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MSB Students Take Prizes at 2019 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 13, at MSB. There were altogether 29 contestants from all over the St. Louis area in attendance.

MSB students swept Apprentice Level Group 2. First place went to 9th grader Svetlana Ehlers, second place went to 10th grader Nikki Motley, and third place went to 11th grader Alison Miller.

In Apprentice Level, Group 3, first place went to 12th grader Kiwan Sanders and second place to 10th grader Charles Grady.

In Sophomore Level, second place went to 5th grader Allie Wolk.

In Varsity Level, 11th grader Lexi Kaibel took third place and 12th grader Chloe Deremiah took Honorable Mention.

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.



Photo 1: MSB Braille Challenge contestants gather for a group photo before the Challenge begins