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2011 Academic Rodeo Youth Fashion Show Results

The 21st Academic Rodeo, produce by the East Texas State fair kicked-off on Tuesday, November 16th with the Youth Fashion Show Contest.

The Youth Fashion Show has three levels of competition: Elementary for grades 3 through 5; Middle School for grades 6 through 8; and High School for grades 9 through 12. There are two divisions in each level: Construction – where students construct the garment and model the garment; Smart Buying – where students do comparison shopping, make a purchase and model the garment.

There are four categories in each division: Casual, Dressy, Formal, and Specialty. Category winners receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons.

The Construction competition focuses on fabric, construction, technique, pattern-usage and care of finished garment. The **Elementary Construction Division- Casual Category-1st Place** Ashlyn Ellgass of Lindale Velma Penny Elementary and the **Formal Category -1st Place** Calista Hayes of Whitehouse Stanton-Smith Elementary. In the **Middle School Construction Division-Casual Category-1st Place** Kelsey Crews of Lindale EJ Moss and **2nd Place** Alison Casper of Casper Home School; **Dressy Category-1st Place** Emilee Casper of Casper Home School; **Specialty Category-1st Place** Virginia Leath. The **High School Construction Division-Casual Category** winner was Haylee Bazil of TACHE.

The Smart Buying competition focuses on comparison shopping of price, quality, care and construction as well as fit, design and coordination with current wardrobe. The **Elementary Smart Buying Division-Casual Category-1st Place** Sierra Ann Reynolds of Rusk County 4-H, **2nd Place** Skylar Woodard of TISD Jack Elementary School, **3rd Place-Tie**-Abigail Killian of Whitehouse Higgins Elementary School, **3rd Place-Tie** Jamie Parker of Whitehouse Stanton-Smith Elementary. The **Elementary Smart Buying Division -Dressy Category-1st Place** Meagan Killian of Whitehouse Higgins Elementary School, **2nd Place** Olivia Sipes of New Diana Intermediate School, **3rd Place** Holli Williams of Rusk County 4-H. The **Elementary Smart Buying Division -Formal Category-1st Place** Ashleigh Sugg of Rusk County 4-H and **Specialty Category-1st Place** Lauryn Killian of Whitehouse Higgins Elementary School, **2nd Place** Jacob Burton of New Diana Intermediate School. The **Middle School Smart Buying Division-Casual Category-1st Place** Cole Freeman of New Diana Intermediate School; **Formal Category-1st Place** Rachel Norton of New Diana Intermediate School. The **High School Smart Buying Division-Dressy Category-1st Place** Nicole Borger of Lindale High School; **Formal Category- 1st Place** Katie Williams of Smith County 4-H and **2nd Place** Amanda Nelson of Lindale High School.

Overall winners are selected for each division of each level. Elementary overall winners receive the appropriate medallion and a cash award. Middle School and High School winners receive the appropriate medallion and the opportunity to apply for scholarships awarded in their level of competition. The **Overall Elementary Construction Winners-1st Place** Ashlyn Ellgass of Lindale Velma Penny Elementary, **2nd Place** Calista Hayes of Whitehouse Stanton-Smith Elementary. The **Overall Elementary Smart Buying Winners-1st Place**-Sierra Ann Reynolds of Rusk County 4-H, **2nd Place**-Skylar Woodard of TISD Jack Elementary School, **3rd Place-TIE**-Meagan Killian of Whitehouse Higgins Elementary School and Lauryn Killian of Whitehouse Higgins Elementary School. The **Overall Middle School Construction Winners-1st Place**-Kelsey Crews of Lindale EJ Moss Intermediate School, **2nd Place**-Alison Casper of Casper Home School, **3rd Place**-Emilee Casper of Casper Home School. The **Overall Middle School Smart Buying Winners-1st Place**-Cole Freeman of New Diana Intermediate School, **2nd Place**-Rachel Norton of New Diana Intermediate School. The **Overall High School Construction Winner -1st Place**-Haylee Bazil of TACHE. The **Overall High School Smart Buying Winners-1st Place**-Katie Williams of Smith County 4-H, **2nd Place**-Amanda Nelson of Lindale High School and **3rd Place**-Nicole Borger of Lindale High School.

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

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