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Quick Facts

- Cooke has been given the Phi Kappa Award of Excellence.
- Cooke is among 100 students selected nationwide.

BATON ROUGE, La.- **Jessica Nicole Cooke**, of Arcadia, N.C., was given an **Award of Excellence** by The **Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi** for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The **Award of Excellence** will enable Cooke, who graduated in May from Winthrop, to pursue a doctorate in molecular medicine and translational science at Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Bowman Gray Campus. She is the daughter of Shane and Donna Johnston and Kelly and Angie Cooke.

This honor counts Cooke among 100 students nationwide to receive the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship and Award of Excellence. Since its creation in 1932, the Fellowship Program has become one of the Society's most visible and financially well-supported endeavors, allocating nearly \$380,000 annually to deserving students for first-year graduate study. Currently, 60 Fellowships of \$5,000 and 40 Awards of Excellence of \$2,000 are awarded each year.

The selection process for the Phi Kappa Phi Fellowships and Awards of Excellence is based on the applicants' 1) undergraduate academic performance; 2) leadership and service on the campus and in the community; 3) evidence of graduate potential; 4) personal statement of educational perspective, purpose and objectives; and 5) the evaluation reports from three individuals who are in a position to attest to the student's performance, citizenship and character.

Founded in 1897 and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Phi Kappa Phi inducts annually more than 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni. The society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify.

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