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3rd Annual ScottCares Foundation 2009 Scholarship & Humanitarian Awards

Winston-Salem, NC--- Committed to changing lives through the arts, the ScottCares Foundation awarded nine Forsyth County high school students scholarships totaling over \$6,500 recently.

To receive the scholarships, students had to meet essay and GPA requirements, declare a major in the arts field, and attend a North Carolina institution of higher learning.

The non-profit organization also recognized four esteemed community humanitarians who have exemplified outstanding strides in the areas of the arts, education, technology and community service, which are the Foundation's Four Pillars of Purpose. Humanitarian honoree for education and project coordinator of Winston-Salem State University's Real Men Teach, Holly Madrey, stated, "Despite the current economic position and budget crunches, the ScottCares Foundation is making it happen by sending students to college and that is commendable. Having received the actual Humanitarian award was great, but to watch the nine students who are following their dreams in art made it all better."

The 3rd Annual ScottCares Foundation 2009 Scholarship & Humanitarian Awards was held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6pm at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center, Sycamore Ballroom I, II, & III. This event was exceedingly successful with approximately 130 attendees. Emcees for this event were radio personalities Renee Vaughn and Marty Freeman of 97.1WQMG. The featured keynote speaker was "Scene & Heard" columnist and local author Leigh Somerville McMillan. The musical entertainment was a live jazz band, The Love Jones Orchestra and scholarship recipient, Marilyn Bledsoe, performing an Etta James' classic "At Last" during the ceremony. A dinner buffet meal was also served. The ambiance was immaculate, the dinner was delicious and the hosts greeted everyone graciously and promptly. It was truly a night to remember!

There were also many special guests bringing greetings such as Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Vivian Burke, and the North Carolina House of Representatives including Rep. Larry Womble, and Rep. Earline Parmon.

"The entire ScottCares Foundation always looks forward to the awards event. It's a time when Forsyth County's best and brightest stars, students and humanitarians, are celebrated for their tremendous efforts in arts, education, technology and community service," said Scott Abdul-Salaam, president and founder of the ScottCares Foundation. "It is also an event for the community to learn more and more about ScottCares and who we are as one of the city's newest non-profit organizations. We invite them to get to know us and join our efforts."

2009 ScottCares Foundation Scholarship Recipients:

- **Cassidy McAlpine**, of Mount Tabor High School, will attend UNC-Asheville for Creative Writing
- **Ciara Robertson**, of Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, will attend North Carolina A&T State University for Theater Arts
- **Edgar Mendez**, of North Forsyth High School, will attend Forsyth Tech for Graphic Design
- **Jacolby Peterson**, of Carter G. Woodson, will attend Forsyth Tech for Animation
- **Jared Bass**, of West Forsyth High School, will attend Gardner Webb for Video Production and Photography
- **Laura Blankenship**, of Reynolds High School, will attend UNC-Greensboro for the Violin
- **Madeline Fox**, of Parkland High School, will attend UNC-School of the Arts for Drama
- **Marilyn Bledsoe**, of Glenn High School, will attend Western Carolina University for Music Education and Theater
- **Melvin Aikens**, of Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, will attend UNC-Chapel Hill for Music Vocals
- **Antonio Nelson**, of Reynolds High School, will attend Liberty College in Virginia for Graphic Arts. **Nelson received a late scholarship to another college outside of North Carolina after he was granted to receive a SCF Scholarship upon attending a North Carolina school. Although Nelson will not be receiving a scholarship from SCF due to his decision to attend college outside of NC, the ScottCares Foundation still wanted to recognize Nelson's achievements.*

2009 Humanitarian Honorees: Art, Education, Technology, and Community Service

- **Robert Moody**, music director, Winston-Salem Symphony (**Art**)
- **WSSU's Real Men Teach**, Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Hammond, dean of the School of Education and Human Performance; Holly Madrey, coordinator (**Education**)
- **Dr. Carol Strohecker**, director, Center for Design Innovation (**Technology**)
- **The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem**, Michelle Cook, board chair; Tari Hanneman, program coordinator (**Community Service**)

The **ScottCares Foundation** is a non-profit, 501c3 whose mission is to embrace the arts while teaching and promoting computer literacy and technology. The Foundation stands upon four Pillars of Purpose: Art, Education, Technology and Community Service. The awards celebration served as the non-profit's annual fund raising event. Every year during this event, the Foundation awards scholarships to students pursuing careers in the arts, as well as recognize four people and/or organizations in the community who exemplify excellence in the Foundation's four pillars.

For more information about the ScottCares Foundation, log on to www.scottcaresnc.org.

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