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**HCHS Student Wins State Award ~ Holocaust Art/Music Contest**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Houston County High School sophomore Bethany Fuss tied for third place in the 2011 Georgia Commission Holocaust Art/Music competition. Bethany entered a poster (pictured) as her Holocaust project. She and her family went to Atlanta April 29, 2011, to the State Capital to be honored in an early morning ceremony.

Bethany's AP World History teacher and Social Studies Department Chairperson, Maureen Martin, also attended the ceremony. Martin remarked, "Bethany is a quiet, sincere and graceful young woman with a talent for artistic expression. Her grandmother survived an arduous labor camp experience in Poland during World War II. I am so proud of Bethany's integrity and perseverance in this project."

Ellie and Jim Fuss, Bethany's parents, wrote this about the award: "Bethany is humbled and honored to have received this news. Our entire family feels honored as Bethany's grandmother was a WWII survivor and was forced to work on a labor farm. Her grandmother's story appeared in the *Macon Telegraph* in 2008. Bethany has read many books on

the Holocaust which inspired her drawing. In addition, last summer she visited Auschwitz which left a vivid impression in her heart and mind."

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins. Sherri Freeman serves as principal. For more information, please contact [Maureen.Martin@hcbe.net](mailto:Maureen.Martin@hcbe.net) or visit [http://holocaust.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,24114746\\_24128649\\_140331809,00.html](http://holocaust.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,24114746_24128649_140331809,00.html).

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Note: The article about Bethany's grand-mother is provided courtesy of *The Telegraph*.

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