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St. James Academy Students Named Winners of Annual DAR Essay Contest

Solana Beach, CA At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, St. James Academy, along with many other schools in North County, was invited to participate in the annual DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) essay contest. This year, the topic honored one of America's famous patriots, Paul Revere. The students were to write an essay as Paul Revere documenting his lifetime achievements in the "Memoirs of Paul Revere." Both the 6th and 8th grade classes of SJA, as well as many classes from North County schools, accepted this invitation and submitted their essays in October, 2010. Their essays were screened and judged by several readers from the DAR. Five winners from each class were selected and the best essay from each group competed for the DAR, San Diego, De Anza Chapter finalist in their specific grade level.

The DAR traditionally holds a ceremonial tea with an awards ceremony to recognize the essay winners from all the schools. This year it was held at the Church of the Nativity on February 5, 2011. The following 6th grade students from St. James Academy received awards for their essays: Sara Giorgi and Jack McGuinness received Honorable Mentions, Kendall Mayo earned 3rd Place, Jack Peterson received 2nd Place, and Spencer Whitney was the 1st Place and DAR Chapter Winner. The following 8th Grade students received awards: Walker Armstrong and Gavin Winter earned Honorable Mentions, Jeannine Edwards received 3rd Place, Sydney Dodd earned 2nd Place, and Brooke Powers was the 1st Place and 3rd Place Chapter Winner.

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and San Marcos. St. James Academy is part of the St. James Catholic Community, which includes St. James Church and St. Leo's Mission. For more information, go to www.saintjamesacademy.com or call 858.755.1777.