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**St. Louis County NAACP recognizes Dr. Grayling Tobias**

The St. Louis County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) named Superintendent Dr. Grayling Tobias an “Inspiring St. Louisan” during its annual Freedom Fund Fellowship Dinner held June 4 at the Ritz Carlton in Clayton.

According to Esther Haywood, president of the St. Louis County NAACP, the 2013 class of inspiring St. Louisans consists of “25 outstanding individuals who have contributed positively to the lives of men and women across the region. The leaders being recognized have made stellar advancements in the areas of business, law, education, health and government.”

Tobias, a life-long resident of St. Louis, was named the superintendent of the Hazelwood School District in the fall of 2012. He has worked for HSD since 2002, previously serving as director of secondary education, assistant superintendent for accountability and assistant superintendent for learning. Dr. Tobias also served as a middle school principal in the Riverview Gardens School District and middle school assistant principal, high school assistant principal and teacher in the Parkway School District.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, a Master of Arts degree from Truman State University, and a Doctor of Education leadership degree from St. Louis University. Dr. Tobias and his wife, Guen, a retired teacher, have two sons, Martin, 20, and Nicholas, 17.

Dr. Chris Nicastro, Missouri Commissioner of Education and former superintendent of HSD, was also recognized as an Inspiring St. Louisan.

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Picture 1: Dr. Grayling Tobias receives his award from Melanie Dileo, general co-chair, and Vanessa Foster Cooksey, general chair of the Freedom Fund Campaign Leadership.

Picture 2: Board of Education and staff members congratulate Superintendent Dr. Grayling Tobias on his award.

*The Hazelwood School District serves more than 18,000 students and is the second largest district in St. Louis County. Communities in the district include Hazelwood, Black Jack, Spanish Lake, a large section of Florissant, portions of Bridgeton, Bellefontaine Neighbors and Ferguson, and several square miles of unincorporated St. Louis County. The mission of the Hazelwood School District is to launch learners on a quest for high standards, fairness and distinguished achievement.*

