

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### ***Alston-Pleasants Scholar Graduates from UNC-Chapel Hill***

May 21, 2013 – Ms. Allison Blackburn of Louisburg, NC, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise and Sport Science-Fitness Professional and Romance Languages – Hispanic Literature and Culture from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in commencement exercises held on Sunday, May 12, 2013. Ms. Blackburn is the 81<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship, established by the late Missouri Alston Pleasants to recognize and encourage selected students from Franklin, Halifax and Warren Counties. Ms. Blackburn's graduation marks 50 years of Alston-Pleasants graduates from UNC-CH.

Ms. Blackburn is an Exercise Physiologist at the Duke Center for Living at Ferrington in Pittsboro, NC, where she began as an intern in January 2013.

The Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund, which provides graduate studies scholarships for Alston-Pleasants scholars, join with the Honorable Rebecca C. Spragins, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax County, the Honorable Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of the Superior Court of Warren County, and the Honorable Patricia B. Chastain, Clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin County, who oversee the Alston-Pleasants Scholarships, in congratulating Ms. Blackburn on her outstanding accomplishments and the start of what will be a most successful career.

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