



**Alston-Pleasants**  
Post-Graduate Scholars Fund

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**Halifax County Resident Awarded Alston-Pleasants Scholarship**

May 24, 2012 – The Student Aid Office of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has awarded the 2012 Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund merit scholarship for UNC undergraduate studies to Samuel D. Nixon from the graduating class at Roanoke Rapids High School.

The late Missouri Alston Pleasants established this scholarship in 1958 to provide added recognition and encouragement for selected students from Franklin, Warren and Halifax Counties. The scholarships are in memory of her grandfather, Willis “Congress” Alston, a local, state and national political leader.

Mr. Nixon is the 84th recipient of the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship. He is also a North Carolina Governor’s School alumnus. Sam and his parents, Jane and Rob Nixon, are residents of Roanoke Rapids, NC.

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 Court, Halifax County, the Honorable Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Clerk of Superior Court, Warren County, and the Honorable Alice Faye Hunter, Clerk of Superior Court, Franklin County, who oversee the Alston-Pleasants Scholarships, in extending congratulations to Mr. Nixon on this important recognition.

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