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Jesse White Awards Library Training Grants

SPRINGFIELD – Fifteen future librarians have been selected to receive a \$7,500 scholarship grant from Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White to help pay for the cost of obtaining their Masters of Library and Information Science degree.

The Illinois Library and Information Science Training Grant Program, administered by the Illinois State Library, provides grants each year to college graduates who possess exceptional academic achievement and an interest in becoming librarians. More than 500 students have received the grant since the program was implemented. The fifteen scholarships may be used for either full or part-time studies at an American Library Association-accredited graduate library school.

"The state of Illinois is a national leader in developing libraries and librarians, and this grant program provides outstanding graduate students with some of the financial resources they need to obtain their Masters degree," said White. "I am proud to congratulate these talented future librarians."

Grant recipients are required to work the equivalent of two full years in service to the Illinois library community within the first three years following graduation. As a result, these grants benefit both the student recipients and the state's library community.

Twelve of the recipients will pursue their Masters degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science. They are:

- Daylily C. Alvarez of **Chicago**
- Chelsea Anne Baker of **Springfield**
- Allison Ann Cabaj of **Western Springs**
- Eric Edward Colclasure of **Kempton**
- Elizabeth Teresa Delzell of **Crystal Lake**
- Isabel Luisa Gonzalez of **Chicago**
- Kimberly Marie Gotches of **Lombard**
- Benjamin Joseph Lafferty of **Chicago**
- Devin A. Savage of **Evanston**
- Brian Tober of **Chatham**
- Esther Bates Verreau of **Chicago**
- Clare Gaynor Willis of **Chicago**

Two students will obtain their degrees at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University in River Forest. They are:

- Brittney Laine Hennigan of **Park Ridge**
- Julie A. Wroblewski of **Chicago**

One student will obtain her degree from Syracuse University. She is:

- Sarah Kristine McVicar of **Chicago**

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