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### MSB Students Take Prizes at 2018 Missouri Regional Braille Challenge

**St. Louis:** Eight (8) Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) students placed in their respective divisions at this year's Missouri Regional Braille Challenge held on Wednesday, February 14, at MSB. There were altogether 26 contestants from all over the St. Louis area in attendance.

Alison Miller, 10<sup>th</sup> grader and daughter of Heather DeVille and Sean Miller of California, Missouri, won first place in Apprentice Group 2.

MSB students swept Apprentice Group 3. First place went to 10<sup>th</sup> grader Malikye Baston, son of Mel Makun of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Nikki Motley, 9th grader and daughter of Richard and Rebekah Motley of Lexington, Missouri, took second. Third place went to Charles Grady, 9<sup>th</sup> grader and son of Richard and Kara Grady of Wentzville, Missouri.

In Freshman Group 1, first place went Allie Wolk, 4<sup>th</sup> grader and daughter of Andrew & Kathryn Wolk of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

In Freshman Group 2, first place went to Ali Lyon, Learning Independence from Experience transition program (LIFE) student and daughter of Carol Howell of Troy, Missouri. Life student Jessica Johnson, daughter of Mark and Anita Johnson of Warrenton, Missouri, took third.

Lexi Kaibel, 11th grader and daughter of Jeff and Shelley Kaibel of St. Peters, Missouri took third place in the Varsity division. Honorable Mentions in this division included Chloe Deremiah, 11th grader and daughter of Tina Clark of St. Louis, and LIFE student Heather Thaller, daughter of Mark Thaller and Kelly Howell of Odessa, Missouri.

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](http://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.