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Emerge Scholarships Inc. Announces 2011 Board of Directors

ATLANTA- Emerge Scholarships, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides academic scholarships to deserving women, welcomes the members of its incoming 2011 Board of Directors. Emerge provides scholarships to women whose educations have been interrupted, who have overcome significant challenges and who give back to their communities.

The 2011 Board of Directors includes:

- Laura Balser, principal managing director, NFP Balser Companies; chair, fundraising committee
- Denise Billups, SVP, business development and professional coach, C Robinson Associates, Inc.; chair, scholarship committee
- Jennifer Bristol, managing consultant, rapidLD; chair, board development committee
- Sandra Gardiner, partner, Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP
- Kathy Leggett Eldridge, CPA; board chair
- Michelle Lloyd Jones, retired captain, Airtran Airways
- Melissa Minihan, director of channel marketing, Newell Rubbermaid
- Jill Peck, vice president and COO, Henderson Shapiro, Inc.; chair, marketing committee
- Denise Pool, CEO, AMI Inflight and AMI Wines; chair, events committee
- Laura Snyder, director of marketing, Porter Keadle Moore, LLP; board vice-chair
- Leah Veloce, president, Leah Veloce, Inc.; board treasurer

The following committee members will support the board by contributing their valuable services, insights, and advocacy:

- Sandra Hofmann, CIO-in-residence, ATDC; fundraising committee
- Jennifer Langley, president, Jennifer Langley Events; events committee
- Erica Stephens, president, Weaver Stephens Group; marketing committee

The community is invited to meet members of the new Board of Directors during Emerge's annual scholarship luncheon on March 2nd. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.emergescholarships.org/whatsemerging/scholarship.php>

About Emerge

Emerge was founded in 2001 and was granted 501(c)(3) status in 2002. Through academic scholarships, Emerge supports deserving women who have demonstrated a deep commitment to reaching their educational goals and who are giving back to their communities. Emerge is funded solely through corporate and individual contributions. One hundred percent of those financial contributions are used to directly fund scholarships.

Emerge empowers women to advance professionally and become economically self-sufficient – not only for themselves, but also for the benefit of their families and their communities. To apply for a scholarship, or to make a tax-exempt donation, visit www.emergescholarships.org.

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