

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CASH FOR COLLEGE AWARDS FOR ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, all students must have an opportunity to reach their full potential and realize their lifelong aspirations; and

WHEREAS, over the past decade, there has been a growing movement among educators, national employers, and top business professionals to further focus American's high school curriculum on college preparation and career development to remain competitive in today's growing global economy, Alabama's students must continue to be provided the highest quality educational experience possible; and

WHEREAS, the for the tenth consecutive year, our state has celebrated the Alabama College Application Campaign (ALCAC) and fifth year Cash for College Campaign annual events developed by the Alabama State Department of Education and Alabama Possible to celebrate the importance of students continuing their educational goals after graduating high school; and

WHEREAS, each year, millions of students nationwide apply for financial and services and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and

WHEREAS, an estimated fifty seven percent of high school seniors qualify for a Pell Grant in Alabama. Forty seven percent completed the FAFSA as of June 4, 2021, leveraging an estimated \$58,969,816 in Pell Grant aid across the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama had over 200 host sites, over 50 high schools recognized for 100% of their seniors completing a college application, 75 colleges and universities participated in the Alabama College Application Campaign Fee Waiver Program, and over 70,000 applications were submitted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education recognize the 2020-2021 Cash for College Campaign MVP and Most Improved Award Schools, Alabama Award of Excellence Recipient, and 100% Participation High School, and encourages local boards of education, schools, business professionals, and local educational organizations to participate in this recognition that demonstrates the importance of Alabama's students achieving their aspirations of academic excellence and personal achievement.

Cash for College MVP Award

Large-size schools – Ramsay High School (Birmingham City School System)

Medium-size schools – Loveless Academic Magnet Program (LAMP) High School (Montgomery County School System)

Small-size schools – Sulligent School (Lamar County School System)

Cash for College Most-Improved Award

Large-size schools – Spanish Fort High School (Baldwin County School System)

Medium-size schools – West Limestone High School (Limestone County School System)

Small-size schools – Genesis Innovative School (Conecuh County School System)

Alabama Award of Excellence Recipient

Dr. Steven Tarver, Ramsay High School (Birmingham City School System)

Done this 9th day of September 2021