



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 Alabama A & M University, Normal, Alabama.

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

Nicholas Christensen, 71 Little Doe Lane, Wetumpka, AL, 36093, Wetumpka High School, 1251 Coosa River Parkway, Wetumpka, AL, 36092, Teacher-Sponsor, Virginia Vilardi

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

Dave Praharaj, 1703 Drake Avenue, Huntsville, AL, 35802, Grissom High School, 7901 Bailey Cove Road, Huntsville, AL, 35802, Teacher-Sponsor, Lady Emrich

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

Lydia L. McCormick, 4121 Brookmont Drive, Birmingham, AL, 35210, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, AL, 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

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

Mason McFarland, 1321 12th Terrace, Pleasant Grove, AL, 35127, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, AL, 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

Fourth alternate and winner of a tuition grant of \$1000 was:

Emily Duke, 7281 Alice Road, McCalla, AL, 36111, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, AL, 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

Unranked Finalists:

Rebecca Lauren Daniels, 9208 Turtle Point Dr, Killen, AL, 35645, Brooks High School, 4300 Highway 72, Killen, AL, 35645, Teacher-Sponsor, Vicki Farina

Hanah Faulkner, 251 Francis Drive, Killen, AL, 35645, Brooks High School, 4300 Highway 72, Killen, AL, 35645, Teacher-Sponsor, Vicki Farina

James Edward Whitfield LeCroy, 1430 12th Plaza, Pleasant Grove, AL, 35127, Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School, 6100 Old Leeds Road, Birmingham, AL, 35210, Teacher-Sponsor, Catherine Shields

Michael Longmire, 158 Mackay Road, Russellville, AL, 35653, Alabama School of Math and Science, 1255 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL, 36604, Teacher-Sponsor, Barry McPhail

Kate L. McLaughlin, 1595 Chapel Road, Wetumpka, AL, 36092, Wetumpka High School, 1251 Coosa River Parkway, Wetumpka, AL, 36092, Teacher-Sponsor, Virginia Vilardi

Harsh Shah, 1630 A. Lakeshore Court, Homewood, AL, 35209, Alabama School of Fine Arts, 1800 Reverend Abraham Woods, Jr. Boulevard, Birmingham, AL, 35203, Teacher-Sponsor, Ruth Borden

Georgia Whitt, 434 West Smithfield Circle, Dolomite, AL, 35061, Ramsay High School, 1800 13th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL, 35205, Teacher-Sponsor, Dasi Mosley

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.