Jira Scholarship Committee Report

Submitted by Holly J. Hudson

1. Committee Members
2. Holly Hudson (chair)
3. Graham Stephenson
4. Stacey Knight-Davis
5. Jonna Peterson
6. Christine Weber
7. Eric Edwards (ex-officio)
8. Current Report: April 2024 – September 2024
9. The committee has met 4 times and has chosen scholarship winners according to the new scholarship recipient criteria and judging matrix. Winners are included below.
   * 1. Devyn Wilder
     2. Isabel Ryan
     3. Cristina Ligon
   1. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the following HSLI members for their efforts in acting as blind judges for our scholarship
      1. Rebecca Arriola
      2. Erica Lake
      3. Cynthia Reynolds
      4. Frances Drone-Silvers
      5. Evan Kuehn
   2. Originally, the committee voted to award 2 scholarships. However, after reviewing the top-scoring applicants, the committee voted to increase the number of scholarships awarded to three.
      1. The committee received board approval prior to implementing this change.
      2. The individual scholarship amounts and disbursal requirements did not change.
   3. Applicants have selected their activities to be eligible for the second half of their award. They are as follows
      1. Wilder – attend a Coffee and Conversation meeting in November for a small group discussion
         1. In addition to the Coffee and Conversation meeting, Wilder is planning to attend the HSLI conference in October
      2. Ryan – attend HSLI conference and present a lightning talk
      3. Ligon – complete a minimum 500 word essay on her experience in her MLIS program thus far.
         1. To be published in the HSLI newsletter/blog
   4. Upcoming Committee Changes
      1. Christine Weber will be rolling off the committee after the October meeting. She will be replaced by Natalie Bobrowska
      2. Betsy Sterner will step in as ex-officio as Eric Edwards ends his term as President
10. Board action requested
    1. We request board approval for up to 12,000 dollars to be withdrawn from the Vanguard account upon the scholarship winners' completion of the final requirements.