Winnick Family Foundation Scholarship Awarded to Alia Jones at Cornell University

*Student Alia Jones wins prestigious scholarship award for fourth time and has already made her mark in contributions to a unique Smithsonian Institute traveling exhibit highlighting the shared history of Native and African Americans.*

**LOS ANGELES CA – December 4, 2009** – Cornell University has awarded the Winnick Family Foundation Scholarship for 2009-2010 to student Alia Jones, Class of 2010. This is the fourth award received by Ms. Jones from the Foundation.

Said David J. Skorton, president of Cornell: “Scholarship support is critical to ensuring that Cornell’s doors remain open to bright and deserving students regardless of their financial circumstances. It is the dedication of friends like the Winnick Family that allow students like Alia Jones to continue their studies at Cornell.”

Said Foundation founder Gary Winnick: “We are delighted to support Alia as she moves through Cornell. She is majoring in cultural anthropology and worked this year as a museum intern with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. She is already ‘making history’ as a contributor to the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit “IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas. This unique historical exhibit, booked by regional museums across the country in a schedule that extends well into 2012, presents historical and contemporary stories of peoples and communities in U.S., the Caribbean, Central America, and the northern coast of South America.”

**About the Winnick Family Foundation**
The Winnick Family Foundation encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children’s Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children’s Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine
- Winnick Gallery at Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History
Karen and Gary Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick’s alma mater Syracuse University, and at Gary Winnick’s alma mater, Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus C.W. Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick’s late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.’s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah’s Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children’s Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com on the Web.

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