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The International Reading Association presented seven awards at its Annual Convention in Las Vegas, honoring professionals who have made significant contributions to teaching and research in the field of reading.

The **William S. Gray Citation of Merit** is given each year to recognize outstanding contributions to reading education. The award was presented to Robert B. Ruddell of the Division of Language and Literacy at the University of California, Berkeley, California.

For her contribution to the diagnosis and remediation of reading or learning disabilities, Gay Su Pinnell of The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, **received the Albert J. Harris Award**. The award recognizes contributions to the field in the form of recent articles or monographs.

The **Arbuthnot Award**, honoring an outstanding college or university teacher of children's or young adult literature, was presented to M. Jerry Weiss of Jersey City State College, Jersey City, New Jersey. The award includes a US \$1,000 grant from Scott, Foresman and Company.

The Association each year awards an **Institute for Reading Research Fellowship** of US \$1,000 to a young researcher outside the U.S. or Canada who shows exceptional promise in the field of reading research. This year's recipient was Adelina Arellano-Osuna of the University of the Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.

The **Nila Banton Smith Award**, given to a classroom teacher who has made an outstanding contribution in helping students become more

proficient readers in all subject areas, was presented to Sandra G. Switzer of Stonewall Jackson Senior High School, Manassas, Virginia.

Douglas K. Hartman of the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was this year's recipient of the **Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award**. The award includes a prize of US \$1,000 from Silver Burdett & Ginn, Inc.

The **Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award**, honoring an exceptional college or university teacher of reading methods or reading-related courses, was presented to Robert M. Wilson of the University of Maryland at College Park, College Park, Maryland. The award includes a prize of US \$1,000, supported by the Houghton Mifflin Company.

The International Reading Association is a 94,000-member, nonprofit professional organization dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy worldwide.