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**TIFFANY ANN HOFFER IS FIRST-EVER RECIPIENT OF NEW
SCHOLARSHIP HONORING FORMER ROBINSON SECONDARY
SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS**

FAIRFAX, VA, June 4, 2007 — Graduating senior Tiffany Ann Hoffer of Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia, was awarded \$1,000 today as the first recipient of a new annual scholarship available to Robinson students. The Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship honors James G. Lunsford and Jacob C. "Jack" Behrend, who taught and inspired hundreds of Robinson band students during their tenure at the school during the 1970s.

Hoffer, who plays trumpet, was selected from a pool of applications submitted and evaluated earlier this year. She plans to attend Indiana University, where she will continue studying music. In part, the essay portion of Hoffer's application for the scholarship read: "Whether or not each individual student continues with music after high school, the values instilled in the students by the band program at Robinson will remain with them for the rest of their lives. Whether they become engineers, math teachers, entrepreneurs or lawyers, the confidence, self discipline and selflessness gained in high school band are lifelong."

"Thirty years after graduation, those of us that were in the band program here at Robinson wholeheartedly agree," said alumnus Bill Siegfried in announcing the award at the Robinson Band Awards Banquet on June 4. "Jim Lunsford and Jack Behrend knew how to have fun with us and encourage us, but they also knew how to chew us out when we needed it. This scholarship is a way to honor their memories as well as to reward outstanding participation in the fine program here at Robinson."

A group of Robinson Secondary School band alumni established The Lunsford/Behrend Scholarship Fund, Inc. after reuniting at memorial services for James Lunsford, who died in late 2005. Jack Behrend died in 1986.

The scholarship is dedicated to providing funding to deserving students to pursue higher education in band. To find out more about the fund or about making a donation, send an email to Bill Siegfried or Lois Douthitt.

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