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**Nine Houston County Students Win Golden Eagle Awards**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Five seniors from Houston County high schools won the Golden Eagle Award presented by *The Telegraph* this month, and four more won honorable mention. This was *The Telegraph's* 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Golden Eagle Awards ceremony held at the Grand Opera House. More than 100 seniors from 30 different high schools in Middle Georgia were honored.

A Golden Eagle winner and honorable mention finalist were selected for 12 categories, to salute young people who combine excellence in academics with personal achievement. The Golden Eagle recipients in each

category received an eagle trophy and \$1,000. The Honorable Mention winners received a plaque and \$300. Certificates were awarded to all other nominees.

Winners were chosen based on school recommendations, essays and interviews with judges in their field of study. Houston County students were awarded the Golden Eagle or honorable mention in six areas. They won the top award in these categories: citizenship, drama, foreign language, science and social studies. Honorable mention awards were presented for these categories: citizenship, English and literature and science. The following lists the Houston County winners.

**Citizenship**

**Golden Eagle Winner: James Gregory Floyd, Northside High School**

*Honorable Mention: Jazmin Camille Thomas, Perry High School*

**Drama**

**Golden Eagle Winner: Kelsey Ann Milliman, Perry High School**

**English & Literature**

*Honorable Mention: Courtney Joy Walker, Warner Robins High School*

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**Foreign Language**

**Golden Eagle Winner: Melissa Susan Hyde, Warner Robins High School**

*Honorable Mention: Jacqueline Christine Overman, Northside High School*

**Science**

**Golden Eagle Winner: Johnny Fells III, Northside High School**

*Honorable Mention: Colby Anne Wilkason, Warner Robins High School*

**Social Studies**

**Golden Eagle Winner: Allison Deeann Williams, Perry High School**

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NOTE: Perry High School Golden Eagle recipients are pictured with Rep. Jim Marshall: (from left) Allison Williams, Jazmin Thomas, Kelsey Milliman and Congressman Marshall.