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PRESS RELEASE

25 Outstanding Students Awarded 2015 Horatio Alger Louisiana State Scholarships Worth \$10,500

Through the generosity of Horatio Alger Member William J. Doré, the Association recognizes and rewards inspiring and resilient young men and women from Louisiana with scholarships to pursue higher education

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 18, 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, today awarded its prestigious 2015 Horatio Alger Louisiana State Scholarship, worth \$10,500, to 25 outstanding students in the state of Louisiana. For the 15th consecutive year, Association Board Member William J. Doré is funding this scholarship program in recognition of young men and women who serve their communities and wish to pursue a college education despite facing adversity.

“These well-deserving students have an unwavering commitment to pursue a college education, continue to give back to their communities and seek out opportunities to achieve success despite facing adversity,” said William J. Doré. “I could not be more pleased to be part of an organization that recognizes these students and helps them realize their dreams.”

The program complements the Association’s existing national and state scholarships, which totaled more than \$10 million this year. The scholarship is open to eligible high school seniors in Louisiana who maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, exhibit financial need and demonstrate perseverance in overcoming personal challenges. Recipients must pursue a bachelor’s degree at an accredited non-profit public or private institution in Louisiana.

Since 1984, Horatio Alger Association has administered one of the nation’s largest privately-funded, need-based scholarship programs, awarding more than \$110 million in undergraduate, graduate and specialized scholarships to students across the United States (including all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) and Canada. In 2000, 16 years after the establishment of its National Scholarship Program, Horatio Alger Members began funding scholarships concentrated in each state to further the Association’s mission of offering deserving young people across the nation financial support to pursue their collegiate goals.

“It is truly an honor to recognize these 25 inspiring young men and women in Louisiana for their hard work, perseverance and drive to further their education,” said David Sokol, chairman of the Horatio Alger Association. “These impressive students have often faced tremendous challenges, and they know that education is the key to a better future. We are grateful to Members like William J. Doré who do so much to assist students in support the Association’s educational mission.”

Collectively, the 2015 Horatio Alger State and Specialized Scholarship recipients have maintained an average GPA of 3.7 and a mean SAT score of 1,195 (out of 1,600), while coming from households with an average annual income of \$19,766.

For a complete list of the 2015 Horatio Alger Louisiana State Scholars, please [click here](#). For more information about Horatio Alger Association or to apply to one of its scholarship programs, please visit www.horatioalger.org.

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About Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans:

Founded in 1947, 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 \$110 million in college scholarships to deserving young people. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.