

Assisting our students



EMILY ABELL

Pursuing a social justice major, a concentration on gender and women's studies, and a writing certificate.



JACOB EDWARDS

Pursuing a major in English with a political science minor.

Emily Abell is the recipient of the Judy and Mike Greer Scholarship in memory of Mary E. Greer. She works at the Main Library in Interlibrary Loan.

“I have learned a lot about managing both time and tasks. I've also learned that it's impossible for one person to know everything. The people around you will always know something you don't, so it's better to ask for help if you're struggling.”

“These skills have already helped me with schoolwork, as I have a better idea of how to prioritize my work in order to get it all done in a timely manner. I am also more comfortable with asking people for help, which comes in handy every day.”

“This scholarship will relieve pounds of stress and anxiety from my shoulders. I cannot express how thankful I am to have been offered this scholarship. I look forward to entering into the world outside of college, equipped with countless experiences and years of knowledge that will allow me to help people who do not have the means to help themselves.”

Jacob Edwards is a recipient of the Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. He works at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences.

“Working with books has always been something I wanted to do. I have enjoyed learning how to find books via the library website, as well as learning how everything is categorized.”

“I want to be a teacher, and I think these skills will help me to help my students perform better when required to conduct research exercises.”

“This scholarship will allow me not to go into further debt while trying to obtain my degree. I am so grateful that I will be able to focus on my work at Scattergood Friends School.”

“I am looking forward to going to graduate school here at the University, as well as obtaining a teaching position at one of the local high schools. I specialize in Victorian fiction and want to be able to bring these novels into the classroom and to the lives of my students.”

STUDENT EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2018



SUZANNE GLEMOT

Suzanne Glemot is a recipient of the Academic Enrichment Award for Graduate Students. She worked last year in the UI Libraries' Conservation Lab.

“My work at the University of Iowa Libraries has provided a unique opportunity to apply both my scholarly and hand skills to a professional experience that I am eager to pursue beyond my graduate education.”

“The experience of working in a conservation lab situated inside an academic library has been a truly privileged one. The breadth and depth of skills I have been acquiring provide a professional skill set that will translate directly into labs or even a private practice.”

“The scholarship will stabilize my financial situation and greatly alleviate accumulated student debt, all the while leaving me with some financial means to support my graduate research. I am looking forward to a career in a library, museum, or academic setting (and to resuming a more regular sleep schedule). My intentions are to move back to Europe for a few years as I begin my professional path in the book world.”



MAYA GUADAGNI

Maya Guadagni is a recipient of the Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. She works in the UI Libraries' Strategic Communication Office.

“The Libraries has been a great help in developing many of my professional skills, especially when it comes to collaborative work. As the communications assistant, I get to work with a lot of staff across all of the campus libraries, which improves my interpersonal skills. I have come to learn about almost all of the ways the Libraries can help students. Libraries are so much more than buildings to hold books; they are hubs for fostering true academic growth.”

“With this scholarship, I will worry less about the finances of attending school and focus more on the actual schooling itself. It is wonderful to know that Libraries are able to provide me with a little bit of everything I need to be successful.”

“After graduation, I look forward to attending law school to become a defense lawyer.”

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STEPHANIE HUTCHINS

Pursuing a major in finance with a minor in African-American studies and a certificate in event planning.



MIKAELA JOHNSON

Pursuing pre-medicine with a major in human physiology.

Stephanie Hutchins is an undergraduate recipient of the UI Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. She works at the Main Library in Access Services.

“The library was the first job I ever had, so I had to learn the importance of accountability, punctuality, and maintaining a professional work environment. As I transferred over into the business school, the majority of the work relied on group projects. I had already learned how to adapt to different learning styles and work ethics and how to work as an efficient team member.”

“The library has also taught me about customer service, which transferred over into being aware of how I should work with clients in my future endeavors.”

“It just feels good to be recognized as a student working toward a better future, giving me a little confidence boost to finish up the year strong.”

“I look forward to continuing my education until I get my JD & MA degrees or my PhD. I am also passionate about event planning and am open to pursuing that field as well.”

Mikaela Johnson is an undergraduate recipient of the UI Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. She works at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences.

“The exposure to public services through working at the library has made me feel more confident being a voice and a leader in my classes here at the university. I have led many discussions as well as given presentations to large groups of people that I didn't feel as comfortable with before.”

“Growing my communication and public service skills at the library is also improving my patient interaction as a volunteer at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. These skills I have acquired as an employee are a strength that I can continue to work on and can take with me to my future career as a doctor and caregiver.”

“The staff I am surrounded with everyday is dedicated to helping me achieve my goals. The scholarship allows me to focus on my studies. I look forward to pursuing my dreams of medical school and being able to become a force for good and helping others in any way that I can.”



EMILY LERCH-STAGMAN

Emily Lerch-Stagman is a recipient of the UI Libraries Student Employee Scholarship for Undergraduates. She has worked at the Main Library in Access Services.

“Working at the University Libraries has helped me develop a better attention to detail, a better work ethic in terms of working most efficiently, and a sense of adaptability to new work situations, all of which can be put to use in a career in cinematic arts.”

“People expect every day at this job to be copy-and-paste, all the same, which isn't true. You get to help different people in different ways every day and work with incredibly interesting people. It's really what you make of it.”

“This scholarship will help me immeasurably to help reduce my daily stress over payments and instead do what is most important to me, what I came to the University to do—immerse myself in my studies and future career and as well as the local culture and art scene. I will be able to dive right into working on my career!”



CAITLIN PLATHE

Caitlin Plathe is a recipient of the Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. She works at the Main Library in Access Services.

“Working at the library has helped my communication skills immensely. Learning how to talk to people and handle different kinds of situations at the service desk is something I'll take with me to my next job.”

“I worked in a public library in high school, and the most surprising aspect about working at the UI Libraries is definitely the friendships I've made while working here the last couple of years.”

“This scholarship will help because I will be able to take out fewer loans, which will help me in any future endeavor. This is so good to have, and I'm very thankful.”

“I'm excited to get out into the real world and create a new schedule and life for myself. I'm also pretty excited to not have homework anymore.”

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ALEXANDER SPENCERI

Pursuing a major in music composition.



ZOË WEBB

Pursuing an MLIS from the School of Library and Information Science and a certificate in the Center for the Book.

Alexander Spenceri is a recipient of the Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. He works at the Rita Benton Music Library.

“Working in the music library has given me a familiarity with a diverse collection of resources and literature which will certainly support my future endeavors in musical academia. It has given me the opportunity to interact with students and faculty from various fields and find direction in my academic pursuits.”

“I have been astonished by the sheer breadth and variety of music and literature I’ve been exposed to working in the music library.”

“Paying for rent and food can be a serious struggle as a full-time student and part-time worker. This scholarship will provide a great security in that regard.”

“I plan on going to graduate school to further my studies.”

Zoë Webb is a recipient of the Academic Enrichment Award for Graduate Students. She works at the Main Library in Special Collections.

“Working at the library has helped me develop many skills, all of which will relate directly to my future career of working in archives. I’ve learned practical skills like mold cleaning, specific databases, and how to recognize a book that needs help. I’ve also learned more conceptual skills, such as the best way to organize a collection of diverse material and how to effectively and efficiently field reference questions. Working in an archives can be fast paced and frequently involves teamwork. The work I do is interconnected with the work everyone else does, so communication is key.”

“This award will help me put more effort into both my studies and my work at the library. I look forward to moving onto the next stage in my life, fully equipped with the skills I’ll need to enter the archive world. I look forward to exploring different libraries’ collections and to working closely with other librarians to preserve a diverse array of materials for future generations.”



ALEXANDRA ZIEMER

Alexandra Ziemer is an undergraduate recipient of the Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship. She has worked at the Main Library in Access Services.

“Working at the Main Library in the bookstacks has certainly taught me a lot about being organized, collaborating with co-workers, and creating relationships with fellow employees. All of these skills are easily transferable to a school work environment. Having a plan and being organized as a teacher is critical in order to get anything done.”

“This scholarship will immensely help my family in paying for my tuition. I truly appreciate this gift, as it will allow my parents to avoid taking out a loan. This will also enable me to pay smaller amounts on my U-Bill each month.”

“I look forward to having my own classroom after graduation and being a full-time teacher. I am very excited to be able to influence young minds and help them build the foundation of their educations.”

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

UI Libraries Student Employee Scholarship

Established by UI Libraries’ staff and supported by numerous friends as a way to recognize, support, and motivate students in their scholarship, research, and creative work at the University. Student employees at the University Libraries provide critical staffing for programs and services that benefit the entire UI community. Generally, four scholarships of \$1,500 are available each year.

Academic Enrichment Award for Graduate Students

Established by UI Libraries to assist graduate and professional students that are employed by the UI Libraries. Generally, two scholarships of \$2,500 are available each year.

Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz Libraries Student Employee Scholarship

Established by the children of Dale M. and Mary Gail Bentz in memory of their parents. Dale came to Iowa in 1953 and served the UI Libraries for 36 years. From 1981 until his retirement in 1986, Dale led the organization as University Librarian. Active in his profession, Dale made numerous contributions to the librarianship over his 45-year career. Four scholarships of \$2,500 are available each year.

Mike and Judy Greer Scholarship in memory of Mary Greer

Established by Mike and Judy Greer to honor the memory of Mike’s mother, who worked for 25 years in the Main Library Circulation Department. Awarded to University Libraries’ student employees who work in the UI Main Library. One scholarship of \$2,500 is available each year.