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MLA BOARD REPORTS

Office held/Chair of: Cates Committee

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Progress or Successes Since Our Last Meeting:

The Cates Committee received 8 applications for a Cates Scholarship as of July 1, 2017. Most of the applicants were quite strong. We settled on two scholarships of \$2,000 each.

Kendra Mullison and Taylor Schultz were selected to receive Cates Scholarships for 2017. Kendra, youth services librarian at North Lake County Public Library District in Polson, started at the University of North Texas Masters in Library Science Program this fall. Taylor is a Commons Assistant at Montana State University's Renne Library and will be pursuing her Master's degree in librarianship from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA.

New Issues:

The Committee needs to finalize what we want to do as a fundraising event at MLA 2018.

The Cates Traveling Quilt is full. Eva English has agreed to make a new quilt for Cates. We need to decide what we want to do with the previous quilt. Auction it off? Take bids for a library that wants to display it permanently? Keep it with Cates stuff permanently? Give the quilt to the family? Or something else?

I am working on getting photos of all the Cates scholars for a slide show and poster for MLA and/or for the Website.

I also think it would be fun to create a slideshow of event photos. Cates events through the ages.

I am also working on getting the Cates scrapbook up to date.

Board Action Requested:

None

Other Comments: