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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 2019 Spotlight on Literacy Awards, which recognizes participants in Illinois literacy programs. Ten students received the Spotlight on Achievement Award and 10 volunteer tutors received the Spotlight on Service Award 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, 96 programs are supporting adult, family and workplace literacy efforts statewide. Last year, with 89 literacy programs statewide, 11,820 adult students were served by 5,355 volunteer tutors. Below is a list of award winners:

2019 Spotlight on Achievement

- **Thanaa Alhasan**, The Literacy Council in **Rockford**
- **Jimmie Brown**, Common Place Family Literacy Center in **Peoria**
- **Telma Cardona**, Baby TALK through Richland Community College in **Decatur**
- **Silvia Chantes**, Literacy Volunteers of DuPage in **Naperville**
- **Leonard Green**, Heart of Illinois Adult Literacy Center in **Pekin**
- **Julia Hernandez**, Morton College in **Cicero**
- **Maria Gabriela Maya**, Universidad Popular in **Chicago**
- **Mayaben John Parmar**, Indo-American Center in **Chicago**
- **Peggy Runyon**, Heart of Illinois Adult Literacy Center in **Pekin**
- **H.C. Warfield**, Literacy Chicago in **Chicago**

2019 Spotlight on Service

- **Shirley Blount**, Corazon a Corazon in **Blue Island**
- **Sister Lupita Cordero**, SSND, Corazón a Corazón in **Blue Island**
- **Lynn Cornwell**, Literacy Volunteers of DuPage in **Naperville**
- **Vicki Cretors**, Frontier/Illinois Eastern Community College in **Fairfield**
- **Karen Fredrickson**, Literacy Chicago in **Chicago**
- **Ann Hamlin**, Waukegan Public Library in **Waukegan**
- **Ann Hopkins**, Literacy Volunteers of Illinois' Jump Start Program in **St. Charles**
- **Judith Kagan**, Oakton Community College in **Skokie**
- **Angelique Maguire**, Frontier/Illinois Eastern Community College in **Fairfield**
- **Diana Padua**, Universidad Popular in **Chicago**