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Alston-Pleasants Champion – Dan Thornton

September 24, 2011. Dan Thornton, Associate Director – Merit-Based Scholarships, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, has been named an Alston-Pleasants Champion by the Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund.

Mr. Thornton is primarily responsible for the selection of and assistance to recipients of merit-based scholarships provided by the Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund for undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In this capacity, he also shows a continuing interest in and provides supportive cooperation with the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund in its provision of scholarships for those students for post-graduate and professional studies.

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.

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

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Alston-Pleasants
Post-Graduate Scholars Fund

In grateful appreciation of his outstanding service to the Alston-Pleasants Scholars, we, the Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund, are pleased to recognize

Dan Thornton
Associate Director – Merit-Based Scholarships
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Office of Scholarships and Student Aid


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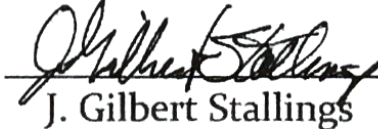
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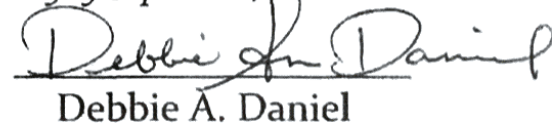
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In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this the 24th day of September, 2011:


Helen N. Parker


J. Gilbert Stallings


Debbie A. Daniel