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Missouri School for the Blind Students Take Prize at Missouri Regional Braille Challenge

St. Louis: Seven (7) Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) students placed in their respective divisions at this year's Missouri Regional Braille Challenge held on Wednesday, February 15, at MSB. There were altogether 27 contestants from all over the area in attendance.

Allisandra Wolk, 3rd grader and daughter of Andrew and Kathryn Wolk of Ste. Geneviève, Missouri, took 1st place in Apprentice Division, Group I. She was awarded a \$30 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries, a \$15 gift certificate from Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Elmer "Lee" Smith, 12th grader and son of Jeff and Crystal Smith of Seligman, Missouri, took 1st place in Apprentice Division, Group II. He was awarded a \$30 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Nicole Motley, 8th grader and daughter of Richard and Rebekah Motley of Dover, Missouri, took 2nd place in Apprentice Division, Group II. She was awarded a \$20 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Jessica Johnson, 12th grader and daughter of Mark and Anita Johnson of Warrenton, Missouri, took 2nd place in Freshman Division, Group II. She was awarded a \$20 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Nicole Cox, 11th grader and daughter of Roxanne Burton of Mountain View, Missouri, took 2nd place in Varsity Division. She was awarded a \$20 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Alexandrea Lyon, 12th grader and daughter of Carol Howell of Troy, Missouri, took 3rd place in the Freshman Division, Group II. She was awarded a \$15 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

Chloe Deremiah, 10th grader and daughter of Tina Clark of St. Louis, took 3rd place in Varsity Division. She was awarded a \$15 Best Buy gift card from Lighthouse for the Blind Industries and \$5 cash from Braille Revival League.

MSB would like to thank the students, families, volunteers and donors who make our Missouri Regional Braille Challenge a success year after year.

About Braille Challenge: The Braille Challenge® is an academic competition unlike any other. This two-stage contest is designed to motivate blind students to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success with fun-filled, but challenging, local and national events. Any visually impaired student who reads braille is eligible to participate in the preliminary Challenge contest events, which are held from January through March throughout the U.S. and Canada. Top winners from Regional Braille Challenge contests will be invited to Los Angeles to compete in the National Braille Challenge on June 16th and 17th, 2017. For more information, visit www.brailleinstitute.org

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.