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**Aiken County Public Schools boasts seven Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholars**

The State Department of Education announced 102 Robert C. Byrd scholars with seven graduates from Aiken County Public Schools leading the way. The \$1,500 scholarships are renewable and may be used at in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities. Over 360 Byrd scholarship applications were filed in South Carolina. The rigorous eligibility requirements include:

- *Students must be enrolled in the 12th grade (senior class) in a public, private or home school in South Carolina and become a high school graduate during the 2009-10 academic year (by June 2010).*
- *Students must have a minimum of 1300 on the SAT (combined verbal and math score only) or a minimum of 29 on the ACT.*
- *Students must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPR computed on the Uniform Grading Scale.*
- *A school or home-school association screens and selects applicants.*

<b>2010 Robert C. Byrd Honor Scholars</b>			
<b>School District</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Student First Name</b>	<b>Student Last Name</b>
Aiken	South Aiken High School	Anthony	Nguyen
Aiken	North Augusta High School	Rebecca	Phifer
Aiken	North Augusta High School	Caitlin	Carter
Aiken	North Augusta High School	Frederick	Grimm
Aiken	Aiken High School	Harris	Droghini
Aiken	Aiken High School	Aric	Berning
Aiken	North Augusta High School	Jessica	Kaczmarek

The scholarship program is named for the late U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia. Its purpose is to recognize and reward over-achieving high school seniors who display the potential of continued excellence in postsecondary education. For more information on the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship or the 2010 recipients, please contact my office at 803 641 2639 or [tnewman@aiken.k12.sc.us](mailto:tnewman@aiken.k12.sc.us).