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Memphis, TN - 17 July 2012—tnAchieves Seeks Academic Mentors

TnAchieves is holding a reception for prospective mentors for the 2013 school year on **Tuesday, August 14th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Kimmons Wilson room at the Holiday Inn & Suites Wolfchase Galleria**. At this informal session, tnAchieves staff and current mentors will talk about the simple ways that anyone can get involved in sending students to college. TnAchieves is a last dollar scholarship and mentoring program designed to provide an opportunity for Tennessee public high school graduates to receive up to \$3,000 annually for community college tuition. Locally, Memphis/Shelby Achieves is a joint program sponsored by the offices of Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell, Jr. and Memphis City Mayor A C Wharton, Jr.

“This is a specialized kind of mentoring. We’re not talking about spending a great number of hours building lifelong relationships. Our students receive focused advice from people who have had the experience of higher education. This is a small time commitment which can make a big impact in the life of a student who is hesitant or nervous about pursuing a college education,” says Memphis/Shelby Coordinator for tnAchieves.

Who can become a tnAchieves mentor?

- Any individual who wants to invest 10-15 hours annually assisting five high school seniors with post-secondary success
- Must be 21 years or older
- Subject to a background check

Unique components of tnAchieves:

- Local funders donate to provide a college education for students who would otherwise lack the opportunity.
- Volunteers serve as mentors to students to eliminate barriers associated with college access and success.
- tnAchieves Scholars “give back” eight hours of community service per semester they receive the scholarship.

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