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## Chris Lee Named REALTOR® of the Year by Tuscaloosa Association of REALTORS®

**Birmingham (July, 2014)** – In a recent announcement, the Tuscaloosa Association of REALTORS named Chris Lee of RealtySouth its REALTOR of the Year.

Lee, a sales associate in RealtySouth's Tuscaloosa branch, became a REALTOR® in 2001 at 19 years of age. A graduate of the University of Alabama, he consistently ranks among RealtySouth's top 20% in overall sales production.

Chris currently serves as President of the Tuscaloosa Association of REALTORS (TAR) and is a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee on both the local and state level. He also serves on the TAR Public Relations committee. Chris is a past Secretary/Treasurer of the TAR and has held positions on the Association's website, safety, YPN, education and program committees. He is also past president of the West Alabama MLS Board.

In addition to his real estate service, he is a member of the Homes for Heroes program and serves as chairman of the Black Warrior Chapter of the Delta Waterfowl Foundation. He has volunteered for the Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl and multiple Habitat for Humanity projects throughout the area. Lee, an avid outdoorsman, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and also trains retrievers and attends hunt tests and field trials across the southeast.

"I can't think of a more deserving recipient for Realtor of the Year than Chris Lee," stated his managing broker Cindy Denney. "Chris has a special approach to this business and it involves great confidence, competence, personality and admirable ethical standards. He also sets high standards for those around him," she said. Denney added that Chris is a giving member of the office and the Association and sets a great example for others in the business. "I would not think twice about using Chris as a mentor to a new agent, knowing that he will be an example of the Realtor that new agent will strive to emulate as their business grows. RealtySouth is well represented by Chris Lee," said Denney.

"Chris is probably the youngest Realtor of the Year winner in a local association in a long time. Earning that kind of recognition at his age is a testament to the kind of REALTOR and person he is," said RealtySouth Vice-President Jim Dye. "He is bright, creative, works hard and takes responsibility. We are proud to call him one of our own."

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