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Notes From Your SOLIS Officers

From your SOLIS President.....

I have really enjoyed serving as your 2019-2020 SOLIS President this past year and I am happy to say that we have had a very productive year. This was a year of firsts, as it was my first time serving as president, many of our officers' first time serving in a SOLIS leadership position, and the first time we pursued a new activity. Both of the activities that we partook in last semester were successful thanks to the hard work of SOLIS board members, officers, and Dr. Ren.

For our first activity last semester, we held a meet up at the GLA conference in Macon, GA. Advisory Board Member Matthew Yohn and Previous SOLIS President Ashton Hedrick, Vice President Heather Martz were in attendance at this event and they reported that it went well. For our second activity, we held the 1st Annual SOLIS Virtual 5k that benefitted the [Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy](#) at Georgia College in Milledgeville, Georgia. This was the first time we had ever done something like this, and we had a total of 14 participants signed up. This event was open to all VSU students and MLIS alumni. Because of the success of this event, it might be something that can be continued in the years to come.

For the next SOLIS president, I would like to give some helpful advice: stay in contact with your faculty advisor and with board members. I have found that this makes meeting go much smoother. Also, I recommend that you send out the agenda early to all attendees of the SOLIS meetings and let others add discussion points as needed.

It has truly been an honor serving as your representative this past year and I can easily say that the group of students that dedicated their time to SOLIS leadership are some of the most hardworking and proactive people I have ever had the opportunity to work with. If you are ever given the opportunity to serve as a leader in this great organization, I recommend full-heartedly that you go for it. Thank you again to all VSU MLIS students, alumni, faculty, and SOLIS leadership team members that have made this year so great.

Sarah S. Yawn

From your SOLIS Vice President.....

I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your SOLIS Vice President this year. I have learned a lot about the value of this program through the MLIS curriculum meetings and through the interactions I have had with my fellow peers and professors. As a distance learner it has helped me form a stronger bond with the Valdosta University student community.

I feel proud to have been a part of the first SOLIS Virtual 5k. I enjoyed helping to create the advertisement, the running banner, and even participating in the run in my hometown of Annapolis, Maryland. Congratulations to all that helped to support a wonderful cause and get out there and run! Hopefully the 5K will be a yearly activity for SOLIS. I also want to thank our wonderful president Sarah Yawn, for being such a great leader for our organization. Her dedication made me strive to be a better student and vice president. I also want to thank the other officers that served with us this year. It has been truly rewarding to have the opportunity to serve beside each of you.

I would also love the chance to thank you, the students, for letting me be your vice president this year. I hope that our student organization could help make your year a little easier, and make you feel heard as a student body. I want to wish you all a wonderful rest of your semester and Congratulations to those of you graduating!

Best Regards,
Sarah Joseph

Congratulations...

The 2019-2020 Awards go to:

Sarah Shelton Yawn - *George Gaumond Award*
Margaret (Bruce) Hutt- *MLIS Merit Scholarship*
Jessica Varsa - *Baker Family MLIS Scholarship*
Sarah Brubaker, Noelle Zboray, Kelly E. Williams -
Merryll Penson MLIS Scholarships

Student Accomplishments:

Cayla Michelle Hamilton (Michelle Leasure) graduated in Spring 2019. Her Capstone paper was published in the San Jose State University School of Information *Student Research Journal* in December 2019.

Sarah Brubaker copresented "Service to Bilingual Public Library Patrons" at Public Library Association 2020 Nashville Conference to discuss best practices for front-end staff when assisting bilingual patrons, including methods that facilitate communication when staff speak the target language and when they do not.

Joshua Beasley presented "African-American Genealogy Programming" at Public Library Association 2020 Nashville Conference. His presentation shows how to use Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest to offer genealogy programming to communities while addressing the distinct difficulties faced by African Americans.

ALA Registration!

Are you planning to attend ALA in Chicago, IL, June 25-30 this summer? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee through SOLIS. SOLIS funds up to three student registrations on a first come, first served basis for full ALA registration which covers any and all conference dates between June 25 and June 30 and all sessions except for pre-conferences and optional ticketed events. Both Georgia residents and out-of-state students are eligible for all SOLIS awards.

Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ren (xren@valdosta.edu) with your receipt for ALA registration attached by **Monday, June 15**. For more information on the conference, visit the site at <http://2020.alaannual.org/>.

GLA 2020 Scholarship

The Georgia Library Association awards two scholarships annually to students pursuing a master's degree in library science. The Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the 2020 scholarship awards.

The Hubbard Scholarship of the Georgia Library Association is made possible by the family and friends of Mr. C. S. Hubbard, an early supporter of libraries in Georgia. The \$3,000 Scholarship award, is intended to recruit excellent candidates for librarianship in Georgia and provide financial assistance toward completing a Master's degree in library science.

The Beard Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, is made possible by friends and colleagues of the late Charles Edward Beard who served libraries and the library profession for almost 40 years with distinction and dedication. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance toward completing a Master's degree in library science for candidates who show strong potential to inspire and motivate their peers in the profession and in professional associations.

Recipients of both awards must agree to work for at least one year in a library-related capacity in Georgia following graduation. Applicants need not be residents of Georgia to apply. The deadline to apply for the 2020 scholarships is **May 15**. Please visit the Georgia Library Association website for details: <https://gla.georgialibraries.org/resources/scholarships/>.

Fall Registration!

Fall Early Registration

- **Starts 7:00am March 30**
- **Advising Bulletin distributed March 16**
- **Advising week starts March 23**

TAP Registration

- **Summer TAP registration begins April 15**
- **Fall TAP registration begins July 15**

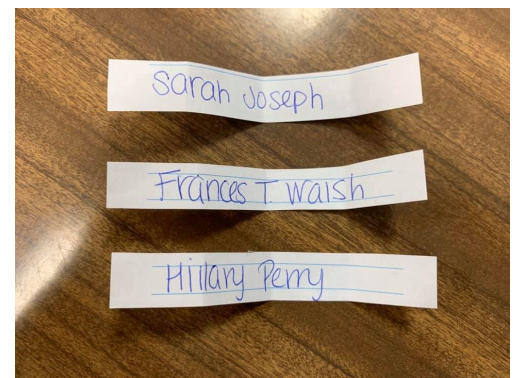
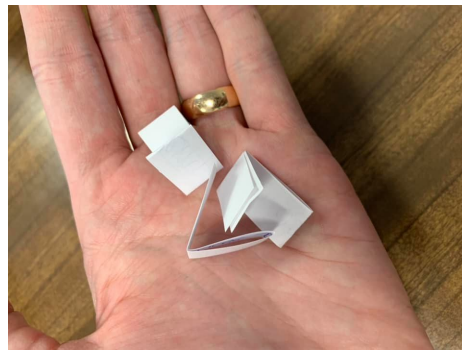
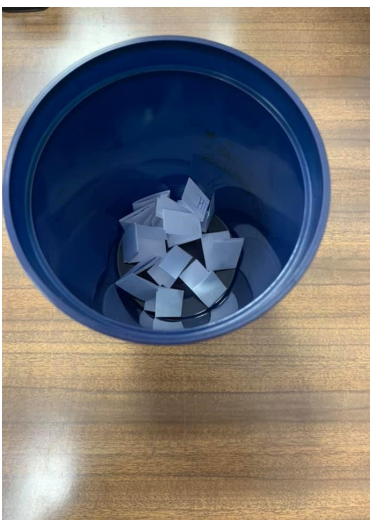
Fall Semester

- **Begins August 17**



SOLIS is Seeking Your Input

Last year, SOLIS organized the First Annual VSU SOLIS Virtual 5K. These are some photos shared by our participants. SOLIS president Sarah Shelton Yawn also shared photos of her drawing three prize winners. They are Sarah Joseph, Frances T. Walsh, and Hillary Perry! What a fun event for SOLIS to bring the MLIS community together to promote wellness and health, to support early language and literacy in Georgia, and to strengthen the sense of community among students, faculty members, VSU, and the local communities. To foster more participations in our future events and activities, SOLIS is now seeking your input on ideas and thoughts here: https://valdosta.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6VRMAcfqnu4nDT. Your input is greatly appreciated!





Support the Student Organization of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) by ordering your own T-shirt with the VSU and MLIS insignias!

Proceeds of sales in years past have funded ALA conference registrations for several students, travel reimbursements for SOLIS officers representing SOLIS at GLA conferences, a reception for the travelling rare books exhibit on loan from the Remnant Trust, and a 15th anniversary celebration in downtown Valdosta.

Shirts are sold at \$10 each at face-to-face events such as GLA conferences and previous New Student Orientations.

SOLIS T-Shirt Order Form

Yes, I want to support SOLIS! Please send me _____ (number) of shirts.

Please indicate the quantity for each size:

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

Order of one (1) shirt is \$20 (includes processing and shipping via USPS).

Order of 2 or more shirts is \$15 per shirt (processing and shipping included)

Total enclosed: _____

Check payment only.

Make check payable to MLIS Foundation . Allow two to four weeks to receive your t-shirt(s).

Your shipping address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail this form with your check to :

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