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Dain Garrett Merit Award winner announced at convocation

Boonville, Indiana resident David O'Grady, a University of Southern Indiana history major, is the first recipient of the Dain Garrett Merit Award. The scholarship was announced at the University of Southern Indiana this week as part of the Honors Convocation for the School of Liberal Arts.

The award was established by 1999 USI graduate Dain Garrett, an honor student from Carmi, Illinois. He established the scholarship for history majors who excel academically after overcoming a hardship. The recipient is chosen by the USI history faculty. Money for the scholarship came from awards Garrett received for his academic work and from gifts upon graduation, plus donations from individuals who have supported Garrett's efforts while a student. Garrett is currently in graduate school.

O'Grady hopes to teach after he graduates. He is originally from Cheboygan, Michigan, and served in the U.S. Air Force before enrolling at USI.