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Franklin County Alston-Pleasants Scholar Receives Postgraduate Award to Pursue Advanced Degree in Occupational Therapy

November 18, 2016 – The Trustees of the Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund are pleased to announce that Allison Blackburn has received a Scholarship Award to support her post-graduate studies at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Ms. Blackburn is a member of the Occupational Therapy Class of 2018 at the Medical University of South Carolina, and was recently elected President of her OT class. She remarked that “I am honored to serve in a leadership position, and am looking forward to serving my classmates and professors.” Ms. Blackburn plans to specialize in the outpatient geriatric setting.

Ms. Blackburn was awarded the Bachelor of Arts in Exercise & Sport Science and Spanish in 2013 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduation ceremonies. A native of Louisburg, NC and a high school graduate of North Raleigh Christian Academy, Ms. Blackburn was awarded an Alston-Pleasants Scholars Fund Scholarship for undergraduate studies at the University in 2009.

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 Alston-Pleasants Post-Graduate Scholars Fund provides graduate and professional studies scholarships for Alston-Pleasants Scholars. The Trustees congratulate Ms. Blackburn on continuing her career in geriatric occupational therapy.

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