



## For Immediate Release

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## 2011 Academic Rodeo Writing Contest Results

The 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Rodeo, produce by the East Texas State Fair continued on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Writing Contest. Over 70 schools registered for the 21<sup>st</sup> Academic Rodeo with 573 students participating in 14 competitive events. The Writing Contest encourages a healthy competition in academics by enhancing writing skills.

The writing prompt for the 2011 Academic Rodeo: **Prompt :**

- Select a person you admire and would like to emulate or be like.
  - (This person could be a real person, young or old, living or deceased; a historical figure; or a character from a book.)
- Describe this person and how you think he/she has helped or impacted others or society in a positive way.
- Explain why you find this admirable, what you have learned from this person and what he/she has done, and why and how you would want to be like this person.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fantasia Bryant	Malakoff Elementary School	1st
Jasmyne	New Diana Intermediate School	2nd
Cladelynn Dunklin	Malakoff Elementary School	3rd

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ashlie Thompson	Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School	1st
Haley Yates	Athens Intermediate School	2nd
Elaina Yeager	Whitehouse Stanton-Smith Elementary	3rd

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Victoria Bussell	Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School	1st
Saylor Hounsel	New Diana Intermediate School	2nd
Vanesa Flores	TISD James S. Hogg Middle School	3rd

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hailey Long	Lindale Junior High School	1st
Chris Garcia	TISD James S. Hogg Middle School	2nd
Nathan Bazil	TACHE	3rd

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daniel Bogue	TISD Moore MST Magnet School	1st
Joseph Spellman	TISD Moore MST Magnet School	2nd
Joc'Lyn Lauren	Lindale Junior High School	3rd

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Joseph Bazil	TACHE	1st
Taylor Lindsey	Beckville High School	2nd

Abby Edge	East Texas Christian Academy	3rd
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
Rachel Dacus	Arp High School	1st
Xochitl Rios	Malakoff High School	2nd
Francisco Perez	Lindale High School	3rd
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
Savannah	Lindale High School	1st
Kelsey Wells	Lindale High School	2nd
Taylor Preston	East Texas Christian Academy	3rd
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>		
Seth Stroupe	Arp High School	1st
Maxwell	Hawkins High School	2nd
Cassie Vandergriff	Beckville High School	3rd

All winners are recognized at the Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration at the conclusion of the 2011 Academic Rodeo in February.

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