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Mississippi Recycling Coalition and Beverage Association of Mississippi Announce 2009 Scholarship Recipients

(JACKSON, MS) – The Mississippi Recycling Coalition (MRC) and the Beverage Association of Mississippi are pleased to announce the recipients of this year's scholarship awards. This year, MRC and the Beverage Association of Mississippi awarded five, \$750 scholarships to students at Mississippi public or private colleges and universities who are enrolled in disciplines related to recycling and environmental management. These scholarships are available to currently enrolled freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

The MRC received twenty-nine applications for the 2009 scholarships. This year's applicants were all well-qualified and the decisions were very difficult. As sponsors of these scholarships, the MRC and Beverage Association of Mississippi strive to reward students based on scholastic achievement, the personal need of the applicant, the applicant's major and interests as related to recycling and other environmental issues, strength of recommendations, and the professional appearance of applications. The recipients of the 2009 Mississippi Recycling Coalition and Beverage Association of Mississippi scholarship awards are:

- **Austin Baker** — Mr. Baker is the son of Delorse Kirkland of Petal, MS. He is currently a junior at Millsaps College where he is majoring in biochemistry and has a 3.93 GPA. He has been active in EARTH Club and has participated in other environmental and recycling activities on campus.
- **Sarah Duffy** — Ms. Duffy is the daughter of Robert and Kristi Duffy of Hixon, TN. She is currently a senior at Mississippi State University where she is majoring in biological engineering and has a 3.5 GPA. She has interned with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and plans to continue to work in areas where she can have a positive influence in protecting and preserving the environment.
- **Jamey Lynn Matte** — Ms. Matte is the daughter of James and Judy Matte of Gloster, MS. She is currently a junior at Mississippi State University where she is majoring in Landscape Architecture and has a 4.0 GPA. She is working to minimize the impact of non-point source pollution and to increase public awareness of related environmental issues.
- **Ashley Nelson** — Ms. Nelson is from Pearl, MS. She is currently a sophomore at Hinds Community College where she is majoring in

Environmental Biology and has a 3.48 GPA. She plans on continuing her education so that she can reduce the impact of urban development and pollution on the environment.

- **Kaleb A. Smith** — Mr. Smith is the son of Tylina Dunnam of Richton, MS. He is currently a sophomore at Mississippi State University where he is majoring in biological engineering and has a 3.73 GPA. He is currently working on projects which involve recycling oil from restaurants and cafeterias at the Bioenergy Research Laboratory.

The MRC is pleased to recognize these students with these scholarship awards and encourages other interested students to apply for the 2010 scholarship awards.

The Mississippi Recycling Coalition is a consortium of recycling companies, local governments, state agencies, and other interested organizations in Mississippi. The Beverage Association of Mississippi is a trade organization whose members include most non-alcoholic beverage bottlers in Mississippi. For information on the MRC and MRC/Beverage Association of Mississippi annual scholarships, please visit the coalition's web page at <http://www.msrecycles.org>. For information on the Beverage Association of Mississippi, please visit the association's web page at <http://www.beverages.ms>.

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