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### **ECA Sophomore Honored in Statewide Magazine, Scholarship Finalist**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Oaklee Williams, a sophomore at Evangel Christian Academy, is honored as a Teen Spotlight in *Potential magazine*. He is featured alongside his parents, Aundrey and Marique Ruffin and is in the running to receive the “Reach Your Potential” scholarship.

Teens honored in Potential magazine are recommended by their school or community leaders for excelling in one or more of the following areas: academics, business, leadership, philanthropy, overcoming adversity, citizenship and community service, athletics, and the arts.

Potential’s advisory board selects finalists to feature from four regions in Alabama: Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery. A panel of judges throughout the state then selects which teen will win the annual scholarship in May.

Although Williams is only a sophomore at ECA, he’s been dominating the field as a defensive end on the varsity football team for two years. In 2014, he was named ECA’s Best Football Defensive Player for his contributions and equally recognized as the Best Basketball Defense Player that same year.

Williams credits his grandmothers for teaching him to have confidence in his abilities.

“The best advice I have received came from both of my grandmothers. They both told me to have faith in God no matter what the situation. They also told me to be confident in myself and believe in whatever abilities I have been blessed with,” said Williams.

Potential Magazine is a multi-media resource for parents of college-bound teenagers. In each issue, high achieving students in the 7th-12th grade are featured and entered to win the \$500 “Reach Your Potential” scholarship awarded in May.

“We love spotlighting teens in Alabama and gaining great advice from their parents,” stated Pam Mashburn, publisher of Potential Magazine. Teens who are selected participate in an interview and photo shoot along with their parents for a spotlight feature in the magazine and website. Nomination forms can be found on [www.potentialmagazine.com](http://www.potentialmagazine.com) and should include a family snapshot.

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