



NEWSLETTER

Missouri Alston Pleasants

(1867-1959) Portrait at age 20



Missouri Alston Pleasants established the Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund in 1958 for selected undergraduate University of North Carolina students from Franklin, Halifax and Warren Counties. Miss Missouri, as she was known, had said that she wanted the Fund

to commemorate the memory of her grandfather, Willis "Congress" Alston, a late 18th and early 19th century state, regional and national political leader. In 2008, the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund was established.

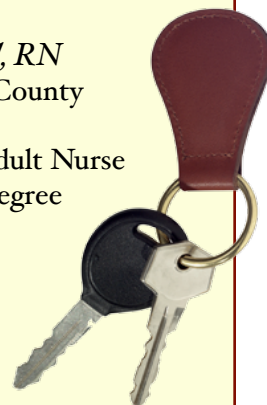
Congratulations to Current
Alston-Pleasants
Post-Graduate Scholars

Jennifer Lundholm
from Franklin County
Class of 2005
pursuing a Master of Business
Administration degree from
UNC

Albert Jay Richardson
from Halifax County
Class of 1991
pursuing a Master of Public
Administration degree from
UNC

Angela Spruill, RN
from Halifax County
Class of 2001
pursuing an Adult Nurse
Practitioner degree
from UNC

*"The education of a
man is never
completed until he
dies"*
-- Robert E. Lee



TRUSTEE UPDATE

by Debbie A. Daniel, Trustee

On behalf of the Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund, it is my pleasure to provide you with an update on current Fund activities, and to provide guidance on the application process for assistance with post-graduate studies for the remainder of the 2011 academic year.

This Fund began providing scholarships in 2009 for Alston-Pleasants Scholars who continue graduate or professional studies in any appropriately accredited university program in the United States. To date, the Fund has provided scholarships to each of the four Alston-Pleasants Scholar graduate and professional studies applicants.

It provided a scholarship to Marcus T. Wilson, Class of 2005, toward his 2009 North Carolina Central University Master of Library Science, with Honors, degree. It is currently providing scholarships to Jennifer Lundholm, Albert Jay Richardson and Angela Spruill (see page 1 for more details).

Currently, I am working with fellow Trustees, J. Gilbert Stallings and Helen N. Parker with the support and oversight of the Hon. Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of the Warren County Superior Court; Hon. Alice Faye Hunter, Clerk of Franklin County Superior Court; and Hon. Rebecca C. Spragins, Clerk of the Halifax County Superior Court.

We are continuing to explore possibilities for enhancing the experience of being an Alston-Pleasants Scholar across the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. We invite ideas

for helping both undergraduate and post-graduate students, and for supporting the Alston-Pleasants Scholars community at large.

An Alston-Pleasants electronic community is one convenient and familiar means of connecting Alston-Pleasants Scholars past and present. Since the last newsletter, an email group has been established and a website is under development. We have also set up a centralized email address to reach all of the Trustees. The new email address is alstonpleasants@aol.com. The possibility of a more expanded electronic presence is still under consideration. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, we would very much appreciate your sending us an email address to which we can send updates, news releases, and other items of interest.

There are, of course, many other possibilities for enhancing the Alston-Pleasants experience. A professional business network that highlights Scholar achievements, or the possibility of informal mentoring for Scholars currently in school are two that have surfaced in recent conversation. We welcome your ideas and want you to let us know about your interests!

Now for news about applications for graduate studies for the 2011 academic year:

As previously mentioned, this Fund is unusual in that all recipients of the undergraduate Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund scholarships are eligible for Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund awards to continue their studies. While Fund assets are, of course, limited, these scholarships do provide meaningful financial assistance and recognize the accomplishments and aspirations of our undergraduate scholars.

We hope that you will let us know if you are going to be enrolled in a graduate or professional studies program in the Summer or Fall 2011 sessions. If so, please send an email to us by April 11, for a summer session; and by July 25, for the Fall term, so that we can consider an award.

We will need to know the course of study, the institution, applicable program accreditation and the amount of your tuition. If an award is made, you will need to send us a transcript to let us know at the end of the term how you performed.

Finally, thank you for being a part of this very special community. Alston-Pleasants Scholars are a valued group in the history and fabric of the University of North Carolina. The Post-Graduate Fund carries on that fine tradition and furthers the work started by "Miss Missouri."

Please note that, while the Fund does not solicit contributions, it is an Internal Revenue Service recognized tax-exempt 501(c)(3) private foundation so that your Fund gifts of cash or stock can be currently deductible for income tax purposes.

If you would like to contribute to this undertaking, you can send a check payable to Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund to:
Mr. J. Gilbert Stallings
P. O Box 101, 340 Nelson Way
Basye, VA 22810-0101.

If you would prefer to make a gift of stock, Gil can also assist with the necessary procedures.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Marcus T. Wilson is a Littleton native and the first Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholar to earn a Masters degree.

In 2005, Marcus received his Bachelor of Arts degree in US History from UNC. He began his career teaching at the Haliwa-Saponi School. He attended North Carolina Central University and earned a Master of Library Science, with Honors, degree in 2009. Currently, Marcus is employed with the North Carolina Department of Revenue as a project analyst.

In his spare time, Marcus is a genealogy enthusiast and has traced his ancestry back to the American Revolution.

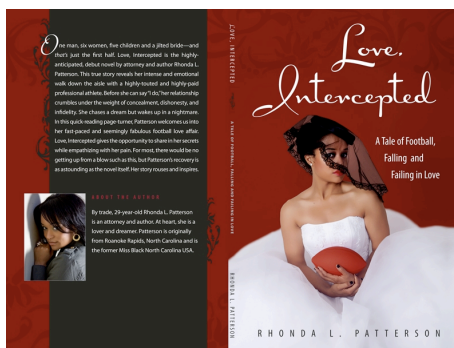
When asked about his Alston-Pleasants experience, Marcus indicated that being an Alston-Pleasants Scholar has truly been a blessing. Without the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship, he would not have been able to achieve his goals of attending college and graduate school. Marcus said, "It is my hope that I will be able to make a difference for others in a way as meaningful as the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship has made for me."

Marcus appreciates the recognition and encouragement that both the undergraduate and graduate studies scholarships have provided to him and other students from our home communities. From his perspective, these scholarships are making a beneficial difference in our lives.



ALSTON-PLEASANTS SCHOLAR IN THE NEWS

Rhonda Lynn Patterson is a Charlotte-based attorney and 1999 graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School. She was back in her hometown in February to sign copies of her recently released novel entitled, "Love Intercepted : A Tale of Football, Falling, and Failing in Love."



Rhonda received a double-major undergraduate degree and continued her education at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, School of Law, graduating in 2006.

Also in 2006, she was chosen to serve as Miss Black North Carolina, an honor that soon after, led her to the title of First Runner Up Miss Black USA 2006.

Today, in addition to her law practice, Rhonda is CEO of the Samuel Holmes Publishing Co., started in memory of her recently deceased grandfather. Rhonda noted, "I'll write until I run out of things to say. Have a seat! This could take a while."

When she's not busy with her career, Rhonda enjoys spending quality time with her daughter, traveling, and living life to the fullest.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU



The Trustees would like to send a special thanks to Patricia Scott, great-niece of Missouri Alston Pleasants, for her continued interest in the Fund and for providing the lovely portrait of Miss Missouri for use in this newsletter.

YOU ARE INVITED TO TEA WITH THE TRUSTEES



The Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund invite you to join us and fellow members of the Alston-Pleasants Community for afternoon tea on:

Saturday May 21, 2011

from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at

Timeless Tea

1020 Roanoke Avenue

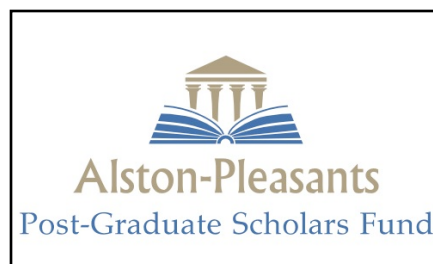
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

RSVP by May 15th to
alstonpleasants@aol.com

OR 240-753-3647

This will be a great opportunity to meet other Alston-Pleasants Scholars, learn more about Miss Missouri and share your experiences with other members of our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

INTRODUCING THE NEW FUND LOGO



You may have noticed a new logo on the cover of the newsletter. In early 2011, the Trustees made a decision to develop a logo to increase awareness and recognition of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund.

What does the logo signify?

- The book represents an emphasis on continued studies for Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars.
- The blue color relates to our ties to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- The spaces between the columns represent the potential unlimited opportunities for our Scholars from the three home counties of Franklin, Halifax and Warren, North Carolina.

Keep an eye out for this logo on upcoming communications.

We Want To Hear From You!

If you have any news that you would like to share with the Alston-Pleasants community, please type up a short announcement, including your name and UNC class year, and send it to the Trustees at alstonpleasants@aol.com. Feel free to attach photos as well. We will do our best to include the information in a future newsletter.

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