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Raleigh Retired Alumni Association Scholarship Support at Work

Raleigh, N. C. -- The weather may have been overcast and rainy on Tuesday, Aug. 26, but spirits were elevated for three Saint Augustine's College students. They each unknowingly received scholarship money placed on their accounts from the generosity of the Saint Augustine's College Raleigh Retired Alumni Association. "What a relief!" exclaimed LaKiesha McKenzie, a sophomore Business Administration major and a Presidential Scholar student with a 4.0 grade point average, when she found out about the money. "I was not expecting anything like this, I am truly shocked."

The check was delivered to the College by Esther Hayes, past president and vice president of the National Alumni Association, and Johnsie Snipes, financial secretary. Coincidentally, all three students were passing by the office of Marc Newman, vice president of Institutional Advancement and Development, (IAD) as Hayes and Snipes were leaving.

"I was just coming over to IAD to talk to Mr. Newman about school, and I found out that money has been applied to my account," said freshman psychology major Quanika Sashington, one of the scholarship recipients. "This is wonderful and I am completely shocked."

When Chris Simmons heard of the deposit to his account he stepped outside, prayed and thanked the Lord for his blessing. A teary eyed Chris said, "It is by the grace of God and I am truly thankful."

Hayes and Snipes hugged each student and told them to never give up and to keep the faith. The delivery and deposit of the money is an example of how scholarship support can help a deserving student remain in school. Hayes and Snipes said they were thrilled to cross paths with their three scholarship recipients.

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