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MNPS Student Earns Dual Diplomas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 12, 2009) – Tonight, MNPS Middle College High School Senior Julianne Ventress will earn an Associate of Arts in Secondary Education at the Nashville State Community College (NSCC) Commencement ceremony. However, Ventress won't actually receive her high school diploma until Monday, May 18 when Middle College students celebrate graduation.

Ventress applied to attend Middle College High School in 2007. She was accepted and has spent the past two years working toward her high school diploma while simultaneously earning college level credits from NSCC.

"It's very exciting," Ventress said. "It's been stressful, but definitely worth it. I would recommend this school to anyone; it's a good way to set goals and accomplish them."

This fall, Ventress will attend Austin Peay State University. There she plans to major in Spanish and minor in Secondary Education. Ventress expects to graduate from APSU within two years. Then she hopes to attend law school.

"It was definitely tough to balance high school, college, homework, and work. But it was a goal I set when I first started at Middle College, and I made it," Ventress said.

Nashville State Community College graduation is tonight at 7 p.m., at Tennessee State University's Gentry Center. Middle College High School graduation ceremonies will be held Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m., at Cohn Adult High School.

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