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2011 STAR Students and Teachers Honored

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Warner Robins Area Chambers of Commerce will host the annual Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Student and STAR Teacher recognition program on **Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.** The program will be held at the Houston County Board of Education's central office in Perry.

During the program, STAR students and their teachers will be recognized, and the district winner will be announced for the first time. The 2011 STAR Students and Teachers from the Houston County School System are:

- Houston County High: Vania (Roo-Ra) Lee and teacher Margaret Molyson;
- Northside High: John Anthony Aspinall and teacher Patricia Ogletree;
- Perry High: Avery Roman Jones and teacher Emily Heath;
- Warner Robins High: Miriam (Miri) Baker and teacher Barbara Hilliard.

The STAR program was created to focus attention on Georgia's outstanding students and teachers. To obtain the STAR nomination, students must have the highest score in one sitting on the SAT taken through the November test date of their senior year. Students must also be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class. Each STAR student selects a STAR teacher - someone who has been most influential in his or her academic success. STAR students compete for system, region and state-level awards.

The system STAR Student and Teacher will attend the Region STAR banquet on Mar. 22, in Macon at Macon State College's Student Life Center. The region winner would next attend the state banquet held later in the year in Atlanta. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) Foundation, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Department of Education sponsor the STAR Program.

The Houston County Board of Education is located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. For more information, please call Megan Smith at the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce at 478-987-1234 or Beth McLaughlin at the Board of Education at 478-988-6390, ext. 0.

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