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Mary T. Meares Memorial Scholarship named at SCC

The late Mary Thompson Meares of Cerro Gordo always made education a priority. As a 1936 graduate of Cerro Gordo High School, Mary earned the title of valedictorian of her class. At her death in January 2009, it was deemed appropriate by her children, Henry Meares of Cerro Gordo, Macie M. Keel of Charlotte and Annette M. Spence of Whiteville, that a scholarship be named in Mary Meares' memory.

The widow of Keiver Meares, Mary was a homemaker, a devoted member and Sunday School teacher at Hinson Crossroads Baptist Church and was well known for her extensive visitation of shut-ins.

Mary's son Henry stated, "Since our mother was such a dedicated member of her church, we decided to designate the Mary T. Meares Memorial Scholarship for a member of her church who plans to further their education in an Allied Health program at Southeastern Community College."

"The SCC Foundation is happy to accommodate the Meares family in honoring Mrs. Meares," stated Sue Hawks, Executive Dean of Institutional Advancement, "I can't think of a better way to honor a loved one while at the same time helping a student afford college. The Foundation has recently awarded scholarships to over 100 students, students who otherwise may not have been able to afford an education. Mrs. Meares leaves behind a legacy of caring for others and this legacy will continue even in her absence. The college is grateful that the Foundation can serve as the vehicle for remembering a life well-lived," Mrs. Hawks concluded.

Applications for the scholarship may be obtained from Hinson Crossroads Baptist Church and submitted to the SCC Foundation. Applicants must 1) be accepted into an Allied Health program at SCC 2) maintain an acceptable GPA to be retained in the program and 3) be a member of Hinson Crossroads Baptist Church.

Opportunities that facilitate the education of SCC students, including grants, scholarships, honorariums, memorial and unrestricted gifts are encouraged. Gifts may be made to the SCC Foundation by contacting Sue W. Hawks at 910-642-7141, extension 320 or by mail to P.O. Box 151, Whiteville, NC 28472. Visit the Foundation web page at www.scnc.edu. Visa and MasterCard are gladly accepted.