

2015 FLA Scholarship Winners

Candice Collin is the recipient of the 2015 Bernadette Storck - USF Scholarship. Candice notes that her love of libraries began long ago while working as a student assistant at the Johnson and Wales University Library and has continued during the past seven and a half years, as she proudly served the North Miami Library as a Professional Assistant in the Reference Department. She hopes to impact the library profession by increasing the literacy rate among the immigrant population in her local community by implementing additional ESL and technology training programs. Following degree completion, she hopes to seek a Librarian position with the North Miami Beach Library.

Lauren Futch is the recipient of the 2015 FSU Scholarship. Lauren began her commitment to libraries via a summer internship at her local public library in Tallahassee. She notes that one of the reasons she desires to become a librarian is to foster a love of reading in children/young adults. She hopes to remain in Tallahassee upon earning her MSLIS degree from Florida State working as a youth services librarian in a public library setting supporting the library system that fostered her own love of reading during her childhood.

Josh Lutchmie-Persad is the recipient of the 2015 Minority Graduate Scholarship. Josh is a Native Floridian and has served library users in the state of Florida for the past 10 years and sees himself as an ambassador for public libraries. Currently, he serves as the Assistant Acquisitions Manager for the Orange County Library System while pursuing his degree in Library and Information Science at the University Of South Florida. One of his references noted, that he represents the future of libraries. His commitment and skills are critical to keeping libraries thriving and relevant.



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May 13, 2015. Opening Session – FLA Annual Conference. Left to Right: **Candice Collins**, Bernadette Storck-USF Scholarship; **Lauren Futch**, FSU Scholarship; **Josh Lutchmie-Persad**, Minority Graduate Scholarship, **Kim Copenhaver**, FLA Scholarship Chair 2014-2015.