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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Mr. Austin Gilbert, Chair, and Members  
S.C. Commission on Higher Education

From: Ms. Susan Cole, Chair  
Access & Equity and Student Services Committee

**Informational Report: 2000-01 Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awarding Update**

For the 2000-01 award year, 776 Palmetto Fellows Scholarships will be awarded (162 for attendance at a private institution and 614 for attendance at a public institution). 413 scholarships were offered to the top-ranked applicants. Responses were returned by May 1<sup>st</sup> in the first round of offers. Of the 413 scholarships offered, 115 students declined and 298 students accepted (81 for private and 217 for public). After awarding the first group, 478 scholarships remain to be awarded (81 for private and 397 for public).

The second group of Palmetto Fellows candidates was notified on May 12th and the deadline for responding is May 31<sup>st</sup>. 401 students were offered a scholarship for attendance at either a private or a public institution and 129 students were offered a scholarship for attendance at a public institution only. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 221 students were notified that they had been named Alternates.

As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, all applicants have been notified of their status. Additionally, all high schools and colleges have been notified of each student's status. Based on the responses from the second group of awards, a third group of awards from the Alternate pool will be notified during the middle of June. Another update will be provided during the July Commission meeting.