



## Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund

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### **Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund Trustee Reappointment**

April 8, 2011. Hon. Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of the Warren County Superior Court, has reappointed Helen N. Parker, Ph.D., an Alston-Pleasants Scholar, to a three-year term of service as a Trustee of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund. Dr. Parker is the Regional Administrator for the Atlanta Region of the Employment and Training Administration. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also has Masters degrees from UNC and the University of Georgia and a Duke University Ph.D. degree.

Dr. Parker, an original Trustee of the Fund, continues her service with current Fund Trustees Debbie A Daniel and J. Gilbert Stallings. Ms. Daniel is the Senior Director, Corporate & Alliance Management of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc. Mr. Stallings is a retired Assistant General Counsel of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Both Ms. Daniel and Mr. Stallings were also Alston-Pleasants Scholars and UNC graduates.

Ms. Daniel was appointed to serve as a Fund Trustee by Hon. Rebecca C. Spragins, Clerk of the Halifax County Superior Court. Mr. Stallings was appointed by Hon. Alice Faye Hunter, Clerk of the Franklin County Superior Court.

In her acceptance, Dr. Parker said that "I am honored and pleased to be reappointed as a Trustee. The Fund has accomplished a great deal since its commencement of operations in 2009 and I look forward to being a part of its continued service to our three home counties." Throughout this time, she has focused on Fund outreach efforts to local news organizations and the establishment of an e-community for Alston-Pleasants Scholars.

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 four 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 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century state, regional and national political leader. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that Fund was celebrated in a Person Place Preservation Society program in Louisburg, NC on May 25, 2008.

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