

Lottery Tuition Assistance Was the Focus of the Day

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Lottery Tuition Assistance was the focus of the day on Tuesday, January 15th at a rally held at the State Capitol. Midlands Technical College was represented, along with students and others from each of the South Carolina Technical Colleges. All joined together on the South steps of the Capitol building. Students were united for a common cause. We were all South Carolinians in support of Lottery Tuition Assistance with respect to higher education.

Catalina Abruntilla, a merit-nursing student at MTC spoke on behalf of all students at the rally. Catalina is a recipient of Lottery Tuition Assistance and her story mirrors that of so many others, including myself. She did a beautiful job representing the students of South Carolina and MTC.

Two student representatives from each college were chosen to visit the Senate and House chambers. One student was in the House group, and the other in the Senate. I attended the Senate on behalf of MTC and was seated with the other students in the balcony. Andre Bauer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer followed. As announcements were made, our student group was introduced and the plea was made for continued support of Lottery Tuition Assistance.

I had the opportunity to speak with several members of my group as we waited to visit the Senate. Many had never visited the State House before. Others had never even been to Columbia prior to that day. It made me realize how lucky I am to live in Columbia and enjoy all that our city has to offer. I was able to attend the short rally and be home in minutes. Other students had to travel across the state, leaving early in the morning and arriving home late in the day.

I'm so glad that I was available to attend the rally. It was a great time. Those of you who were unable to go still have the opportunity to express how important lottery tuition assistance is to you. Write a note to your House Representative and Senator asking for their support. Share with them how lottery money helps you and your family. Express your thanks. Every little bit helps when it comes to paying for college. We all know that. Remind your representative. You'll be glad you did.

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