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2016-17 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Montgomery, Ala. - An Alabama public high school senior has received the Alabama School Transportation Association (ASTA) Conference Charles “Chuck” Poland Education Scholarship. Caleb Santa Cruz of Foley High School, Baldwin County Schools has been awarded the scholarship named for Charles Poland, a school bus driver from Dale County who stood between an armed attacker and the students on his school bus and sacrificed his life to protect the children, being shot and killed by a lone gunman as he drove his route in Midland City, Alabama, on January 29, 2013.

The scholarship is a one-time, $1,000 education scholarship awarded to a deserving public school student whose parent or guardian is an active pupil transportation employee for the past three years.

Antonio Wright of Mattie T. Blount High School, Mobile County Schools has been awarded the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference “Buster Bynum” Student Scholarship. The Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference Board has approved one $2,500 scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student in each of the 14 southeastern states.

Suzanna Cooley of Wicksburg High School, Houston County Schools has been awarded the Alabama School Transportation Association (ASTA) Conference Greg Ray Memorial Education Scholarship. The scholarship is named for Greg Ray, who passed away in October 2015. In his long career of service, Greg served as a shop foreman for the Baldwin County Schools, Inspection Program Supervisor for the Alabama State Department of Education, and finally Fleet Manager for the Mobile County Schools.

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