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Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund Trustees Appointed

April 23, 2009 - Alice Faye Hunter, Clerk of the Franklin County Superior Court, Rebecca C. Spragins, Clerk of the Halifax County Superior Court and Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of the Warren County Superior Court, have announced the appointment of J. Gilbert Stallings, Tasha K. Dickinson and Helen N. Parker, respectively, to serve as Trustees of the newly-established Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund.

Ms. Dickinson, a graduate of UNC and the UNC Law School, an attorney in the Jones Foster Johnston & Stubbs, PA, law firm in West Palm Beach, FL, provides legal services in estate planning, trust and estate administration, taxation and closely-held business matters. Dr. Parker, a UNC graduate who also has Masters degrees from UNC and the University of Georgia and a Duke University Ph.D. degree, is the Regional Administrator for the Atlanta Region of the Employment and Training Administration. Mr. Stallings, a graduate of UNC and the UNC Law School, was, before his retirement, Assistant General Counsel of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

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 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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