Scholarships Committee 2007-08

The Scholarships Committee has completed its charge of awarding scholarships to many fine applicants from a large pool. The applications the committee received are an indication that the profession will continue to be filled with professional, talented and dedicated librarians in the coming years.

The committee awarded 15 scholarships totaling $32,500. The breakdown is as follows:

- From the LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Endowment, three scholarships for law school graduates seeking a library degree were awarded to Stacy Hinkel, Mindy Rush, and Jennifer Duperon and one scholarship for non-law school graduates seeking a library degree was awarded to Robert Hudson.
- From the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment, three scholarships were awarded to Stephen Chan, His-Yen (Sean) Chen and Pablo Sandoval.
- From the AALL Scholarship funds, four scholarships for law school graduates seeking a library degree were awarded to Lisa Junghahn, Sean Kaneshiro, Jeff Woodmansee, and Julia Byrd; three scholarships for non-law school graduates seeking a library degree were awarded to Lindsay Given, Luz Evelyn Hernandez Carrion, and Holly Gale; and one scholarship for continuing education was awarded to Patricia Court.

Funds for scholarships were made available due to the generous support of AALL, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters and the many donations of individual members of AALL.

Additionally, this year the committee benefited from adding anonymity to the online score sheet developed by Christopher Siwa. The committee also broadened the scope of their publicity for scholarships by sending notifications about scholarship opportunities to library schools. As part of this project, the committee also compiled a list of the library schools and the contacts there to make it easier to continue this publicity in the future. Finally, the committee submitted a budget request to the AALL Executive Board and an additional $10,000 in funding was granted to the committee for the 2008-09 year.

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