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Ill. students win \$20,000 college scholarship

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Four Illinois students will receive \$20,000 toward college as winners of the Horatio Alger National Scholarship.

Carla Collins of Eldorado, Moriah Elusta of Chicago, Rebecca Heinen of Sparta and Wayne L. Hosley, Jr. of Calumet City will receive the awards at a ceremony Friday in Washington D.C.

All four recipients have overcome some sort of adversity. They are four of 104 Alger scholars from across the nation. The scholarship distributes nearly \$7 million annually.

The scholarship honors Alger, whose stories inspired the ideal of the American Dream during the 19th century.

Alger's stories usually dealt with people from lower-income populations or immigrants rising through the ranks of American society by hard work and perseverance.