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St. Sebastian Students Place in Akron Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest

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Two students from St. Sebastian Parish School won first place honors in the annual City of Akron Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest.

Seventh grade students Kalen Lucas and Ashley Wayne placed first in the Collaborative Art category for their work entitled, "Through the Eyes of the World." Lucas and Wayne were awarded a trip to Washington, D.C.

In addition, nine other St. Sebastian Parish School students earned the following honors: Second Place – 7th graders Hannah Elias and Caitlin Sivec; Third Place – 7th grader Erin Quinn; Honorable Mentions – 8th grader Chad Kanakkanatt; 6th graders Amy Gersten, Sara Jackson, Annaliese Micozzi, Julia Thomas and Madeline Williams.

The awards ceremony will be May 13, 2011 in the auditorium of the Akron Summit County Public Library in downtown Akron, where all of the winning pieces will be on exhibit from April 29 through May 20.

This year's theme for the art contest is "Liberators: Exposing Man's Inhumanity, Exploring the Nature of Responsibility." Students were able to submit work in the following categories: Art, multimedia, photography and writing.

St. Sebastian Art teacher Katrina Stoneman states, "The students worked hard on their projects. They first had to understand the atrocities of the Holocaust and then how to relate it to this year's theme."

The City of Akron Holocaust Committee believes that the lessons of the Holocaust are important because man's inhumanity to man continues to threaten world freedom. Through education and their annual writing and arts contest, they hope to enlighten today's youth and help ensure that history will not repeat itself.