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REACH Organization Awards Scholarships to Local Students to Pursue Higher Education

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Lisle, IL – Members of the nonprofit consortium REACH (Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area) gathered at Benedictine University on Thursday, June 2nd to host their annual Professional Development Day and Scholarship Luncheon, upholding the organization’s longstanding mission to serve and assist adult learners in the Chicago area in their pursuit of higher education. Scholarship recipients were selected based upon the applicants’ grade point average, letter of recommendation, and personal essay explaining how a college education would help them achieve their goals.

After a lengthy review of applications and with careful consideration 5 students were selected to receive scholarships.

The Carolyn Cooney “REACH Your Goals Scholarship” was awarded to the following deserving students: Maria Kubik, Olivet Nazarene University; Aaron Nellessen, Aurora University; Garnet Bremner, Northern Illinois University; Christopher Burke, Olivet Nazarene University.

VW Credit, Inc.’s Diversity Committee partnered with REACH to fund one of the five \$2,000 scholarships. The recipient of the VW Credit, Inc. scholarship was Shelly Gates, who is enrolled in the Master of Arts in School Counseling at Indiana Wesleyan University. Tom Keefe, Chairman of the Service Center Charitable Giving Committee, attended the event on behalf of VW Credit, Inc. to give Ms. Gates the award.



From left to right: Christopher Burke, Garnet Bremner, Aaron Nellesen, Shelly Gates

We would like to formally congratulate all of the scholarship winners and wish them all the greatest success in their educational pursuits and career goals.

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