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ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WINS COMPETITION Lauren Wisniewski Recognized for Outstanding Academic Paper

ATLANTA, GA – September 1, 2015 – Lauren Wisniewski, a student at Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, has been awarded a \$250 prize by the National Society of High School Scholars for her academic paper, “What factors led to the evolution of the linguistic and literary practices of the Lost Boys of Sudan, and how have these practices transformed? Furthermore, how have these changes influenced the Lost Boys concept of cultural identity?” Wisniewski’s paper, chosen from more than 2900 entries, was written for her International Baccalaureate High Level English class.

NSHSS annually recognizes its top twenty-five applicants who have submitted academic papers from class assignments in high school, such as research papers, original essays, or analytical papers, in our highly competitive NSHSS Academic Paper Awards competition. The recipients receive a cash award and publication on our website. Winning papers are selected by a committee of scholars and educators, based on how well the student addresses a particular assignment, while presenting the material in a clear, fresh, and thoughtful way in the student’s own voice. The competition is designed to encourage these young scholars through recognizing and rewarding their hard work.

Winning papers since the competition’s launch in 2003 have covered topics a wealth of wide-ranging topics. Recent essays include papers on climate change on Mars, macroalgae as an alternative energy source, the social impact of the bicycle on gender equality, the effects of horse therapy for autistic children, music as a tool in healing, among a variety of others.

“The quality of the submissions for the annual NSHSS Academic Paper competition reassures us that there are a great number of young scholars in our schools who are demonstrating remarkable writing and research skills, and we are very pleased to help encourage and recognize them” said Dr. Susan Thurman, NSHSS Scholarship Director. “We also congratulate their teachers who are guiding them to these achievements.”

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, there are more than 1,000,000 Society members in 160 countries. NSHSS also provides scholarships, internships and unique learning opportunities for deserving young people as they transition from high school to college and from college to careers. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

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