

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager PRH
Through: Eric Meyer, Economic Development and Planning Department Director EM
Date: March 22, 2012
Subject: Gautier Antique Fair Scholarship Presentation

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests permission for Todd Trenchard, Executive Director of the Bacot McCarty Foundation and Senior Vice-President of Merchants and Marine Bank to give a presentation regarding the Gautier Antique Fair Scholarship.

BACKGROUND:

The Bacot McCarty Foundation and Merchants and Marine Bank generously offered a \$1,000 scholarship to coincide with the Gautier Antique Fair. Students at Gautier High School were offered the opportunity to volunteer at the event to assist with decorating and running the children's area, as well as assisting with set-up and clean-up. Fifty-three students volunteered at the festival and provided a total of 238 hours of service. Twelve student volunteers submitted the scholarship essay for consideration. The essay questions required the students to:

- 1) describe their plans for the future, and why the scholarship is important;
- 2) give examples of how they have provided service to their school, church, or community; and
- 3) explain how events such as the Antique Fair positively impact communities (for example, possible economic impacts, tourism benefits, increased sense of community, or celebration of community history).

A selection committee independently reviewed the applications and selected the winning applicant. Mr. Trenchard will announce the scholarship winner on behalf of the Bacot McCarty Foundation and Merchants and Marine Bank.