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Patton receives Alger scholarship

Recent McKinney Boyd High School graduate Katherine L. Patton has received one of the 40 scholarships awarded to Texas students by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

Each Scholar will receive \$5,000 to fund their college education. The state honorees were selected for the Horatio Alger State Scholarship Program because they made academics a priority while facing and overcoming great obstacles in their young lives. Horatio Alger Association Immediate Past Chairman Dennis R. Washington said, "We are proud to present this award

to the students of Texas who have demonstrated integrity and determination despite significant challenges. We envision great futures for these teens."

The State Scholarship Programs, ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,500, are sponsored by Horatio Alger Members and friends of the association. In 2008, the program awarded more than 900 scholarships to students throughout the country.

The Texas scholarships are made possible by Boone Pickens, a Horatio Alger Member.

"With the help of Boone Pickens, more young people will have a real chance at success beginning with a higher

education," Washington added.

Horatio Alger Scholars are provided with numerous resources to help them succeed while they are in college. Each student receives:

- *Financial aid guidance to assist in selection of and preparation for college.

- *Access to the Association's Web site where students can create online profiles, search for fellow scholars, update their personal information, submit disbursement requests, and direct questions to the association.

- *Access to a toll-free information line to speak to program coordinators for assistance with questions about their scholarships and other educational pro-