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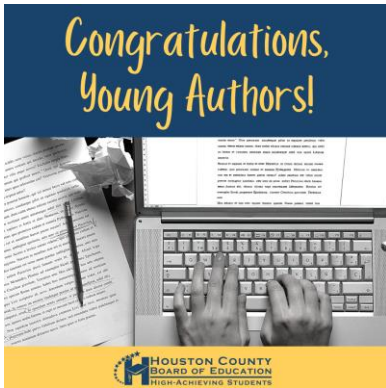
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Young Georgia Authors Advance to Region Competition



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition. The Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Council of Teachers of English sponsor this annual contest for students in grades K-12. District winners now advance to the Middle Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) competition in hopes of advancing to the state competition.

This contest encourages students to develop writing that represents their best efforts. Participants submitted an original essay, story or poem on any subject matter. The district winners are listed by grade, along with the title of their essay or story and their school.

- ★ Kindergarten ~ Hannah Jones, *Going to Thomas Land*, Hilltop Elementary
- ★ 1st Grade ~ John Whitaker, IV, *Huge Fish!*, Kings Chapel Elementary
- ★ 2nd Grade ~ Elizabeth Cranford, *Big Cats*, David Perdue Primary School
- ★ 3rd Grade ~ Arlee Munn, *Why I Feel You Should Go to Great Wolf Lodge*, Quail Run Elementary
- ★ 4th Grade ~ Aubrey Parton, *Bees and Honey*, Hilltop Elementary
- ★ 5th Grade ~ Gabriella Galindo, *Friendship Miracle*, Quail Run Elementary
- ★ 6th Grade ~ Cara Hall, *The Speech*, Mossy Creek Middle School
- ★ 7th Grade ~ Esther Druhl, *My Life Without Hope*, Northside Middle School
- ★ 8th Grade ~ Taylee R. Julkes, *But I'm Only 13*, Warner Robins Middle School
- ★ 9th Grade ~ Trinity Williams, *Dear America*, Houston County High School
- ★ 10th Grade ~ Jordyn Yoder, *To Know an Artist*, Perry High School
- ★ 11th Grade ~ Jacob Griffin, *Sloth*, Veterans High School
- ★ 12th Grade ~ Nathan Eberhardt, *Rooted*, Northside High School

Congratulations to all the students who were chosen as a grade-level winner, as well as to their teachers who nurture their students' craft of writing.

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District-level winners now advance to the Middle Georgia RESA competition. Middle Georgia RESA consists of the following counties: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs. The RESA winners will advance to the state-level competition. The Georgia Language Arts Supervisors and Georgia Department of Education will announce state winners in May.

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors writing competition is to:

- encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing;
- provide a context for schools to support and celebrate student writing successes; and
- encourage and recognize student achievement in arts and academics throughout Georgia.

For more information, please contact either of the district's Language Arts Coordinators, Dr. Amanda Yoh at amanda.yoh@hcbe.net, or Dr. Amy Fouse at amy.fouse@hcbe.net. Please [click here](#) to read more about the contest.

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