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BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN'S NEW PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT ALABAMA HUMANITIES FOUNDATION AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) is pleased to announce that its annual Alabama Humanities awards luncheon will be held **Monday, Sept. 26, 2011**, in **Birmingham** at the Wynfrey Hotel from 12-1:30 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend (visit ahf.net for ticket information).

New Birmingham-Southern president **Gen. Charles C. Krulak** will deliver the keynote address at the luncheon, which will honor **Elaine Hughes** as the 2011 Alabama Humanities Award recipient. **Wells Fargo** will receive the 2011 Charitable Organization in the Humanities Award and the **2011 Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarships** will be presented.

Gen. Charles C. Krulak

Gen. Krulak served 35 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. His last position was as Commandant of the Marine Corps and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded a platoon and two rifle companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam and then held a variety of command and staff positions. These included deputy director of the White House Military Office, Commanding General, 6th Marine Expeditionary Brigade during Desert Storm, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and Commanding General, Marine Forces Pacific. Upon his retirement from the Marine Corps, Gen. Krulak joined MBNA America Bank as Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer and subsequently as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MBNA Europe Bank, Ltd. After four years in this position, he returned to the United States and served as Vice Chairman, MBNA America Bank as Head of Corporate Development, Mergers and Acquisitions. Gen. Krulak retired from MBNA in June 2005. Today, General Krulak is the President Elect for Birmingham-Southern College. Gen. Krulak is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and has a master's degree in labor relations from George Washington University.

Elaine Hughes

Elaine Hughes has been an active and acclaimed champion of the humanities throughout her personal life, professional service, and almost four decades at the University of Montevallo as a professor of American literature with a specialty in Southern and contemporary literature. Hughes's effectiveness in promoting the humanities has been recognized by regional and national awards. She was the 2007 recipient of the Eugene Current-Garcia Distinguished Scholar Award, and in 1998-1999 she received the Carnegie Foundation CASE Professor of the Year Award for Alabama. Both our state and the nation have recognized that Hughes has had an enormous direct impact on elevating public awareness of and interest in the humanities.

Wells Fargo

Wells Fargo has a long history of helping the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the community. In 2010, Wells Fargo contributed more than \$3.9 million to over 500 Alabama organizations that are making a lasting impact on Alabama residents. Wells Fargo also showed support through team member volunteerism, logging more than 10,300 volunteer hours throughout the state.

2011 Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarships

The awards luncheon will also recognize five elementary teachers receiving the 2011 Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will support their professional development and classroom enhancements in history and civics. The

scholarships honor the memory of Jenice Riley, the late daughter of Gov. Bob Riley and his wife Patsy, whose dedicated passion for teaching and devotion to community helped ensure a quality education for our state's youth.

The 2011 scholarship recipients are:

- **Rebecca J. Davis** of Centreville, teaches at Cahawba Christian Academy, Centreville, Ala.
- **Debbie Redden and Tammy Quillin** of Montgomery, teach at Montgomery Catholic Preparatory, St. Bede Campus, Montgomery, Ala.
- **Mallory Richardson** of Homewood, teaches at Edgewood Elementary School, Homewood, Ala.
- **Stephane Nicole Singleton** of Killen, teaches at Harlan Elementary School, Florence, Ala.

More than 450 people attended the AHF annual fall luncheon last year. Tickets are \$50 for lunch only, and \$150 for patron tickets, which include a pre-lunch reception and patron gifts. Tickets may be purchased by phoning (205) 558-3992, or by going online to ahf.net/luncheon. Ticket order forms can be faxed upon request.

About the Alabama Humanities Foundation

The purpose of the Alabama Humanities Foundation is to create and foster opportunities to explore human values and meanings through the humanities. AHF is a nonprofit organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (of which AHF is the state affiliate), as well as by corporate and individual donors. AHF conducts its own statewide programs, such as the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, SUPER teacher institutes and SUPER Emerging Scholars for students, and awards grants, on a competitive basis, to nonprofit organizations for humanities projects. For more information on AHF and its programs, please visit **ahf.net** or call (205) 558-3980.

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