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SOUTHERN SCHOLARS INITIATIVE CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District is eexcited to announce a milestone celebration for the Dr. Doretha Pressey Southern Scholars Initiative Inc. Marking its fifth anniversary, the initiative will award $60,000 in scholarships to four outstanding students, showcasing the power of education in transforming lives and communities. Join us to honor these exceptional scholars and the enduring legacy of Dr. Doretha Pressey.

When: Monday, April 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM

Where: Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School, Neeses, South Carolina

Why: The award ceremony celebrates the Southern Scholars Initiative's five years of impact in empowering students through scholarships and comprehensive educational support. The scholarships will help these students to advance their education without the burden of debt, in line with Dr. Pressey's vision of education, determination, and generosity.

Eligibility and Selection Process:

- Candidates must be graduating seniors from Denmark-Olar, Bamberg Ehrhardt, or Hunter-Kinard Tyler High Schools.
- Applicants should be accepted to attend a full-time undergraduate program at a four-year college/university, community college, or trade/technical school.
- Open to individuals of African, Latino, Asian, or Indigenous descent who are Pell Grant-eligible.
- Minimum 2.5 GPA required.

- Candidates must demonstrate a commitment to their goals and community service, as well as a willingness to engage with the Southern Scholars' Five Pillars: Scholarship, Academic Coaching, Career Readiness and Mentorship, Service, and Travel.

Media Invitation: We warmly invite members of the media to join us in recognizing the outstanding achievements of these scholars. Your coverage is welcome and appreciated as it highlights the importance of educational support and community involvement in shaping the future of our youth.

For more information, please visit our website at www.southernScholars.org or contact Bre Pressey, Executive Director Dr. Doretha Pressey Southern Scholars Initiative Inc. at 803.200.1910.

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