

***Life's Hardships Yield Special Scholarships
For 12 Kentucky High School Seniors***

May 25, 2006/Washington, D.C. – **Poverty, disability, foster care, parental substance abuse, and physical abuse are among the adversities that could not prevent twelve outstanding high school seniors from throughout Kentucky from wanting to live out their American dream and have more for themselves. Each is now the recipient of a 2006 Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholarship of two thousand five hundred dollars for their college education.** (A complete list of the 2006 Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholars immediately follows this release).

All of the 2006 Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholars have demonstrated success in academics, co-curricular activities and community service while taking on some of life's most difficult challenges. Each of these young people possess the aspirations and potential to make important contributions in Kentucky and throughout the world. The scholarship may be used to attend any college or university within the United States.

The Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholars Program is funded through the generosity of Jack and Linda Gill. Mr. Gill is a Member of the Horatio Alger Association, an organization comprised of Americans who have overcome adversity to achieve success. Mr. Gill is currently on the Association's Board of Directors.

"No child should be denied access to a higher education because of financial need. This program will provide the outstanding young people Kentucky with the opportunity to achieve their goals by making a college education attainable for them," states Jack Gill. Since 1984 the Horatio Alger Association's need-based scholarship programs have helped hundreds of deserving students across the nation pursue their dreams of a post secondary education through their unique scholarships that recognize the circumstances and hardships of students as well as their achievements. Mr. Gill continues, "The Horatio Alger Association's experience working with students of limited financial means who want to obtain a college education is unmatched."

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is a nonprofit educational association. Through the generosity of its members, more than \$8.5 million in need-based college scholarships will be awarded this year to young people nationwide. For more information about the Association's scholarships and programs please visit www.horatioalger.org.

Applications for consideration as a 2007 Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholar are available June 1 through October 15, 2006 at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

2006 Horatio Alger Kentucky Scholars

Megan Deaton
Lexington Catholic HS
Lexington, Kentucky

Patrick Molina
Fort Knox HS
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Brittany Rodgers
Scott County HS
Georgetown, Kentucky

Allison Southworth
Tates Creek Senior HS
Lexington, Kentucky

Sierra Enlow
Larue County HS
Hodgenville, Kentucky

Jacquelynne Newby
North Hardin HS
Radcliff, Kentucky

Rudolph Shelton
Central HS
Louisville, Kentucky

James Sugrue
Trinity HS
Louisville, Kentucky

Crissie Huntley
Sacred Heart Academy
Louisville, Kentucky

Jessica Perkins
Middlesboro HS
Middlesboro, Kentucky

Shellese Shemwell
Central HS
Louisville, Kentucky

Kara Wells
Nicholas County HS
Carlisle, Kentucky

Kassandra Keeling
Mayfield HS
Mayfield, Kentucky

Chelsey Reid
South Oldham HS
Crestwood, Kentucky

Samantha Sipple
Berea HS
Berea, Kentucky

Jeannie Woodall
Crittenden County HS
Marion, Kentucky

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