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### **Kentucky resident named Dain Garrett Merit Award recipient**

University of Southern Indiana junior David L. Barr of Owensboro, Kentucky, is this year's recipient of the Dain Garrett Merit Award, a scholarship that recognizes a current University of Southern Indiana liberal arts student who excels academically.

Barr is majoring in social science and in the future he hopes to teach at the community college level. He has attended Owensboro Community College and University of Louisville.

Barr worked for the city of Owensboro for 22 years before an accident put him on disability. Since that time Barr returned to college and is three semesters away from his undergraduate degree.

The Dain Garrett Merit Award was established by USI honor graduate Dain Garrett of Carmi, Illinois. The merit award recognizes a student who is a scholar and has overcome a hardship.

Money for the scholarship comes from awards Garrett received for his academic work and from graduation gifts, plus donations from individuals who support Garrett's efforts. Contributions to the Dain Garrett Merit Award can be made to the USI Foundation.

Garrett is completing course work toward a master's degree through the External Degree Program at California State University. He is currently working on his thesis.

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