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## **Coco-Cola Scholars Foundation awards J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College student \$1,000 scholarship**

**(ATLANTA, July 2007)- Matthew Vinson (Montpelier, VA)**, a student at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, VA has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. The Coca-Cola Two-Year College Scholarship Program awards a total of 400 scholarships annually to students that attend a two-year higher-education institution. In April, one scholar from each state received a \$2,000 scholarship from Coca-Cola through the New Century Scholar Program of the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa, which is the two-year college scholastic honorary organization. On June 29, Vinson was one of an additional 350 students who were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. All recipients have demonstrated academic success and participated in community service within the past 12 months.

“The Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarship Program gives support and encouragement to an under-served population of college students,” said J. Mark Davis, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. “This Program is an extension of our long-standing commitment to college education throughout the United States. These fine students, who often juggle school, work and family, continue to give back to their communities through volunteer service.”

The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation, which provides grants in support of human services initiatives. The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation was created in 1986 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow’s leaders. Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year of funding the Coca-Cola Two-Colleges Scholarship Program, the Foundation has provided \$3.25 million in scholarship awards to students that attend a two-year degree granting institution and more than \$32 million towards the Coca-Cola Scholars Program during the past 18 years.

Serving over 17,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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