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MEMORANDUM

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Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Awards for FY 1998-99

As you are aware, Proviso 18A.28 passed by the 1997 General Assembly stipulates all students must meet the following three criteria in order to be eligible to apply for a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship: 1) score 1200 on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) through the October administration or an equivalent score on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) or American College Test (ACT); 2) earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale through the end of the junior year; and 3) rank in the top five percent of either the sophomore or junior class. The following tables reflect the new Palmetto Fellows Scholarships awarded to date in compliance with Proviso 18A.28, as well as continuing Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

957 students met the eligibility requirements and applied for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship. Of the 957 who applied, 619 students were offered scholarships in the initial two rounds of awards. 156 students declined the scholarship leaving 463 scholarships. The remaining scholarships were accepted by students attending either a public or a private institution (public awards=344; private awards=119).

Due to the number of declines in the initial awarding of scholarships, 110 scholarships have been offered to alternates who were upgraded to Palmetto Fellows. These students notified the Commission of their acceptance by May 29, 1998.

New and Continuing Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for 1997-98			
Total # Attending Public Institutions	Total # Attending Private Institutions	Total # Attending Public Institutions	Total # Attending Private Institution
344	119	974	275
Total # of New Awards = 463		Total # of Continuing Awards = 1249	
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS = 1712			

<i>Continuing Palmetto Fellows Scholarships for 1997-98</i>			
Year in School	# Attending a Public Institution	# Attending a Private Institution	Total
Freshmen	595	138	733
Sophomores	332	109	441
Juniors	20	9	29
Seniors	27	19	46
Total	974	275	1249

<i>New and Continuing Palmetto Fellows Scholarships Awarded to Minorities for 1997-98</i>			
Total # Attending Public Institutions	Total # Attending Private Institutions	Total # Attending Public Institutions	Total # Attending Private Institution
14	1	54	7
<i>Total # of New Awards = 15 (3.23%)</i>		<i>Total # of Continuing Awards = 61 (4.88%)</i>	
TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS = 76 (4.43%)			

<i>Name of Public Institution</i>	<i># of New Recipients Who Selected a Public Institution</i>	<i># of Continuing Fellows Who Are Attending a Public Institution</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Clemson Univ.	125	378	503
U.S.C. – Columbia	133	363	496
College of Charleston	42	111	153
Winthrop University	12	39	51
Lander University	11	29	40
The Citadel	3	15	18
Francis Marion Univ.	2	15	17
U.S.C. – Spartanburg	3	11	14
USC-Aiken	4	8	12
Coastal Carolina Univ.	1	3	4
S.C. State University	1	2	3
TOTAL	337	974	1,311

<i>Name of Private Institution</i>	<i># of New Recipients Who Selected a Private Institution</i>	<i># of Continuing Fellows Who are Attending a Private Institution</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Furman University	33	154	187
Wofford College	10	51	61
Erskine College	6	22	28
Presbyterian College	4	20	24
Anderson College	2	5	7
Columbia College	2	5	7
Charleston Southern Univ.	1	4	5
Newberry College	0	5	5
Converse College	0	4	4
Coker College	2	0	2
Limestone College	0	2	2
Benedict College	1	0	1
Columbia International Univ.	0	1	1
North Greenville College	1	0	1
Southern Wesleyan Univ.	0	1	1
TOTAL	62	274	336