

*Remarks for the
Coca-Cola Scholarship Foundation (Hattiesburg)
May 16, 2002
(Thornell)*

- Good afternoon.
 - Proud to be here on behalf of Gov.
Musgrove
 - Couldn't be here; in Japan on economic
development mission

- Gov. would share the pride of this
community about Jade, Paul and Star
 - They are evidence of the promise and
potential of Mississippi

- For these 3 students, from the same school, to be selected from over 91,000 students nationwide is amazing
 - Good news about education in Hattiesburg and Mississippi

- Further evidence, too, of our ability to compete with anyone, anytime, anywhere

- It's been said that some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard at it
 - That's what Jade, Paul and Star have done
 - They've worked hard for this day

- It's also important to recognize those who influenced their lives and their work
 - Parents
 - Teachers
 - Friends

- Now, the work for these Coca-Cola scholars, as well as their classmates, continues
 - New challenges / new discoveries ahead
 - Wish you all the best as you move on to the next level

- Gov. Musgrove spends a lot of time talking about connection between jobs and education

- I know he would encourage these students to continue their education, stay in Mississippi and help build a strong future

- Peter Drucker, author of “A Passion for Excellence,” once wrote:
 - “The best way to predict your future is to create it”

- Today, urge these scholars and all students in Mississippi to create the brightest future possible

- Look forward to watching that happen

- Thank you for opportunity to be here today

