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PRESS RELEASE

Horatio Alger Association Honors Florence Entrepreneur Charles C. Anderson Sr. and Two National Scholarship Recipients from Alabama

Charles C. Anderson Sr. and the Scholars are recognized by the Association for their remarkable achievements in the face of adversity and their commitment to higher education

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 9, 2015) – Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, will induct Alabama resident **Charles C. Anderson Sr., chairman emeritus of Anderson Companies**, as a lifetime Member in April. Concurrently, two outstanding Alabama students will be awarded the prestigious Horatio Alger National Scholarship. Association Members and Scholars are selected based on their integrity and determination to succeed in the face of significant adversity, and Members often become mentors to this future generation of leaders.

Named for renowned author Horatio Alger Jr., who wrote about the merits of honesty, courage and perseverance as the means to success, Horatio Alger Association was established in 1947 to uphold these tenets, which are core to achieving the American Dream. To further its mission, individuals who have achieved great success despite facing significant personal challenges and who demonstrate initiative, resilience and excellence, such as Mr. Anderson, are inducted into the Association annually as lifetime Members.

“We are delighted to honor Mr. Anderson with lifetime membership in Horatio Alger Association,” said David Sokol, chairman of Horatio Alger Association. “He is an exemplary businessman and philanthropist who lives out the mission of our organization each and every day. My fellow Members and I are honored to have him join us and we look forward to leveraging his time and talents, both as a mentor and trusted adviser, as we continue to further the reach of the Association.”

Since 1984, Horatio Alger Association has administered one of the nation’s largest privately funded, need-based scholarship programs, which provides educational assistance to at-risk youth with an admirable commitment to continuing their education and serving their communities. The Association has provided more than \$100 million in undergraduate, graduate and specialized scholarships since 1984. The following students from Alabama have been recognized for their exceptional accomplishments with the 2015 Horatio

Alger National Scholarship in the amount of \$22,000:

- John Hill, Cherokee County High School, Centre, AL
- Elizabeth Stinson, Cherokee County High School, Centre, AL

“Despite facing significant challenges in their young lives, our national scholarship recipients from Alabama have not allowed their adversities to define them,” said Tony Novelty, president and CEO of Horatio Alger Association. “Instead, they have overcome these challenges and worked to become better people despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. We are proud to provide such deserving students with the financial assistance needed to pursue their education.”

Mr. Anderson and his fellow new Members will be formally inducted into the Association at the 68th Horatio Alger Award Induction Ceremonies in Washington, D.C. on April 9-11, 2015. The annual three-day event honors the achievements of the Members and also recognizes the 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholars, affording both groups the opportunity to meet and interact, exchanging stories of hardships, triumphs and successes.

To view the complete list of Horatio Alger Members selected for the Class of 2015, please visit [here](#).

To view the complete list of 2015 Horatio Alger National Scholarship recipients, please visit [here](#).

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About Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans:

Founded in 1947, the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. fulfills its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. Horatio Alger Association supports students through annual undergraduate and graduate need-based scholarships and mentoring programs across the United States and Canada. Since 1984, the Association has awarded more than \$100 million in college scholarships to deserving young people. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.