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Kristina Scott leaving Alabama Possible

Birmingham, AL - Executive director Kristina Scott is leaving Alabama Possible to lead Learn to Earn Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, as their new chief executive officer. Her last day with Alabama Possible is September 4.

Scott joined Alabama Possible in August of 2008. Under her leadership and collaboration, Alabama Possible worked with state and local education agencies, two- and four-year colleges, community-based organizations, students, and families to increase Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion. The 2019-20 campaign resulted in more than \$66 million in Pell Grants for students to continue their education after high school. She has also convened the Alabama College Attainment Network to increase college readiness, access, and completion in support of the state's Success Plus educational attainment goal to add 500,000 highly-skilled workers to Alabama's workforce by 2025.

"Kristina has been a terrific champion for prosperity for all Alabamians, and her work has benefitted the citizens of our state," says Virginia Patterson, chair of the Alabama Possible board of directors. "Although we are sad that Kristina is leaving, we are grateful for her leadership and proud of what she and our terrific staff have accomplished during her tenure. She has positioned this organization for even greater future success."

"The last 12 years have been the most challenging and rewarding in my career. I am proud of the work that Alabama Possible's staff, board members, donors, volunteers, and partners have done to transform how people think and talk about economic opportunity and educational attainment in Alabama. I will carry the lessons I learned here for the rest of my life, and I cannot wait to see what's next for Alabama and Alabama Possible," said outgoing Executive Director Kristina Scott.

The search for Alabama Possible's next executive director is underway. A transition team comprised of members of the organization's Board of Directors is in place. In the interim, key board members will provide support to the current staff to ensure seamless continuation in operations and programming. Information about the process and timeline is posted at www.alabamapossible.org/transition.

ABOUT ALABAMA POSSIBLE

Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that works to break down barriers to prosperity through advocacy, education, and collaboration. It influences public policy to ensure every Alabama high school graduate can pursue a technical or academic credential after high school. Its programs connect Alabama's educational leaders, students, and families with the resources necessary to cultivate a college-going culture and equitable educational attainment. For more information, visit www.alabamapossible.org.

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