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Armuchee senior selected as Horatio Alger Scholar

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Sarah Michele Barnett, a senior at Armuchee High School, has been selected as a 2011 Horatio Alger National Scholar. Barnett was one of only two recipients in the state of Georgia this year. She will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship and she will receive an all – expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2011 Horatio Alger National Scholars Conference in April.

As one of the nation's largest college financial aid programs in the country, the Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is the only major scholarship effort that specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. According to the association's website, while many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others.

Ms. Barnett has been active at Armuchee High School and in the Armuchee community. She has lettered in basketball for three years, she is a member of the National Honors Society, president of Armuchee High Art Club, vice-president of the Student Council, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and active in the Future Business Leaders of America. Barnett will graduate with honors from Armuchee High in May. She has been accepted at Texas Christian University and Mercer University but has not made her final selection of a college. Barnett plans to serve others by studying Biology and Pre-Med and entering the medical field.

The Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program is awarded to eligible students in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.