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UCF Libraries Awards Stillman Scholarship

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ORLANDO, May 7, 2013 – The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is happy to announce that Ms. Brittany Baker, graduate student in Mental Health Counseling, will receive the \$2,000 June S. Stillman Endowed Memorial Scholarship for Libraries Student Assistants and USPS Staff for the academic year 2013-2014.



Ms Baker, whose overall GPA is 3.976, began working as a student assistant in the Copy Services unit of the John C. Hitt Library in the fall of 2010. On a road that led her through the Hospitality Industry and Elementary Education, Baker finally arrived at Mental Health Counseling and found her place. Her great love of children and desire to help others directs Baker's impressive volunteer service, which includes teacher's aide with the Seminole County Schools, City Life Club (working with at risk youth in an underprivileged community in downtown Orlando), and the Central Florida Wesley Foundation, where she had the opportunity to travel to India to work in a children's home, do construction work in the Bahamas and Memphis, TN, and regularly met with girls transitioning into college. After receiving her Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling, Baker hopes to begin the two years of internship required to be a licensed Mental Health Counselor in Florida. She is specializing in marriage, and family and play therapy.

This scholarship, named for a truly remarkable woman, was established in 1999. June S. Stillman was one of the first librarians hired when the UCF (then Florida Technological University) library was opened in 1968. Her impact on students can be seen from the 25th anniversary survey of the first graduating class, who listed her most often as an important person from their student days. She got her second Master's degree (English) from UCF while working as the Head of Reference Services at the library. She retired from UCF in December 1996 and tragically lost her life to an assailant in March 1998. Her friends and family established the June S. Stillman Endowed Memorial Scholarship in her honor. She is remembered as the consummate professional, the epitome of gentility and compassion, and a true and loving friend.

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