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Young Georgia Authors

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Middle Georgia RESA winners of the Young Georgia Authors' Writing competition have been selected. This annual contest is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education for students in grades K-12. The local winners competed at the RESA level competition in hopes of being selected to advance to the state competition. The young authors submit original essays, stories or poems on any subject matter.

The 2010-2011 Houston County regional winners by grade, and the title of their essay or story, are:

- ★ Kindergarten – Luke Zoumeris, *All About Cats*, Bonaire Elementary;
- ★ 1st grade – Hailey Tayag, *All About Magnets*, Bonaire Elementary;
- ★ 2nd grade – Austin Trauth, *Lizards*, Quail Run Elementary;
- ★ 3rd grade – Issabella House, *No More Bullies*, Westside Elementary;
- ★ 4th grade – Joseph Randles, *Peace to the World*, Russell Elementary;
- ★ 5th grade – Ryan Faulkner, *Butterfly Stitches*, Kings Chapel Elementary;
- ★ 6th grade – Patience Flynn, *My Room*, Thomson Middle;
- ★ 7th grade – Katie Monday, *The Creation of Color on Earth*, Huntington Middle;
- ★ 8th grade – Ascha Adale Arrington-Parker, *Where I'm From*, Warner Robins Middle;
- ★ 9th grade – Katherine Anne Bakrania, *Mommy Dearest*, Warner Robins High;
- ★ 10th grade – Amanda Davis, *I Love Her*, Houston County High;
- ★ 11th grade – Rachel Hatfield, not titled, Veterans High; and
- ★ 12th grade – Joshua Dodd, *Concussed Confides & Primal Periphery: my journey*, Perry High

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors' Writing Contest is to:

- encourage students to develop writing that represents their best efforts;
- provide a context for schools to support and celebrate student writing successes; and
- encourage and recognize student achievement in writing throughout Georgia.

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