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## **Chandra C. Scott to Lead Alabama Possible**

Birmingham, AL - Alabama Possible has named Chandra C. Scott as its new executive director.

Scott joins Alabama Possible from the Mobile Area Education Foundation where she has been the Director of Strategic Outcomes since 2002. She has also served as the Director of School Supports and Academic Assessments with the Foundation's public charter school, ACCEL Day and Evening Academy, since 2017.

Scott, who has previously served as a member of Alabama Possible's Board of Directors, succeeds Kristina Scott (no relation), who became executive director of Learn to Earn Dayton in Ohio last month.

Chandra Scott will begin her role with Alabama Possible on October 26, 2020.

"We are thrilled that Chandra is joining us in this role," said Virginia Patterson, chair of Alabama Possible's Board of Directors. "Chandra's demonstrated talent for collaboration, citizen engagement and creativity will be invaluable to Alabama Possible and its mission, now and in the future."

Founded in 1993, Alabama Possible is a statewide nonprofit organization that works to break down barriers to prosperity in Alabama through education, collaboration, and advocacy. The organization is best known for its work in increasing statewide student FAFSA completion and providing valuable data through the annual poverty data sheet. Alabama Possible also provides resources so that every student can plan for and complete valuable postsecondary credentials through Alabama Goes to College. Most recently, the organization has been working with the National College Attainment Network and partners throughout Alabama to convene a statewide network focused on the transition from high school to and through postsecondary education for every Alabama student.

"I am excited about the opportunity to lead an organization that embodies the mission of eradicating poverty through post-secondary access and success," said Chandra Scott.

“Alabama Possible is not only a student-centered organization that is vital to help achieve the Governor’s overall goal of 500,000 highly-skilled employees by 2025, but it is also the catalyst to bridging resources and talents essential to the success of all post-secondary learners in Alabama.”

At the Mobile Area Education Foundation, Scott directed a program increasing the number of credentialed or degreed adults in the Mobile region. In 2017, Scott led the launch of the state’s first post-secondary attainment goal which earned a Talent Hub designation from the Lumina Foundation in 2018.

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