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PHS Students Awarded Tuskegee Airmen Institute Scholarships



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Two Perry High School Class of 2010 graduates received scholarships from the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation (TASF). Woodrow “Billy” Colbert, Jr. and Diedra Stallings were awarded \$1,500 each by the Major General Joseph A. McNeil chapter of the Tuskegee Airman Institute.

The TASF was established in 1979 to provide annual scholarships to outstanding young people in their academic quest for excellence. Each year this foundation grants forty \$1,500

scholarship awards to deserving young men and women. Recipients must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average. In addition, applicants submit a two-page essay containing their biography, educational aspirations and career goals. Students must also include a one-page essay entitled “The Tuskegee Airmen” which reflects an overview of their history.

As a member of Perry High’s AFJROTC, Billy first submitted his packet to Col. Craig Lightfoot, his Senior Aerospace Science Instructor. After a competitive evaluation, his packet was forwarded to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Selection Committee for National Competition. A scholarship selection committee, composed of several members from each Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. region, evaluated each applicant on academic achievement, extracurricular and community activities and relative financial need.

Billy and Diedra received their scholarships at the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base on August 7, 2010. They are pictured holding their certificates of achievements, accompanied by (from left) Toledo Bradford, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Major General Joseph A. McNeil Chapter, and German T. Acree, President of the Chapter.

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