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Halifax County Alston-Pleasants Scholar Joins RTI International

August 15, 2012 – Alston-Pleasants Scholar Meghan Howard has joined RTI International at its Research Triangle Offices as a Public Health Research Analyst in its Healthcare Quality and Outcomes Research Program.

Ms. Howard was awarded the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology with Distinction and Highest Honors at the 2012 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduation ceremonies.

Her UNC undergraduate studies included childhood illness health care access, assimilation and maternal autonomy research in Costa Rica and Panama and she was recognized for the best undergraduate 2012 Honors Thesis in the UNC Department of Anthropology. She also served for one year as a UNC Residence Hall Mentor and team leader after two years of service as a Residence Hall Advisor.

A resident of Roanoke Rapids and graduate of the Episcopal High School, Ms. Howard was awarded an Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund Scholarship for undergraduate studies at the University in 2008.

The late Missouri Alston Pleasants established the Alston-Pleasants 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.

The Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund, which provides graduate and professional studies scholarships for Alston-Pleasants Scholars, congratulate Ms. Howard on the commencement of her career in health research.

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