

## **Young Achievers program announces school winners**

A top school winner has been named by the Young Achievers program for each participating elementary and middle school in Fayette County for the 2008-2009 school year. Each student will receive a gold medallion, T-shirt and book bag.

Holifield Photography sponsors Young Achievers in cooperation with the International Leadership Network, a nonprofit, charitable organization. Students were nominated by their principal, guidance counselor or teacher in the spring of last year.

This program honors fifth-graders and eighth-graders who serve as positive role models, demonstrate exceptional achievement, exhibit good citizenship in their schools and communities, and maintain satisfactory records of school attendance and scholastic achievement.

“It would be a great benefit to give children more positive recognition at an early age. This would give younger children more positive role models to look up to among their peers,” said Jim Holifield, president of Holifield Photography, which has helped develop the program in Central Kentucky during the past 19 years.

The students were featured in a display at Fayette Mall and their local schools during the 2008-2009 year. The panels included biographical information about each student’s accomplishments and photographs depicting various interests, hobbies and activities.

Following is a list of the top school winners:

### **Elementary school, Grade 5**

- Carsyn Gill, Arlington Elementary
- Myles Murray, Ashland Elementary
- Noah Welch, Athens-Chilesburg Elementary
- Elisabeth Grace White, Booker T. Washington Academy
- Jalah M. Walker, Breckinridge Elementary
- Elizabeth Anne Brumfield, Cardinal Valley Elementary
- Tayler Banks, Cassidy Elementary
- Jaci Darling, Clays Mill Elementary
- Danae Cloyd, Deep Springs Elementary
- Dara Bockrath, Dixie Elementary Magnet
- Rachel Stevenson, Garden Springs Elementary
- Deja Lovan, James Lane Allen Elementary
- Tyrus Sundy, Julius Marks Elementary
- Jerrod Nathaniel Preece, Lansdowne Elementary
- Tatum Herrington, Liberty Elementary

- Lauranne Rose, Mary Todd Elementary
- Mary Margaret Pool, Maxwell Spanish Immersion Magnet
- Tanner Duke, Meadowthorpe Elementary
- Rohan Laungani, Millcreek Elementary
- Maggie Davis, Rosa Parks Elementary
- Markiara Smith, Russell Cave Elementary
- Madison Collingsworth, Sandersville Elementary
- Kurtis Brown, SCAPA at Bluegrass
- Samantha Ingram, Southern Elementary
- Maurion Tremayne Smith, Squires Elementary
- Ashley Hall, Stonewall Elementary
- Brittany Slayton, Tates Creek Elementary
- Bailey McNeese, Veterans Park Elementary
- Ke'Shaunta Sa'Fari Fuller, William Wells Brown Elementary
- Evan King, Yates Elementary

### **Middle school, Grade 8**

- Kristen Ellington, Beaumont Middle
- Mary Kathryn Ball, Bryan Station Middle
- Whittney Paige Buffin, Crawford Middle
- Nick Morris, Edythe J. Hayes Middle
- Adam Disponette, Jessie M. Clark Middle
- Michaela Addison, Leestown Middle
- Madison Copher, Lexington Traditional Magnet
- Rachel Wilson, Morton Middle
- Jamie Lee Vescio, SCAPA at Bluegrass
- Cameron Mahan, Southern Middle
- Tyson Charles Sheldon, Tates Creek Middle
- Kelsey Brown, Winburn Middle