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LIBERTY COUNTY STUDENTS COMPETE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN NEW YORK

The Liberty County Branch of the NAACP recently held auditions for the ACT-SO program at Brewton Parker College. Local professionals/educators in the discipline of the selected performance were judges and only students who scored 95 percent or higher were eligible for selection. Liberty County NAACP Education Chairperson Nicole Carter announced that three students from local schools would represent Liberty County in the national ACT-SO competition in New York City and compete for academic scholarships. The students selected are Sideeq Heard (Drama), Jerrica Russaw (Dance), and Hillary Scales (Music/Vocal Contemporary).

What is ACT-SO? ACT-SO is an acronym for Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics. The ACT-SO Program was founded in 1978 by renowned author and journalist Vernon Jarrett. ACT-SO provides a forum through which African-American youth can demonstrate academic, artistic, and scientific prowess and expertise, often gaining recognition reserved for entertainers and athletes. The National NAACP ACT-SO competition will be held in New York City from July 8-July 12, 2009.

The Liberty County NAACP is accepting donations for the Liberty County NAACP ACT-SO program. To make a donation, please make your check to NAACP and mail your check to Liberty County NAACP-PO Box 2239-Hinesville, GA. 31310.

The Liberty County Branch of the NAACP was founded in 1953 and membership is open to all people. For more information, please visit the website at www.libertycountynaacp.org or call 912.884.7334.

Founded in 1909, and celebrating 100 years of service; the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

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Attached (page 2): photos of students (photo credit: Marguerite West)



Sideeq Heard

Drama



Hillary Scales
Music Vocal-

Contemporary



Jerrica Russaw
Dance