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Missouri School for the Blind Student Places First at MO Junior Beta Club Convention

St. Louis: Anastasia Gray, a 6th grader at Missouri School for the Blind (MSB), took 1st Place in the Math DII 6th Grade contest at the Missouri Junior Beta Club Convention in Poplar Bluff, Mo., on March 8-9, 2018. She has earned the opportunity to represent Missouri at the National Beta Convention in Georgia this June.

This is Anastasia's second year in a row taking a prize away from the state convention; last year she won 3rd Place in the Language Arts Division I contest and was a member of the MSB Junior Beta Club that won 1st Place in the T-Shirt Division II contest and 3rd Place in the Group Talent Division II with their rendition of "It's a Hard Knock Life" from the musical *Annie*.



Photo 1: Anastasia Gray and her 1st Place Math DII 6th Grade Plaque

It's been a big year for the MSB Beta Club. In addition to Anastasia's winnings, the Sr. Beta Club placed 3rd in the Club Trading Pin contest and will also represent Missouri at the National Beta Convention in Georgia this June. Furthermore, MSB has been named a National Beta School of Distinction by the National Beta Club for the fourth year in a row. To earn this honor, the MSB Beta Club chapter grew its membership by at least 10% from the previous year. By increasing involvement in Beta, MSB provides a path for improved academic performance and character development in our school. MSB Beta is the only Beta Club chapter in the nation at a school for the blind and visually impaired.

About MSB: Missouri School for the Blind offers educational and outreach services for legally blind Missouri children from birth through age 21 and their families. MSB is operated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State of Missouri and its services are free of charge. MSB's services are concentrated in two areas – its centerbase kindergarten-grade 12 school in St. Louis, Missouri, and its Outreach services offered throughout the state.