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**BMS Wins 17 State Awards at Technology Competition**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Bonaire Middle School's Technology Student Association (TSA) competed in the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Georgia TSA State Conference held in Athens, Ga. March 12-13, 2009. Thirteen Bonaire students competed against other middle grade students from all over Georgia in 22 of the 32 events offered. Bonaire won 17 of the top awards, to include six first-place awards. The Bonaire Middle TSA Chapter was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the state.

Bonaire Middle students won the following individual awards:

- Ben Davis - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Career Challenge;
- Somnath Das - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Prepared Speech and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Technology Bowl, Written;
- Trevor Pennycuff - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Flight Challenge;
- Alex Grosskopf - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Flight Challenge;
- Cody Taylor - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Transportation Challenge;
- Sarah Hess - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, TSA Talk/Multimedia; and
- James-Henry Watson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Video Challenge.

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The following individuals won team events:

- Somnath Das and Ben Davis - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Environmental Challenge;
- Alex Swaine, Gino Gladden and Alex Grosskopf - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Inventions and Innovations;
- Olivia Anderson, Sarah Hess, and Kelli Thompson - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Medical Technology Challenge;
- Sean Yarber, Cody Taylor, and Trevor Pennycuff - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Cyberspace Pursuit;
- Somnath Das, Cody Taylor, and James-Henry Watson - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, System Control Technology;
- Kenny Higginbotham, Sean Yarber, Sarah Hess, and Alex Grosskopf - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, TSA Cup/Marine Design Challenge;
- Trevor Pennycuff, Cody Taylor, and Sean Yarber - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Electronic Game Design;
- Olivia Anderson and Sean Yarber - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Structural Challenge; and
- Ben Davis, Somnath Das, Kenny Higginbotham - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Technology Bowl, Oral.

In addition, Bonaire TSA students were named finalists in these six events: Challenging Technology Issue, Computer-Aided Design, Digital Photography, Dragster Design Challenge, Electrical Applications, and Technical Design Challenge. Roland Williams, technology teacher, and Vicki Walker, computer teacher, serve as co-advisers.

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NOTE: A photo is provided of the Bonaire Middle School TSA first-place state winners.