president and will receive a \$250 scholarship.

FarmHouse International Fraternity is a men's agriculturally related social fraternity founded in 1905 at the University of Missouri. The fraternity strives to be a Builder of Men in the areas of four-fold development – academically, spiritually, socially and physically. With chapters across North America and 25,000 lifetime initiates, the Fraternity's Illinois chapter was founded in 1914.

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