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FWBBC Receives National Recognition for Community Service

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College has been admitted to the *2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll*, according to Patrick A. Covington, chief executive officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The organization honors institutions of higher education for their support of volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

Mr. Covington said, "Congratulations to Free Will Baptist Bible College and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving the local community. We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service."

CNCS names institutions to the Honor Roll for their impact on issues from literacy and revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. To be admitted to the Honor Roll, a school must demonstrate that its students, faculty, and staff are engaged in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

FWBBC students experience weekly Christian service assignments resulting in more than 7,000 of community service each year. They minister in a variety of areas, including jails, nursing homes, rescue missions, local church outreach, and also serve as tutors and conversation partners with foreign students from area colleges. In addition, FWBBC students, faculty, and staff are among the first responders to local crises such as fires, floods, or tornadoes.

President Matt Pinson said, "This commitment to applying what students learn in the classroom to the local community on a practical level is in keeping with the college's Christ-centered mission 'to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through biblical thought and life.' We are delighted that FWBBC's impact beyond our campus has been recognized on the broader national stage.

We believe that our students and faculty are second to none in community service areas that matter the most. For almost 70 years, FWBBC students and faculty have cared about and invested in this neighborhood and this city, and what they do makes a difference far beyond the campus.”

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions of higher education that support community service programs and raises the visibility of best practices in campus-community partnerships.

CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.