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### **Gov. Nikki Haley Recognizes Local Student For Receiving Buick Achievers Scholarships**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Gov. Nikki Haley recognized Clemson sophomore Justin Shaw today as 2013 Buick Achievers Scholarship Program recipient. Justin received a scholarship of up to \$25,000, renewable for up to four years.

One of the largest scholarship programs in the country, Buick Achievers places a strong focus on recognizing women, minorities and students known for excelling in the classroom and giving back to their communities.

"I would like to thank the General Motors Foundation for their generous support of education here in South Carolina," Gov. Haley said. "They are not only helping our students achieve more academically but they are actively building a smarter workforce for tomorrow. Justin's success also reflects the hard work of his teachers, family and friends who have helped him along the way."

Scholarship recipient Justin Shaw is from Hilton Head, attended Hilton Head High School and is currently attending Clemson University.

The Buick Achievers Scholarship is intended to assist students who are first-generation college students, military veterans and military dependents. Among the 1,100 students being recognized this year, more than 521 recipients are the first in their families to pursue a secondary education, 45 have served in the United States Armed Forces, and 48 come from military families. Additionally, 819 are pursuing STEM-related majors, with degree programs including mechanical engineering topping the list.

"Through the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, the GM Foundation is able to make a significant investment in the next generation of our country's leaders and innovators," said GM Foundation President Vivian Pickard. "We have witnessed firsthand how this scholarship is changing lives by making education more accessible and affordable."

Buick Achievers has awarded nearly \$16.5 million to more than 3,300 students since the program's inception in 2011. The program provides 100 students with up to \$25,000, renewable for four years, and one additional year for those entering a qualified, five-year engineering program. An additional 1,000 students receive up to \$2,000 for academic expenses.

"The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, with the GM Foundation, is modeling the way with multi-year renewable awards that not only help students get to school, they also help them get through school," said Greg Dehn, general manager and senior vice president, Scholarship America."

For more information about the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, to view the complete list of 2013 recipients, or to register for an e-mail notification when the next application window opens, please visit [www.buickachievers.com](http://www.buickachievers.com).

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