The Beck Endowment Grows During the 2013-2014 Campaign
by Sylven S. Beck, Ed.D., Director, Elementary Education Program

Welcome, alumni and friends, to the seventeenth edition of the Elementary Education Program newsletter, EIEd News. The program has a productive 2013-2014 academic year graduating twenty teacher candidates from the Model Program. During the last fiscal year, the Beck Endowment fund benefited from a modest growth through gifts from generous donors. As in past years, we plan to provide Beck Endowment scholarships in FY 2014-2015, continue an active scholarship campaign, and hope alumni will stay in touch and lend their support this year as we begin the Beck Endowment's seventeenth year of operation.

The Class of 2014 Elementary Education Model Program graduates are: Marissa Albert, Elizabeth Burke, Karley Cacibauda, Kaitlin Caruso, Ramsay Cogen, Kianna Hayes, Sarah Hopkins, Alanna Karianan, Ellen Kaspek, Liz O’Donnell, Nicole Pyles, Cara Skubel, Sarah Spitalny, Shakira Thomas.

In Their Own Words: 2013-2014 Award Recipients
The EIEd program proudly congratulates six award winners for their work and study in elementary education. The honorees’ reflections are printed to the right, below, and on page two.

Elementary Education Model Program Award
The opportunity to teach would not have been possible without the meaningful and comprehensive instruction I received throughout my time in the Elementary Education Model Program. One of the highlights of this program was its focus on knowledge, social responsibility, and individuality. I strongly believe that educators must approach our teaching with these three themes woven into every aspect of our work, helping us develop an inquisitive, hard-working, caring, and passionate younger generation. This philosophy, as well as the solid foundation I received at The George Washington University, will guide me. Thank you to Dr. Beck and the dedicated members of this community. — Kaitlin Caruso

Maryland Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award
As the mother of a preschooler, I felt daunted by the idea of completing my master’s degree in one year. However, I had faced many obstacles in my journey to become a teacher, and I was determined to achieve my dream. While the program at The George Washington University was very rigorous indeed, the faculty (and Dr. Beck specifically) were so nurturing and committed to my success that I not only completed the program on time, I did so with honors. This would not have been possible without their support. As I crossed the graduation stage, hand-in-hand with my five year-old son, I felt the incredible pride of being able to show my child what can be achieved through hard work and determination. — Ramsay Cogen

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John Horrington Children’s Book Award—Honorable Mentions

Shakira Thomas: I wrote Yasmin’s Magical Spinning Globe to introduce children to some of the most beautiful, natural wonders of the world. I wanted to write a book about a child exploring the natural attractions of different countries, states and cities. My story is about an eight-year-old girl named Yasmin who dreams of becoming a pilot. In the story, she receives a globe as a birthday present and when she is not doing schoolwork, having fun with her friends or playing her favorite sports, Yasmin relies on her magical globe to make her dreams of traveling come true. My main focus was to write a book that all races of children can enjoy. The genre is fantasy but it also incorporates historical fiction, geography and social studies. This is a perfect book for children who like learning about different countries. •

Karley Cacibauda: Ophelia and Edgar was inspired by my undergraduate experience as an English major. I wanted to pay homage to the authors who inspired me in all aspects of life, and whose works I couldn’t put down. Ophelia and Edgar is written in the pattern of the Hero’s Journey and tells the story of a girl who loves to read; she reads everywhere, and she reads everything. Ophelia is greeted by a raven named Edgar one stormy night, and together they embark on a thrilling journey in search of an ancient book. They enlist the help of several literary figures along the way, and as they magically travel through space and time, they are careful to avoid the dangerous book gobbbers. •

Elizabeth Burke: Have you ever felt lost? So has Olivia C. She does not know what she wants to be when she grows up. While she has fervently pursued many different options, she can’t seem to find something that fits. But after some soul searching, and some much needed advice from her loving Grandmother, Olivia arrives on a path that she is truly happy with. Olivia learns to not worry about what others around her are doing and to enjoy the process of trying new things. She also learns to enjoy being a kid and to not be in a rush to grow up. Olivia C…What Will You Be? is a fun rhyming book that will help readers of all ages accept who they are and invite their desire to try new things. This story is a tribute to my dear Grandma Joan who was always there to give me great advice and who helped me become the person I am, not who I thought I should be. •

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