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Boys & Girls Clubs of America Awards Dunbar High School graduate with Recipe for Success™ Scholarship

Fort Worth, TX—Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) has named Brandy Sapp, a four year member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth, the 2011-12 Darden Scholar. She receives a \$3,000 college scholarship from Recipe for Success™ workshop sponsor Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation. Sapp was one of 68 members selected as a BGCA Darden Scholar after participating in the highly interactive, college-readiness workshop.

Recipe for Success focuses on inspiring Boys & Girls Club members to pursue their dreams and set ambitious goals by introducing them to the possibilities of postsecondary education. The program strives to support Boys & Girls Club's mission of enabling youth to reach their full potential and achieve a great future. The two-hour workshop assisted the participants in exploring potential career paths and areas of study; provided tools and resources for academic planning; and helped them to develop financial management skills and research tips for scholarship funding sources. Workshop participants were also given insight on the importance of setting goals; balancing school, family and social life; and the impact social networking has on their lives beyond high school.

Sapp maintained a 4.2 GPA and was involved in the Junior ROTC Program, Book Club, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Math Club, Link Crew, National Honor Society and obtained 50 hours of community service at her church.

Sapp will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University this fall and studying Pre-Veterinarian Medicine. After graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University, she plans to obtain her master and doctoral degrees from the Veterinarian school at Texas A & M University. Her career goal is to open an animal clinic, so that I may live my life helping animals.

"Darden believes in creating opportunities for others," said Angela Woods, director of Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation. "Recipe for Success is designed to enable and empower youth to pave their own path to success by providing access to the tools and information necessary to navigate the process of postsecondary education."

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth provides enriching programs for youth from disadvantaged circumstances to develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens. Currently serving over 12,000 youth through its programs, branches and outreach services, the Club has been reaching out to the most vulnerable in the Fort Worth community for 83 years,

seeking to change the odds for girls and boys whom other youth agencies fail to reach. For more information, visit www.fortworthkids.org.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of America

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, nearly 4,000 Boys & Girls Clubs serve some 4 million children and teens through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native American lands throughout the country and on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 57 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta.

About Darden Restaurants, Inc. Foundation

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