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UCF Libraries Awards Stillman Scholarship

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ORLANDO, May 2016 – Cody J. Brayton, the 2017 recipient of the June S Stillman Memorial Endowed Scholarship, is an undergraduate Health Services Administration (HAS) student with a GPA of 3.75. Brayton began working as a library student assistant in the Circulation Services department of the John C. Hitt Library in July 2015. He also works as a Resident Assistant for campus housing and volunteers with the Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center. Brayton is actively involved in the community and focused on making an impact. Toward that end he plans to pursue a Masters in HAS.



Since the age of 15 Brayton has dreamed of being an administrator of a nursing / long-term care facility. Based on his experiences as a volunteer at the Santa Rosa Health and Rehabilitation Center where he began noticing what he called "discrepancies in elderly patient care," he was determined to help. Once he found the role of administrator, he knew that was his path, and has focused on becoming an administrator ever since. He chose the University of Central Florida for its excellent Health Services Administration program.

Brayton is a first generation college student. Despite working two jobs, taking a full complement of classes, volunteering and leading his fellow students and residents, Brayton is determined to graduate magna cum laude in December 2017. In her letter of recommendation, Meredith Robertson, professor, Community Health and Managed Care, wrote, "Cody has an eagerness to learn, an enthusiasm for academics and new experiences, and has the maturity to take his work seriously." These are all traits that June Stillman would have applauded.

Named for a truly remarkable woman, this scholarship was established in 1999. This is the 19th scholarship awarded. June S. Stillman was one of the first two 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 Memorial Endowed Scholarship in her honor. She is remembered as the consummate professional, the epitome of gentility and compassion, a proponent of lifelong learning, and a true and loving friend.

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