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2017-2018 USS ALABAMA Crewmates Selected

Mobile, Alabama, March 24, 2017 – USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park is pleased to announce the selection of the 2017-2018 USS ALABAMA Crewmates. These six exceptional young ladies have been chosen to serve as ambassadors for Battleship Memorial Park and the state of Alabama for the coming year.

Selected by a panel of judges, the new Crewmates are:

Sophia Webster, 19 years old, is the daughter of Byron and Deeanca Webster of Mobile. Sophia is a sophomore attending the University of South Alabama.

Nicole “Nikki” Iida, 21 years old. Nikki is a senior attending the University of South Alabama.

Taylor Naman, 19 years old, is the daughter of Thomas and Karen Naman of Mobile. Taylor is a freshman attending the University of South Alabama.

Lauren Hodges, 20 years old, is the daughter of Dennis and Kim Hodges of Mobile. Lauren is a junior attending Spring Hill College.

Danielle Miller, 19 years old, is the daughter of Eric and Sandy Miller of Chunchula. Danielle is a sophomore attending the University of South Alabama.

Elizabeth Dreaden, 19 years old, is the daughter of David and Jennifer Dreaden of Saraland. Elizabeth is a sophomore attending the Spring Hill College.

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“It is a bittersweet day, saying farewell to our current Crewmates, who have done a superb job representing USS ALABAMA Battleship Memorial Park this year,” said Janet Cobb, executive director. “Our new Crewmates for 2017-2018 already have two wonderful milestones to mark that they can’t yet fully appreciate: they are the 50th group of Crewmates, and will serve as the hostesses of this summer’s reunion of the USS ALABAMA Crewmates from the past 50 years.”

Each Crewmate selected this year will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. Near the completion of the Crewmate year, competition for the titles of Miss USS ALABAMA and Miss USS DRUM will occur. The lucky Crewmates named to these titles will earn additional scholarship awards with Miss USS ALABAMA receiving \$1,000 and Miss USS DRUM receiving \$500.

For more information on the USS ALABAMA Crewmate program, please visit www.ussalabama.com.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Battleship Memorial Park is pleased to announce the 50th anniversary USS ALABAMA Crewmates. Pictured from the left are: Sophia Webster, Nikki Iida, Taylor Naman, Lauren Hodges, Danielle Miller, and Elizabeth Dreaden.