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June 3, 2015 – Athletic Awards on Display at BTW Community Center

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(STAUNTON, VA – June 3, 2015) Staunton City Schools and the Booker T. Washington Alumni Association are pleased to be working together in an effort to return Booker T. Washington High School athletic awards and trophies back to the school's former home. On Tuesday, Alumni Association board members, Lalaura Wayland, Esquewie Jones and Walter Brown met with School Board Chair Ronald Ramsey, Vice-Chair William Lobb, Dr. Rowicki, Principal of Robert E. Lee High School and Dr. Reviea, SCS Superintendent at Lee High School where the Alumni board members selected trophies to be displayed this week at the BTW Community Center.

In a resolution approved by the School Board December 8, 2014 the School Board arranged for the trophies and other sports memorabilia to be displayed at the former high school under the physical custody and care of the BTW Alumni Association. "We are pleased to display trophies that remind us of our many accomplishments at BTW. This display along with the other memorabilia in the museum serve as a testament to the legacy of Booker T. Washington High School," said Ms. Wayland, President of the BTW Alumni Association. The City of Staunton has provided a new display case at the Center in the Booker T. Washington Library and Museum which serves as a fitting home for many of the trophies and awards. The Alumni Association plans to have a formal unveiling of the memorabilia on display at their annual gathering held over the Labor Day weekend in September.

The building was recently named to the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. On May 29 a dedication ceremony to recognize this distinction, along with a grand opening of the Booker T. Washington Library and Museum, was held to celebrate the culmination of the many years of combined efforts of the City's staff and the BTW Alumni Association.

The sports memorabilia will be displayed at both the BTW Community Center and Robert E. Lee High School. The familiar black and orange athletic banners will remain proudly on display in the Paul Hatcher Gymnasium at Robert E. Lee High School. "The School Board will continue to work with the Alumni Association to preserve and honor the rich legacy of Booker T. Washington High School," said Mr. Ramsey.