



**Alyssa Richardson**

**Alyssa Richardson is a first year student and Hollingsworth Scholar at Furman University. She is a 2008 graduate of Ridge View High School in Columbia, SC where she earned the title of Class Valedictorian. Currently, Alyssa is a vibrant member of the Furman community where she is an intended Economics and Political Science double major. Outside of scholastics, Alyssa is passionately involved in the NAACP, Student League for Black Culture, Ladies of Distinction Mentoring Program, and the Mock Trial Team. Recently, Alyssa was named “Outstanding Attorney” for her performance in the NYC Mock Trial Tournament.**

**Just one year ago, Alyssa was a participant in the EPL program. Her successful project RIDE (Ridge View’s Interdependent Driving Experiment) encouraged carpooling and brought environmental awareness to her school and her community.**

**Alyssa is extremely proud of her humble origins in the small town of Dillon, SC. From there came her love of family, friends, and those in need. She plans to become an attorney in her near future, fighting for justice and equality—two principles that she holds in the highest esteem.**