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Contact: Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund

Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund Trustee Appointed

April 2, 2012. Hon. Rebecca C. Spragins, Clerk of the Halifax County Superior Court, has appointed Debbie A. Daniel, MBA, an Alston-Pleasants Scholar and UNC Bachelor of Science graduate in Medical Technology, to a three-year term as a Trustee of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund.

Ms. Daniel, a former Roanoke Rapids resident, is the Senior Director, Corporate and Alliance Management of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc., in Rockville, MD. She is responsible for the oversight of corporate initiatives, executive governance and alliance management. She also served as the Project Manager for the initial approval of the antipsychotic Abilify. Ms. Daniel was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree by Pennsylvania State University and holds American Society of Clinical Pathologists certification as a medical technologist.

Ms. Daniel was originally appointed to the Trusteeship in 2010 by Ms. Spragins. In her first 18 months of service to the Fund, she has made substantial contributions to the Fund's viability and has helped to enhance community awareness of the accomplishments of Alston-Pleasants Scholars at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

She serves with fellow Fund Trustees Dr. Helen N. Parker, the Regional Administrator for the Atlanta Region of the Employment and Training Administration, who was appointed by Hon. Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of the Warren County Superior Court; and J. Gilbert Stallings, retired Assistant General Counsel of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who was appointed by Hon. Alice Faye Hunter, Clerk of the Franklin County Superior Court, both of whom were also Alston-Pleasants Scholars and UNC graduates.

The 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. Beginning in 2009, the Fund has provided scholarships to each of the five Alston-Pleasants Scholar graduate and professional studies applicants.

Miss Missouri, as she was known, had said that she wanted the 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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