



Gorgas Scholarship Competition

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Today the Gorgas Scholarship Committee announced the rankings of the finalists of the 2010 Alabama Science Scholar Search. The Search was held at the meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama.

The winner of the first-place tuition grant of \$4000 was:

Ellen Price, 815 Parker Avenue, Gardendale, AL 35071, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

First alternate and winner of a tuition grant of \$3000 was:

Peter Johnsen, 5380 Trace Ridge Circle, Birmingham, AL 35244, The Altamont School, 4801 Altamont Road, Birmingham, AL 35222, Teacher-Sponsor, Donna Kentros

Second alternate and winner of a tuition grant of \$2000 was:

Shawn S. Tuteja, 5193 Selkirk Road, Birmingham, AL 35242, The Altamont School, 4801 Altamont Road, Birmingham, AL 35222, Teacher-Sponsor, Donna Kentros

Third alternate and winner of a tuition grant of \$1500 was:

Rodah Wangondu, 3811 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36608, Murphy High School, 100 South Carlen Street, Mobile, AL 36606, Teacher-Sponsor, Lisa Sudeiha

Fourth alternates and winners of a tuition grant of \$500 each were:

Arina Ghosh, 405 Windchase Way, Birmingham, AL 35242, Alabama School of Fine Arts, 1800 Rev. Abraham Woods Jr. Boulevard, Birmingham, AL 35203, Teacher-Sponsor, Judith Cantwell

Mary Wills, 7362 Gadsden Highway, Trussville, AL 35173, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Marilyn Niemann

Unranked Finalists:

Katie L. Dulak, 140 Bowden Road, Titus, AL 36080, Wetumpka High School, 1751 Coosa River Parkway, Wetumpka, AL 36092, Teacher-Sponsor, Virginia Vilardi

Mary McClung, 165 County Road 414, Killen, AL 35645, Brooks High School, 4300 Highway 72, Killen, AL 35645, Teacher-Sponsor, Vicki Farina

Ben McCormick, 7815 North Lake Drive, Trussville, AL 35173, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

Jessica Stone, 991 Tarilton Road, Titus, AL 36080, Wetumpka High School, 1751 Coosa River Parkway, Wetumpka, AL 36092, Teacher-Sponsor, Virginia Vilardi

The rankings were established by a panel of judges consisting of department heads, deans and professors from many of the leading universities and industries in Alabama. Winners and finalists in the Gorgas Contest receive offers of tuition scholarships to colleges and universities in Alabama for the study of science. The Gorgas Scholarship Program is named for General William Crawford Gorgas, the Alabama physician who conquered yellow fever in the Panama Canal Zone and later became the Surgeon General of the United States Army. The purposes of the Gorgas competition are to promote interest in science and to aid in the education of promising students.

Information on the annual competition and awards may be found on the website at www.GorgasScholar.org. For further information, contact Ellen Buckner, DSN, RN, Chairman, Gorgas Scholarship Competition, ebuckner@usouthal.edu, (205) 910-9877.