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**Local Students Receive Academic Scholarships from Joye Law Firm**

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

**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., July 15, 2008**—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: Amanda Fox of Hanahan High School, Samantha Dorsey of Goose Creek High School; Nicholas Cleveland of Summerville High School, and Synetria Jones of Summerville High School.

"We are pleased to recognize these fine students for their academic achievements and community service," said Ken W. Harrell, Managing Partner at Joye Law Firm. "These students exemplify hard work and dedication, and we know their futures will continue to be bright and full of success."

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.

**Amanda Fox, Hanahan High School**

Hanahan High School student Amanda Fox participated in choir, band, handbells, brass ensembles, the debate team, and drama in addition to having an outstanding academic career. Amanda is also an accomplished athlete—she lettered in volleyball, softball, and basketball in addition to playing soccer, as well as working as a math tutor. Amanda also volunteers for Lowcountry Orphan Relief and volunteers as a leader in a children's Bible program, a nursery at church, a soccer coach, a piano teacher, and a volleyball coach.

Amanda will be attending Charleston Southern University and plans to pursue a career in law.

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**Samantha Dorsey, Goose Creek High School**

A member of National Honor Society and Skills USA, Samantha Dorsey was ranked second in her class and was involved with cross country, cheerleading, and track and field while attending Goose Creek High. She also works as a coach for Davita's Funtastic Gymnastics in addition to serving as the head teacher for a local chapter of Pioneer Clubs.

Samantha applied to nine schools and was accepted to all of them. She will be attending Newberry College in Newberry, S.C., and plans to pursue a career in law.

**Nicholas Cleveland, Summerville High School**

Taking just three years to complete high school, Nicholas Cleveland maintained a 4.3 GPA while taking Honors and Advanced Placement classes. He also was a member of the French Honor Club, Quest, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the National Society of High School Scholars, the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, and the National Youth Leadership Forum. He was also nominated for the French Honor Club People to People Ambassador in addition to receiving academic letters and being named a South Carolina National Scholar. Nicholas also served as a tutor to his peers and was a volunteer for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., Nicholas will pursue a career in aeronautical engineering.

**Synetria Jones, Summerville High School**

Named "Most Effective Attorney" in both rounds of the 2007 Mock Trial Competition, Synetria Jones maintained an impressive academic career while balancing several extracurricular activities. In addition to being named Captain of Prosecution during Mock Trial and participating in Senior Club, Ling Crew, and Dance Team, Synetria was also involved with Delta GMA and was the lead singer for the St. Luke Baptist Church Youth Choir. She also worked with the Dorchester School District Two, assisting with office attendance.

Synetria will be attending Columbia College in Columbia, S.C., and will study political science with plans on becoming a lawyer.

**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.**