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**Jesse White Announces Spotlight Awards For Outstanding
Literacy Students and Tutors**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White honored the winners of the 2017 Spotlight on Literacy Awards, which recognizes participants in Illinois literacy programs. Five award-winning students received the Spotlight on Achievement Award and five volunteer tutors received the Spotlight on Service Award. Participants were recognized during a ceremony at the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

“I am honored to congratulate these outstanding students for their hard work and determination to attain lifelong reading and learning skills,” said White. “Many of them have had to overcome great difficulties and personal obstacles to reach this level of achievement. I am also proud to recognize our outstanding volunteer tutors for their generosity and encouragement in helping literacy students achieve their utmost potential.”

This year, 48 programs that support adult, family and workplace literacy programs are operating statewide. Last year, literacy programs served 7,866 adult students and 3,216 tutors volunteered to instruct the students.

Below is a list of award winners:

2017 Spotlight on Achievement

- **Shawn Wheeler**, Richland College in **Decatur**.
- **Shabnam Arabshahee**, Literacy DuPage in **Naperville**.
- **George Wright**, Literacy Chicago in **Chicago**.
- **Jose Acebedo**, PODER in **Chicago**.
- **Rose Hotchkiss**, YWCA in **Pekin**.

2017 Spotlight on Service

- **Margaret Goldstein**, Literacy Chicago in **Chicago**.
- **Susanna Foster**, Richland College in **Decatur**.
- **Rebecca Binks**, De La Salle Institute Tolton Center in **Chicago**.
- **Gerald Chaben**, South Suburban College in **South Holland**.
- **Margaret Field**, De La Salle Institute Tolton Center in **Chicago**.

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