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CARLI Contact: Margaret Chambers,
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CARLI is pleased to announce recipients of the CARLI 2025–2026 Academic Year Scholarship that helps support the education of the dedicated staff of CARLI member libraries. The recipients are Allison Barrows, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Kaitlyn Godsil, Knox College; Joanna Kulma, Northern Illinois University; Brandon Neary, College of DuPage; Elynnor Sandefer, Newberry Library; Ailyn Trujillo, Harper College; and Alexandria Vlahos, Lewis and Clark Community College.

The scholarship is funded by donors who have generously supported this important program, helping CARLI to grow the profession.

"I am thrilled to be a recipient of the CARLI Scholarship. Working towards my MSLIS has been a wonderful journey. I'm looking forward to finishing my last two semesters in the program and continuing to work in libraries in the future. Thank you to the scholarship committee and my colleagues at Founders Memorial Library for always encouraging me" Kulma said.

The recipients were selected based on their responses to a personal essay question regarding their professional goals and objectives in pursuing a library career that demonstrates a commitment to the profession and the strength of their references.

Trujillo added "I am honored to be a recipient of the 2025 CARLI Scholarship! I would like to thank the CARLI Scholarship donors and committee for making this award possible to help MSLIS students reach their goals. I would also like to thank my family, friends, and colleagues at the Harper College Library for their encouragement and support of my library journey so far."

The CARLI Scholarship provides financial assistance to current employees of CARLI Governing Member Libraries pursuing graduate studies leading to a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The scholarship is funded by donations. To contribute, visit the CARLI website at <https://www.carli.illinois.edu/give>.

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