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Columbia Housing Authority Youth Receive College Scholarships

Columbia, S.C. – Five Columbia Housing Authority youth have been awarded \$9,000 in college scholarships from three different organizations: Mungo Homes, Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials (CCHRCO), and the Beverly and Ezell Pittman Scholarship. All four students started their freshman year at South Carolina colleges this fall.

The Mungo Homes Scholarship is a one-time, \$1,250 gift awarded to graduating seniors who have excelled in high school and plan to attend college. The 2008 winners are **Kendric Boykin, Alexis Felder, Denishia Macon** and **Jamie Wright**.

Each year, CCHRCO awards seven, one-year scholarships to residents from housing agencies throughout North and South Carolina. This year, CHA residents won three of the seven available awards. **Alexis Felder** and **Lettie Goldsberry** each won \$1,000, while **Jamie Wright** won \$1,500 for scoring the highest overall points on her application.

The \$500 Beverly and Ezell Pittman Scholarship was awarded to **Denishia Macon**.

“We are so proud of these students and what they have accomplished,” said Gilbert Walker, CHA executive director. “They make great role models for other young people and demonstrate how working hard in school will put you on a path to success in life.”

About the students:

- **Kendric Boykin** graduated from Eau Claire High School in 2008 with a 3.5 GPA and now attends Benedict College;
- **Alexis Felder** graduated from A.C. Flora High School in 2008 with a 3.4 GPA and now attends Francis Marion University;
- **Lettie Goldsberry** graduated from Eau Claire High School in 2008 with a 4.0 GPA and now attends Howard University;

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- **Denishia Macon** graduated Valedictorian from C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy in 2008 with a 4.5 GPA and now attends the University of South Carolina;
- **Jamie Wright** graduated from Keenan High School in 2008 with a 4.0 GPA and now attends the University of North Carolina.

CHA manages over 2,000 conventional public housing units and administers more than 3,100 rental assistance contracts throughout Richland County. CHA is the third oldest housing authority in the nation and has continuously been recognized by HUD for its successful housing and education programs.

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