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### Students Win Awards at Statewide Braille Challenge



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Two Houston County students placed in the Statewide Braille Challenge held at the Georgia Academy for the Blind on Jan. 27, 2011. Armando Vias, third-grader at Eagle Springs Elementary, placed first in his division. William Rankine, Kindergartner at Lake Joy Primary, placed second in his division. William was the youngest participant.

Armando competed in the category Freshman 1. William competed in the category Apprentice 3. William (left) and Armando are pictured with their teacher, Judy Dingler.

The Statewide Braille Challenge is the Braille Institute's national reading and writing contest in Braille. Contests include reading comprehension, Braille speed and accuracy, proofreading, spelling and reading tactile charts and graphs.

Dingler said, "This contest is a wonderful way to motivate our blind and visually impaired students to practice their literacy skills. I am so proud of Armando and William!"

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