



## *College Success Program Student Receives Generous Scholarship to Attend Alabama State University*

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Tiesha Means is a class of 2015 graduating senior from East Technical High School. Ms. Means has been a participant of the College Success Program (CSP) for the past two years. In the fall of 2014, Tiesha met with her College Success Program Outreach Center Coordinator for East Technical High School, Mr. Eric Richardson, regarding her college plans upon graduating high school; indicating a strong desire to attend Alabama State University in the fall of 2015. Tiesha has several family members in Montgomery, Alabama and had seen the Alabama State University campus several times while visiting relatives there.

Recognizing her family's financial situation, Mr. Richardson (Tiesha's CSP Coordinator), Ms. Heather Owens (East Technical High School Guidance Counselor), and Jacqueline Black (East Technical High School Senior Seminar Teacher) began to research scholarship opportunities that would provide Tiesha with the financial resources necessary to allow her to attend Alabama State University. In February 2015, Tiesha submitted an application for the *Major and Dorothy Hill Memorial Scholarship*, sponsored by the Cleveland Alumni Chapter of Alabama State University. Based upon Tiesha's excellent academic record (3.89 GPA) and her outstanding essay, she was selected as one of the finalist for this full scholarship opportunity. On April 7, 2015, Mr. Merlin Hill, Alabama State University Alumnus who is personally sponsoring the scholarship; made a surprise visit to Tiesha at school to inform her that she had been awarded this prestigious scholarship. The Major and Dorothy Hill Memorial Scholarship to Alabama State University is renewable and covers tuition, room and board, fees, books, and other incidental expenses related to attendance and matriculation. Furthering the excitement of this announcement, Tiesha and a chaperone will fly down to Alabama State University for a formal visit on April 23, 2015; also sponsored by Mr. Hill.

Tiesha is proud and excited to have received this scholarship that will allow for her to pursue her dreams. Tiesha plans on majoring in either Biology or Chemistry, with her ultimate goal being to become a physician. The entire College Success Program congratulates Ms. Tiesha Means on her outstanding accomplishment and wishes her great success.