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POWERBALL RUN ENDS, BUT GIVES ARKANSAS STUDENTS NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS

LITTLE ROCK—As with all good things, the two-month Powerball run that resulted in a \$500 million jackpot came to an end Wednesday night, with three winning tickets sold in Texas, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico. Three Powerball prizes of \$10,000 each were won in Arkansas, but the biggest winners were students receiving lottery-funded scholarships.

“Obviously we would love to see some lucky Arkansan get the winning numbers and win some or even the entire jackpot,” ASL Director Bishop Woosley said Thursday. “But people often forget that there are smaller prizes paid out of Powerball draws every day. We had three \$10,000 Powerball winners in Lowell, Maumelle, and McGehee. Even a prize like that can make a significant difference in your life, and your chances are the same no matter what part of the state you buy your ticket in.”

Wednesday was the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery’s third highest sales day ever, falling behind \$5,676,123 on March 30, 2012, and \$4,374,720 on November 28, 2012. Of Wednesday’s total, \$1,941,182 was from

Powerball sales. And because online draw games like Powerball, Mega Millions, and Arkansas's own Natural State Jackpot are more profitable, that means roughly \$930,000 raised for scholarships to Arkansas students in just one day.

"We started this year with a Mega Millions jackpot that hit \$270 million in mid January, and then Powerball drove into February with Wednesday's half-billion-dollar jackpot," Woosley said. "At the end of January we were only down about \$580,000 below our budgeted net proceeds needed for scholarships. We've had \$4,334,571 in Powerball sales alone in the first 11 days of February, which equals out to be about \$2 million in scholarships. And now we're heading into what are usually our big spring sales months. We're narrowing the gap in our scholarship dollars, and I'm hoping that will help us meet or surpass our annual forecast."

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery provides scholarships to Arkansas residents enrolled in public and private nonprofit two-year and four-year colleges and universities within Arkansas. Since 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has raised over \$478 million for scholarships to over 155,000 Arkansas students.

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