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**GSU Students Receive TMCF Coca-Cola First Generation Awards**

Grambling, Louisiana – October 13, 2014- Five Grambling State University students were selected to receive the TMCF-Coca-Cola HBCU First Generation Scholarship. The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) awards over 100 first-generation scholarships each year. TMCF scholarships are merit and need-based. The scholarship application process is highly competitive and most awards are limited to students attending TMCF member-schools. Grambling State University is proud and congratulates Victoria Brown, Tykei Mattews, Reality Suarez, Chiara Dellihoue, and Candice Williams for applying and receiving the prestigious award. The scholarship assists to fill student’s critical urgent need in financial aid, helping to ensure that students remain in school to receive a quality education. The scholarship also rewards strong academic performance encouraging students to maintain and improve their academic skills due to the strict criteria necessary to receive and maintain the scholarship. TMCF scholarship recipients are awarded annually to students meeting the TMCF eligibility criteria. Awards are made each semester and are based on a verification process designed to ensure that academic expectations are being met and that there is an unmet financial need.