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

August 14, 2011 –Trustees Debbie A. Daniel, Helen N. Parker and J. Gilbert Stallings have awarded an Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund scholarship for the fall 2011 semester to Georgia Blair Stephenson. Awards for future semesters will be provided as appropriate to assist in her continuing graduate studies.

Miss Stephenson, a 2011 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduate from Halifax County, is beginning her studies toward a Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree.

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 undergraduate 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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