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GBKEF Announces 2010 Scholarship Winners

Albany, N.Y., September 30, 2010 – The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation (GBKEF) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation Scholarship:

- Darryl T. Roberts – Shaker High School – Attending Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- Alney Tobias – Lansingburgh High School – Attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

For the 2009-10 academic year, GBKEF received many applications from high schools across the Capital District. Eligible students must be a candidate for graduation from an accredited public or private high school in the Capital District. Applications will be considered based on the following; documented financial need, live and work in diverse environments, exceptional leadership skills, scholarship and a commitment to community service. This years scholarship winners will be honored at the **2010 Black & Gold Scholarship Ball on November 13, 2010 at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY.**

The scholarship is named in honor of Troy, NY native and resident George Biddle Kelly. Born in 1884 to a fugitive slave from Virginia, Kelley would excel in studies in his youth before he matriculated to Cornell University to study civil engineering. There he would become one of the seven founding members of Alpha Phi Alpha, the oldest Greek letter fraternity organized originally for black men. He would return to Troy after college to become not only the first African American engineer registered in New York State, but one of Troy's leading civic and social leaders in the 1940's and one of the major proponents of race relations. The aims of the Alpha Phi Alpha, "Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love for All Mankind", along with Kelley's intense community involvement are emulated by the membership of the foundation.

The George Biddle Kelley Education Foundation (GBKEF), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, was formed with a mission to engage in activities that provide information, resources, advocacy, programs and services to assist in the development of strong families in at risk communities. GBKEF intends to work in conjunction with other national and local organizations to promote events and programs that benefit these communities such as providing scholarships, conducting college bus tours, hosting workshops to increase the youth's awareness about responsibility, leadership, and entrepreneurship. Through sponsorship solicitation and fundraising activities, the GBKEF will be able to offer these scholarships and programs to the many worthy high school students in the community. For more information, please visit www.gbkfoundation.org.

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