

# PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: **2009 PRIDE & PATRIOTISM WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Lee County Public Schools is proud to announce the winning students for the 2009 Pride & Patriotism – Youth Celebrating the Arts and Honoring Veterans event. The winners are:

### Visual Art Winners

#### **K- 2 The Red, White, and Blue**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Abigail Pullen	Lehigh Elementary	Kristen Wagner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Avery Frease-Krakow	J. Colin English Elementary	Stacy Peres
3 <sup>rd</sup> Katelynne McDowell	Alva Elementary	Stacy Peres

#### **3 – 5 Honoring Heroes**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Kayla McNeely	Trafalgar Elementary	Helen Garcia-Valdez
2 <sup>nd</sup> Austin Lyons	Trafalgar Elementary	Helen Garcia-Valdez
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jack Simmonds-Short	Tanglewood Elementary	Marjorie Nasuta

#### **6 – 8 Support Our Troops**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> William Barbuto	P.L. Dunbar Middle	Kellen Beck-Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup> Andrew Salyer	Caloosa Middle	Mary Graham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Andie Kunkel	Three Oaks Middle	Laura Campbell

#### **9 – 10 Pride & Patriotism**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Michelle Montoya	North Fort Myers High	Dyann Miller
2 <sup>nd</sup> Maria Soto	Island Coast High	Paula Evenhart
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jordan Pascal	North Fort Myers High	Dyann Miller

#### **11 – 12 Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness**

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Carina Fernandez	Ida Baker High	Ann Cooper
2 <sup>nd</sup> Halyna Hromiak	North Fort Myers High	Linda Broughton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alicia Hall	Cypress Lake Cntr/Arts	Patricia Bonwell

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## Writing Winners

### K- 2 The Red, White, and Blue

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Kaden Herrera	America's Colors	Sunshine Elementary	Laura DeProffio
Gavin Bunton	Oh Hail the Red, White, and Blue	Sunshine Elementary	Laura DeProffio
Sammy Walch	For Red, White, and Blue	Gateway Elementary	Rebecca Jones Mendes

### 3 – 5 Honoring Heroes

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Hannah Bennett	An American Soldier Comes Home	Three Oaks Elementary	Patricia Scott
Taylor Bouchard	We Honor Our Veterans	Three Oaks Elementary	Joan Falbey & Lisa Pockrus
Caitlin McMahan	Military Nurses	Gulf Elementary	Vanessa York

### 6 – 8 Support Our Troops

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Katsiaryna Khatskevich	Something to Fight For	Trafalgar Middle	Cristy Guyan
Paisleigh Williamson	Unparalleled Lives	Lehigh Acres Middle	William Gerstner
Masyn McMillin	Sacrifices	Cypress Lake Middle	Gail Rieckhoff

### 9 – 10 Pride & Patriotism

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Tanner Zahalka	Colors Worth Dying For	Fort Myers High	Kathy Himes
Richelle Dorsey	The Taste of Freedom	Island Coast High	Laura Stanford
Rachel Petrik	Those Who Fill Our Hearts and Souls	Fort Myers High	Kathy Himes

### 11 – 12 Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Sweta Patel	We Shall Overcome	Ft. Myers High	Donna Jones
Katie Russo	Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness	Ft. Myers High	Kimberly Jones
Roselyn Battista	Reminded by the Stars	Ft. Myers High	Carol Camp

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride & Patriotism: Youth Celebrating the Arts and Honoring Veterans event is scheduled for **7 p.m. Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 Edison Parkway, Fort Myers.

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