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HCHS Student Named National Beta Scholar



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County High School senior Vania Lee has been named a National Beta Scholar for 2011. She placed in the top 214 after competing against more than 700 candidates.

Beta Scholar finalists are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at the school of their choice. Finalists are featured on the National Beta Club website at: <http://www.betaclub.org/scholarship.php>.



Vania is president of Houston County High's Beta Club. She also serves as vice-president of the National Honor Society, vice-president of the Tri-M Music Honors Society and Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor and tutor. An AP Scholar with Distinction, she also won co-STAR Student for the system and region. Vania plans to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall to study biological engineering and music.

National Beta Club Scholars are selected based on a number of factors with special emphasis on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, character, school and community service and participation in National Beta Club activities. A letter to Vania from National Beta Club CEO Kenneth Cline, stated, "Like Beta, you have a *proud past and promising future.*"

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Sherri Freeman serves as principal. She may be contacted at 478-988-6340.

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