



## **Media Release**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PERSONALLY CREATES AND FUNDS NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**

**~ The Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Voluntarily Makes  
Personal Contributions to Establish the Lead Through Service Scholarship ~**

Pulaski, Virginia, June 1, 2018 – The Pulaski County Board of Supervisors has confirmed it a priority to foster local leadership development and bolster service to the community through the personal sponsorship of the new Board of Supervisors’ Lead Through Service Scholarship. The competitive scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Pulaski County High School student who demonstrates leadership through serving his or her community and plans to continue to contribute to the community upon completion of their formal education. The annual scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.00 and can be utilized at any two- or four-year institution or technical degree program.

“It is important we genuinely communicate the importance of leadership to our graduating class and help further cultivate a mindset of continued service back to the very community who has invested in their education and in their future,” stated Andy McCready, Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “These young adults are our future and we will be depending on them to return to Pulaski County to be our nurses, our teachers, our business leaders, our workforce and the next generation of contributing members to our local economy.”

The annual competitive scholarship is funded personally and equally by each individual member of the Board of Supervisors as well as the County Administrator. There are no taxpayer’s monies involved with the scholarship and its entire funding is

voluntary. The members of the Board of Supervisors are as follows: Mr. Andy McCready, Chair, Mr. Dean Pratt, Vice Chair, Mr. Charles Bopp, Mr. Joseph Guthrie and Mr. Ranny O'Dell. The County Administrator is Jonathan D. Sweet, ICMA-CM.

“I am honored to be a contributor to this worthy and noble project and be a part of helping to develop the next generation of local leaders,” stated Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator. “There is no better investment we can make in the future of our County than to nurture our children with a love for their community and a heart for service. I believe when the passions and talents of our County’s next generation collide, we will enjoy a bold and dynamic transformation derived from their distinctive confidence, creativity, receptivity and techno-dexterity.”

“The Board works hard each and every year to make as much funding available as possible for investments in our public schools. This coming year the Board is significantly increasing the school’s annual appropriation to fund initiatives such as teacher raises and other priority operations, the purchase of new school buses, the development of a new International Baccalaureate program, as well as funding the construction of a new consolidated middle school,” stated Dean Pratt, Vice Chair, Pulaski County Board of Supervisors. “But, we feel it is all of our responsibility to plant seeds and encourage our graduates to return home and use their education and skills our dedicated teaching staff has imparted in them to help guarantee the continued quality and success of our education system and keep our community sustainably healthy.”

Additional details and the official application for the Board of Supervisors’ Lead through Service Scholarship will be made available during the 2018-2019 School Year. The application and deadline will be consistent with the application process and deadlines for all other scholarships housed within the Pulaski County High School Scholarship Fund.

*Pulaski County is...Leading through Service.*

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