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**Magnolia State Bank Helping Schools with Petal Panthers Visa Cards**

*Petal, Mississippi* - Magnolia State Bank is leading the charge to help Petal schools through a new Affinity Visa program. By using the special Petal Visa card, the Petal Education Foundation for the Petal School District receives ten dollars for every new card, plus fifteen percent of the interchange profit at the end of the year.

To get the program rolling, Magnolia State Bank made an initial contribution of five thousand dollars to the Petal Education Foundation.

"Magnolia State Bank is proud to offer this to the entire community as a way for everyone to support our schools," said Mr. Tommy Fairley, President of Magnolia State Bank in Petal. "Each time you use this card, it benefits the schools and you earn rewards through the Scorecard Rewards Program," said Fairley. The Scorecard Rewards Program allows cardholders to redeem points for merchandise or travel. Other benefits include no annual fee, a low 9.9% APR, and free checking.

Just like any Visa, this card can also be used anywhere in the world and, like all credit cards, you can mail in a payment. However, with this Visa, you have the option of paying your bill at Magnolia State Bank. If you have a question about billing or customer service, instead of calling an automated toll-free line, Magnolia State Bank's employees will handle all of your billing and customer service needs regarding the Petal Panther Visa.

"It is our sincere hope that everyone in Petal will help our schools by using this card," said Fairley. "When you buy groceries or gas with this Panther Visa, you are making a difference in the future of Petal." To join the Affinity program and show your Panther pride, stop by Magnolia State Bank, 1227 Highway 42 in Petal, or call (601) 582-5276.