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Seven Remarkable Students Awarded 2015 Horatio Alger Boise State Scholarships

Through the generosity of Member Robert G. Miller, Horatio Alger Association recognizes and rewards resilient Boise State University students with \$70,000 in scholarships

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 13, 2015) – <u>Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.</u>, a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, today announced seven Boise State University students who are recipients of its Boise State University Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000. Funded through the generosity of Association Board Member and 2012 Award recipient Robert G. Miller, CEO of the Albertsons Companies, Inc., these scholarships are awarded to young men and women in recognition of their admirable commitment to continuing their education and serving their communities, despite facing significant personal adversity.</u>

The Horatio Alger Boise State University Scholarship Program, founded in 2012, provides financial assistance to students entering their final three years of study at Boise State University. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be Idaho residents who are current freshmen at Boise State University and must have at least a 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). They should prove critical financial need and must also demonstrate integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

"It is truly an honor to be a part of an organization that does so much good for such deserving young people," said Robert G. Miller, Horatio Alger Association Board Member. "The seven recipients of the 2015 Horatio Alger Boise State Scholarships are an inspiration to me and my fellow Members. They exemplify true determination and perserverance, and I could not be more pleased to aid these incredible students as they continue to pursue their dreams."

Since 1984, Horatio Alger Association has administered one of the nation's largest privately-funded, need-based scholarship programs, awarding more than \$110 million in undergraduate, graduate and specialized scholarships to students from across the United States (including all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) and Canada. In 2000, 16 years after the establishment of its National Scholarship Program, Horatio Alger Members began funding scholarships concentrated in each state to further the Association's mission of offering deserving young people across the nation financial support to pursue their collegiate goals.

"In recognition of their unwavering desire to pursue a college degree and their resilience in overcoming life's adversities, Horatio Alger Association is proud to support these seven outstanding students on their journey to success," said David Sokol, chairman of Horatio Alger Association. "We are grateful for the generosity of Robert Miller, and we thank him for his unwavering support in helping us ensure the American Dream for generations to come."

Collectively, the 2015 Horatio Alger State and Specialized Scholarship recipients have maintained an average GPA of 3.7 and a mean SAT score of 1,195 (out of 1,600), while coming from households with an average annual income of \$19,766.

For a complete list of the 2015 Horatio Alger Boise State Scholars, please <u>click here</u>. For more information about Horatio Alger Association or to apply to one of its scholarship programs, please visit <u>www.horatioalger.org</u>.

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About Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans:

Founded in 1947, Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. fulfills its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. Horatio Alger Association supports students through annual undergraduate and graduate need-based scholarships and mentoring programs across the United States and Canada. Since 1984, the Association has awarded more than \$110 million in college scholarships to deserving young people. For more information, please visit www.horatioalger.org.