

Topic: Mission Moment: YALSA's 2010 Spectrum Scholar
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**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
3:30 – 5:00 PM (Eastern) August 19, 2010**

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Background: A “mission moment” is a spot in the agenda for Board members to learn about a specific accomplishment or activity that has recently taken place as a result of prior Board actions. In 2008 the Board voted to use begin using Friends of YALSA funds to support one Spectrum Scholar a year. The latest YALSA Spectrum Scholar is Hoan-Vu Do, who will attend the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science.

Action Required: Information

Brief Audio Interview with Do:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=csOE-8F3JoM

Press Release:

Hoan-Vu Do named YALSA's 2010 Spectrum Scholar

CHICAGO — As part of its commitment to furthering diversity in the profession, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) chose Hoan-Vu Do as its 2010-2011 Spectrum Scholar. Do will attend the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science. Do was drawn to library school after becoming a regular patron in sixth grade and after his experiences working at a library during college.

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Do is YALSA's third sponsored Spectrum Scholar, a program funded by the Friends of YALSA. YALSA has made encouraging diversity in the profession a priority.

“YALSA wants to make sure that those wanting to work with teens have opportunities to gain strong educational experiences. The division also recognizes the importance in encouraging diversity so teens have access to librarians that reflect their own lives and experiences,” said Linda Braun, YALSA president said. “Through scholarships, grants, and professional development YALSA helps to guarantee that new and studying librarians are able to keep up in the dynamic field of teen librarianship.”

Established in 1997, the Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under-representation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future.