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### Lake Joy Elementary Student Wins FOCUS Design Contest



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Lake Joy Elementary School student Austin Anaral won the annual FOCUS (Fostering Originality, Creativity, Unique ideas and Self-direction) T-shirt design contest. Approximately 800 T-shirt design entries were submitted. The T-shirt design contest is sponsored by Houston County Association for Gifted Children (HCAGC).

Austin's artwork will soon grace the front of this year's custom designed FOCUS T-shirt, and he was presented with a cash award. Austin was pleasantly surprised when awarded \$50 as the winner of the contest. Principal Dr. Doug Rizer commented, "Austin's parents and I are very excited for him winning the FOCUS T-shirt design contest. Austin is a great representative of our Lake Joy Elementary family."

Lake Joy Elementary is located at 985 Lake Joy Road in Warner Robins. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as principal. For more information about the FOCUS program contact Jan Jacobsen, Director of Gifted Education and AP Coordinator at (478) 988-6395, ext. 10393 or [jan.jacobsen@hcbe.net](mailto:jan.jacobsen@hcbe.net).

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NOTE: Austin is pictured with Principal Dr. Rizer and Director of Gifted and AP Programs, Jan Jacobsen.