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Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund Scholarships Award

January 6, 2010 –Trustees Tasha K. Dickinson, Helen N. Parker and J. Gilbert Stallings have awarded an Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund scholarship for the 2010 fall semester to Angela Spruill. Awards for future semesters will be provided as appropriate to assist in her further graduate and professional studies.

Ms. Spruill, a 2001 University of North Carolina graduate from Halifax County, is continuing her studies in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Adult Nurse Practitioner program.

This Fund was established in 2008 to provide graduate and professional studies scholarships to recipients of the Alston-Pleasants Scholarships that Missouri Alston Pleasants established 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 undergraduate Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund to commemorate the memory of her grandfather, Willis "Congress" Alston, a late 18th and early 19th century state, regional and national political leader. The 50th anniversary of that Fund was celebrated in a Person Place Preservation Society program in Louisburg, NC on May 25, 2008.

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