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Alabama Students and Educators to be Awarded \$12,000 in Scholarships

Montgomery, AL, April 20, 2015 – School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) and Chalkable, (formerly STI), the Scholarship Program Sponsor, are proud to announce the high school graduating seniors who are recipients of \$8,000 in SSA Student Scholarships and the educators who are recipients of \$4,000 in SSA Administrator Scholarships for 2015.

Congratulations to the SSA/Chalkable Student Scholarship recipients who intend to pursue a degree in education from one of Alabama's public colleges or universities. The student scholarship recipients are: **Miss Mariah Massengill**, graduating from M. G. Montgomery High School in the Mobile County School System, who plans to attend the University of South Alabama; **Mr. Khalil Goodwin**, graduating from Robert C. Hatch High School in the Perry County School System, who plans to attend Alabama State University; **Miss Jere' Armstead**, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in the Macon County School System, who plans to attend Tuskegee University; **Mr. Kadarius Watson**, graduating from Fairfield High School in the Fairfield City School System, who plans to attend Troy University; **Miss Alexis Smith**, graduating from Gadsden High School in the Gadsden City School System, who plans to attend Jacksonville State University; **Miss Alexis Coleman**, graduating from Winfield High School in the Winfield City School System, who plans to attend the University of North Alabama; **Mr. John Daniel Pitt**, graduating from Russellville High School in the Russellville City School System, who plans to attend the University of North Alabama; and **Miss Regina Ashley Carter**, graduating from North Sand Mountain High School in the Jackson County School System, who plans to attend the Northeast Alabama Community College.

The Student Scholarship recipients were selected by the Superintendents who were chosen as district finalists for the SSA/Classworks Superintendent of the Year Award. The finalists for 2015 include Mrs. Martha Peek, Mobile County; Mr. John Heard, Perry County; Dr. Jacqueline Brooks, Macon County; Dr. Walter

Gonsoulin, Fairfield City; Dr. Ed Miller, Gadsden City; Dr. Keith Davis, Winfield City; Mr. Rex Mayfield, Russellville City; and Mr. Ken Harding, Jackson County.

Congratulations to the SSA/Chalkable Administrative Scholarship recipients who plan to pursue a higher degree in school administration from one of Alabama's public colleges or universities. These educators are seeking degrees at the M.S./M.A., AA/Ed.S., or Ed.D./Ph.D. levels. The four recipients selected to receive scholarships for 2015 include: **Mr. Christopher W. Mitten**, Principal at A. M. Windham Elementary School in the Daleville City School System, who is currently pursuing his PhD in Educational Leadership at Auburn University; **Ms. Kelli L. Hendon**, a Guidance Counselor at Handley High School in the Roanoke City School System, who plans to pursue an Educational Leadership Degree from Auburn University; **Ms. Stacie M. Reddish**, an Instructional Coach at Wacoochee and Beulah Elementary Schools in the Lee County School System, who is currently pursuing an Instructional Leadership Degree from the Phenix City campus of Troy University; and **Ms. Greta S. Whiddon**, a Drop-Out Prevention Advisor at Greenville High School in the Butler County School System, who is pursuing an Instructional Leadership Degree from Auburn University. These SSA/Chalkable Administrator Scholarship recipients will be formally presented with a \$1,000 check by a Representative from Chalkable during an upcoming school event. All Administrator Scholarship applications were scored by SSA's Awards and Scholarships Committee chaired by Dr. Jeff Langham, Assistant State Superintendent of Education - Office of External Affairs.

"The major purpose of SSA is to promote high quality public education in every community throughout the state. These scholarships reinforce that mission by helping these high-achieving students become teachers and helping our leaders go back to graduate school too. We are proud of these recipients and their commitment to quality in our schools. It takes investment to make good things happen, and this is an investment we are proud to make, along with our partner, Chalkable," said Dr. Eric Mackey, SSA Executive Director.

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