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### **Local High School Students Receive Scholarships from Joye Law Firm**

*Four students recognized for their academic achievements and community service*

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (Sept. 4, 2007)**—Joye Law Firm, a North Charleston-based law firm, recently awarded four graduating seniors from area high schools with \$2,500 scholarships to assist them with college expenses. The professionals at Joye Law Firm wish to congratulate this year's recipients: Kimberly Dodson of Goose Creek High, Joseph L. Bishop of Hanahan High, Jolisa D. Dickinson of North Charleston High, and Joseph P. Current of Summerville High.

"We're pleased to honor these fine students," said Ken W. Harrell, partner at Joye Law Firm. "These young adults have impressive academic backgrounds, make positive differences in their communities, and exemplify the importance of scholastic dedication and volunteer service. We are fortunate to be in a position to be able to support the local community, and next year hope to extend the program to additional high schools in the tri-county area."

Selection of the recipients was based on an application process—which included requests for information about each candidate's school activities, positions of leadership, special honors and awards, community involvement, academic performance, and academic and professional pursuits. In addition, each candidate was asked to write a short essay addressing the topic of underage drinking and driving prevention, explaining how to positively influence their friends not to drive under the influence of alcohol. Upon selection, candidates were personally presented with their awards followed by a dinner hosted by Joye Law Firm attorneys and attended by the scholarship recipients and their families.

#### **Kimberly L. Dodson, Goose Creek High**

Kimberly has an outstanding academic record. As a student, she served as a member of the senior board, junior board, student council, and marching and concert bands. She also served as a member of the yearbook committee and was the yearbook editor from 2006 – 2007. Additionally, she was selected to attend Palmetto Girls State, a one-week leadership and citizenship training program created to further educate outstanding high-school students about state and local government. She twice received the student of the month award, received the Gator Pride award on three occasions, and was nominated as a homecoming queen candidate. Kimberly plans to attend college in South Carolina and pursue a degree in nursing and focus her future career in neonatology.

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**Joseph L. Bishop, Hanahan High**

Aside from his outstanding academic achievement—which includes membership in the National Honor Society, being on both the A Honor Roll and the A and B Honor Roll, and being selected as a Biology Merit Exam participant—Joseph’s other activities include participation in the school’s Robotics, Science, and Spanish clubs. Also, he served on the school’s student council and served as its senior class president from 2006 – 2007. Additionally, he lettered in the varsity track and field team and was also a Wendy’s High School Heisman nominee. His community involvement includes being an American Red Cross blood donor and a member of a Christian teen group, as well as helping to feed the homeless. Joseph will attend Clemson University, where he plans to pursue a business management or pre-law curriculum.

**JoLisa D. Dickinson, North Charleston High**

As the salutatorian for the 2007 graduating class, JoLisa has an outstanding academic record and was a member of the National Beta Club and the National Honor Society, and was student council vice-president and senior board secretary. She was actively involved in basketball and served as her school’s women’s basketball team captain. In addition to working two jobs, JoLisa participated in community volunteer activities, including Toys for Tots, the Special Olympics, and her church’s food bank. Additionally, she coached girl’s baseball and basketball at the Danny Jones Recreation Department. JoLisa plans to attend the University of South Carolina, where she will pursue a pre-law curriculum.

**Joseph P. Current, Summerville High**

In addition to academic achievement, Joseph was involved in extracurricular activities, including his high school’s band and Beta Club, the Boy Scouts of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the German Club. Joseph achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and built a puppy playpen at the Frances R. Willis Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for his Eagle Scout project. He is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution 2007 Good Citizen Award and is also the recipient of the Integrity Character Trait Award. Joseph plans to attend Clemson University, where he will pursue animal and pre-veterinarian sciences to achieve his future goal of becoming a veterinarian.

“Getting the scholarship from the Joye Law Firm helped me achieve my goal to get into college and help pay for it,” Joseph said. “The scholarship made a dream come true and helped make my goal of becoming a veterinarian a reality.”

**About Joye Law Firm**

Based in North Charleston, S.C., the Joye Law Firm has been fighting to help people face legal challenges since 1968. The firm has 10 experienced attorneys—with a combined litigation experience of more than 130 years—and more than 30 paralegals and other staff members. Their commitment to excellence is confirmed by the receipt of Martindale-Hubbell’s highest legal rating (AV). In 1997, the Joye Law Firm received national acclaim when it represented a family whose child died as the result of a defective door latch on a minivan. The jury returned a verdict of \$262.5 million, which was the largest personal injury verdict ever against an automobile manufacturer in the United States at that time. This verdict remains the largest in South Carolina. Visit [www.joyelawfirm.com](http://www.joyelawfirm.com) to learn more.

**NOTE: Photographs of scholarship recipients are available upon request.**