

# 2006 MESAS MAIL-IN CONTEST

## SETS ANOTHER RECORD NUMBER OF ENTRIES: 717

### Winners Announced May 2006

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The State-wide MESAS mail-in contest was held this winter & spring. There were a record number 717 entries, with 482 students from grades 4-6 and 235 students from grades 6-8. This year, the contests proved to be especially challenging and covered a broad range of topics with emphasis on Biology. We are grateful to Francis Marion University for the creation of this year's contest. The authors of the 2006 contest are faculty and staff from Francis Marion University. They are: Dr. David Stroup – 2004 Governor's Award winner for Excellence in Science, Dr. Tom Roop – 1998 Service Award Winner, Dr. Larry McCumber – 1992 Governor's Award winner for Excellence in Science, Dr. Tim Shannon – Assistant Professor of Biology, and Mrs. Angela Cantey – Administrative Assistant of Biology.

Awards were given in four categories; Grand, State, Regional and School Winners. A unique feature of the contest is that every school that participates is guaranteed at least one winner. The Grand Prizes went to 12 students from three regions who submitted the best overall papers. **Region I:** Whitney Sanders, Jr. of Grace Academy, Jessica Moore of Holly Springs Elementary, and Kelsey McNeel of Fork Shoals School, **Region II:** Afia Kahn of EL Wright, Abigail Tolar of LB Nelson Elementary, Mae Ellen of Brennen Elementary, Alyssa Broecker of Edisto Elementary, and Jonathan and Benjamin Bartlett of Renaissance Academy; **Region V:** Brittany Elek and Jessica Ford of Rollings Middle School, and Grace Westbury of Dorchester Academy. The above students are this year's Grand Prize Winners. Congratulations!

The contest scores were very good overall and a large percentage of the entrants qualified for an award. We had 161 winners out of 717 participants (approx 23% of the total number of participants were winners). Certificates and prizes were mailed out to each student's principal so that the awards could be presented at each school's Awards Assembly. We congratulate each and every contestant for his or her fine efforts! We encourage every student in all South Carolina schools to participate next year. Below is a list of the winners, their prize, as well as their sponsor and school information:

Grade	Winner	\$ Amt	SCHOOL	Reg	Grade	Winner	\$ Amt	SCHOOL	Reg
<b>GRAND PRIZE WINNERS</b>					<b>REGIONAL PRIZE WINNERS</b>				
6	Jessica Ford	\$100	Rollings Middle School	V	6	Elizabeth Nichols	\$50	Mid-Carolina Middle School	II
6	Afia Khan	\$100	E.L. Wright	II	6	Elizabeth Glenn	\$50	Bamberg-Erhardt Middle School	I
5	Abigail Tolar	\$100	LB Nelson Elementary	II	4	Aaron Cleland	\$50	Varnville Elementary School	VII
4	Mae Ellen	\$100	Brennen Elementary School	II	4	Kenny Vaughn	\$50	Hartness Thornwell Elementary	I
5	Jessica Moore	\$100	Holly Springs Elementary	I	6	Thomas Orr	\$50	Philson Academy	I
5	Grace Westbury	\$100	Dorchester Academy	V	7	Joseph Zinna	\$50	Cornish Academy Homeschool	II
4	Alyssa Broecker	\$100	Edisto Elementary School	II	8	David Halligan	\$50	Camden Middle School	II
4	Kelsey McNeel	\$100	Fork Shoals School	I	8	Julie Beeks	\$50	Branchville High School	II
4	Jonathan Bartlett	\$100	Renaissance Academy	II	7	Jessica Kohl	\$50	Kohl Discovery School	V
5	Benjamin Bartlett	\$100	Renaissance Academy	II	8	Rebecca Evans	\$50	Dixie High School	I
7	Brittany Elek	\$100	Rollings Middle School	V	8	Alice Chang	\$50	Rollings Middle School	V
6	Whitney Sanders, Jr.	\$100	Grace Academy	I	8	Coles Lawton	\$50	Heathwood Hall	II
<b>STATE PRIZE WINNERS</b>					6	Trent Bannister	\$50	Belton Middle School	I
5	Laverne Page, Jr.	\$75	Palmetto Middle/Elementary	IV	6	Donovan MacPherson	\$50	Montessori School of Florence	IV
5	Adam Lipsitz	\$75	Mossy Oaks Elementary	VII	<b>SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS</b>				
5	Jeremy Wu	\$75	The Wu Family Homeschool	II	6	Kaitlin Kunkle	\$25	Mid-Carolina Middle School	II
5	Cassidy Smith	\$75	Lockett Elementary School	II	6	Drew Ricard	\$25	Mid-Carolina Middle School	II
6	John Isenhower	\$75	Cambridge Academy	I	6	Amy Chang	\$25	Rollings Middle School	V
7	Anna Brenner	\$75	Mid-Carolina Middle School	II	4	Jacob Stockman	\$25	Cambridge Academy	I
8	Jessica Chapman	\$75	Westview Middle School	V	4	Savannah Lanford	\$25	Cambridge Academy	I
6	Sean Bell	\$75	Gregg Middle School	V	4	Courtney Hayes	\$25	McCormick Elementary School	IV
7	Mary Adams	\$75	Cambridge Academy	I	3	Caleb Smoak	\$25	Edisto Elementary School	II
<b>REGIONAL PRIZE WINNERS</b>					4	Katie Laken-Weeks	\$25	Fork Shoals Elementary School	I
4	Michael Whitney	\$50	Estill Elementary School	VII	4	Brandon Young	\$25	McCormick Elementary School	IV
5	Matthew Hunter	\$50	St. Andrew's School of Math/Sci.	V	4	Gashon Garane	\$25	Brennen Elementary School	II
5	Joseph Wade	\$50	Sangaree Intermediate School	V	6	Morgan Godines	\$25	Godines Academy	II
5	Will Green	\$50	Clinton Elementary School	I	6	Kyle Zoller	\$25	Rollings Middle School	V
?	Kristopher Morris	\$50	Richard Carroll Elementary	II	4	Carly Majors	\$25	Crestview Elementary School	I
5	Dallas Porter	\$50	Faith Baptist School	I	3	Dixie McCollum	\$25	Edisto Elementary School	II
5	Blake Little	\$50	Richard Winn Academy	II	4	Dillon Porter	\$25	Faith Baptist School	I
5	Kelly Elliott	\$50	Palmetto Middle/Elementary	IV	4	Sarah Coleman	\$25	Richard Winn Academy	II
6	Connor Hoffman	\$50	Heathwood Hall	II	5	Kayla Hess	\$25	Crestview Elementary School	I
4	Jeremy Odom	\$50	McCormick Elementary School	IV	5	Courtlin Myers	\$25	Richard Winn Academy	II
5	Elisabeth Orr	\$50	Philson Academy	I	4	Levi Davis	\$25	Richard Winn Academy	II
5	Daniel Johnson	\$50	Ruby Elementary School	IV	6	Rebekah Todd	\$25	Diamond Hill Elementary School	I
5	Richard Weeks	\$50	Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary	II	6	Jukayla Johnson	\$25	Gibbes Middle School	II
6	Tori Richey	\$50	Belton Middle School	I	3	Layla Phillips	\$25	Edisto Elementary School	II
6	Arjun Aggarwal	\$50	Lexington Middle School	II	5	Daria Light	\$25	Light Homeschool	V
5	Thomas Jones	\$50	Seton Homeschool	II	6	Andrew Anderson	\$25	St. Joseph's Catholic School	I
5	Ashani Ranwala	\$50	Beech Hill Elementary School	V	5	Meronda Murdaugh	\$25	Richard Carroll Elementary	II
					3	Taylor Proctor	\$25	Edisto Elementary School	II

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			<b>SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS</b>					<b>SCHOOL PRIZE WINNERS</b>	
4	Morgan Werts	\$25	Pomaria Garmany Elementary	II	6	Curtis Simmons	\$25	Greeleyville Elementary School	II
5	Meghana Roo	\$25	Montessori School of Florence	IV	4	Taylor Hunter	\$25	Sheridan Elementary School	II
6	Sarah Parks	\$25	Diamond Hill Elementary	I	4	Cassidy Bryant	\$25	Dacusville Elementary School	I
4	Jed Gist	\$25	Round Top Elementary School	II	5	James Tavelle	\$25	Macedonia Middle School	V
5	Kendrick Brown	\$25	Richard Carroll Elementary	II	6	Jonathan Friedman	\$25	Hammond School	II
6	Sheldon Turner	\$25	Gibbes Middle School	II	6	Emily Wasserman	\$25	Hammond School	II
4	Palmer Reynolds	\$25	Round Top Elementary School	II	5	Kirsten Pippin	\$25	Homewood Elementary School	IV
5	Sarah Williams	\$25	Richard Carroll Elementary	II	4	Brittany Evans	\$25	Family Christian Academy	V
6	Severin Beckwith	\$25	Greer Middle School	I	5	Andrew Montalbano	\$25	SRI	V
6	Miles Whaley-Ashford	\$25	Gibbes Middle School	II	5	Megan Slimmer	\$25	Pincrest Elementary School	I
4	Savannah Clark	\$25	Sedgefield Intermediate School	V	8	Chelsea Ford	\$25	Rollings Middle School	V
6	Kelsey Clark	\$25	Sedgefield Middle School	V	8	Lindsey Wuerfel	\$25	Rollings Middle School	V
6	Marrissa Hilton	\$25	Gibbes Middle School	II	8	Rowan Armstrong	\$25	Rollings Middle School	V
5	John Black	\$25	Killian Elementary School	I	7	Jennifer Joseph	\$25	Westview Middle School	I
5	Lauren Nordin	\$25	Saluda Elementary School	II	7	Kaitlin McClure	\$25	Branchville High School	II
6	Jessica Zinna	\$25	Cornish Academy Homeschool	II	?	Caitlin Kennedy	\$25	Gregg Middle School	V
4	Elizabeth Stanley	\$25	Varnville Elementary School	VII	6	Koree Stillings	\$25	Gregg Middle School	V
4	Joshua Ginn	\$25	Varnville Elementary School	VII	7	Cole Mickey	\$25	Bates Middle School	II
4	Andie Davis	\$25	Varnville Elementary School	VII	7	Amanda Perez	\$25	Cambridge Academy	I
5	Dusty Stewart	\$25	Holly Springs Elementary	I	8	Jacob Hoyt	\$25	Camden Middle School	II
5	Cassidy Henry	\$25	Lib. Nelson Elementary School	II	8	Justin Eaddy	\$25	Camden Middle School	II
5	Dylan Goodwin	\$25	Hagood Elementary School	I	7	Brandon Whitmire	\$25	Belton Middle School	I
	Tyler Pruitt	\$25	Summerville Elementary	V	7	Taylor Richey	\$25	Belton Middle School	I
5	Paul Lee	\$25	Moore Intermediate School	IV	8	Kayla Broeker	\$25	Carver Edisto Middle School	II
4	Alison Waldman	\$25	Harbison West Elementary	II	7	Jay Wilson	\$25	Cherokee Trail Elementary School	I
5	Erika Carrillo	\$25	Saluda Elementary School	II	7	Sammy Joe White	\$25	Covenant Christian School	II
5	Michael Gonzales	\$25	Condor Elementary School	II	8	Ashley Sowell	\$25	JS Wright Middle School	I
5	Marcus Hannibal	\$25	Center for Inquiry	II	7	Mia Ulmer	\$25	Clark Middle School	I
4	Marvin Hollins	\$25	Forest Heights Elementary I	II	7	Betsy Hodge	\$25	Sangaree Middle School	V
5	Laura Dunn	\$25	Andrews Elementary School	IV	7	Robert Yergeau III	\$25	Pickens Middle School	I
6	Sara Jane Bush	\$25	Cherokee Trail Elementary	I	8	Britney Stewart	\$25	Gibbes Middle School	II
6	Kelly Duncan	\$25	Newberry Middle School	II	8	Jessica Thompson	\$25	Marrington Middle School	V
4	Matthew Lewis	\$25	Sacred Heart Catholic School	II	6	Mehrab Khandkar	\$25	Dent Middle School	II
5	Ricky Smith	\$25	John C. Calhoun Elementary	I	6	Christopher Lewis	\$25	Sacred Heart Catholic School	II
6	Austin Westwood	\$25	Newberry Middle School	II	7	Jerre' Gowdy	\$25	Rosemary Middle School	IV
5	Hannah Sauer	\$25	Spann Elementary School	V	8	Austin Godines	\$25	Godines Academy	II
5	Yvette Jones	\$25	Condor Elementary School	II	8	Bryer Turner	\$25	Palmetto Middle/Elementary School	IV
4	Simran Mathews	\$25	Covenant Christian School	II	7	Drew Dixon	\$25	Hammond School	I
5	Andrew Shealy	\$25	Empire Academy Homeschool	II	6	Tomasha McIntyre	\$25	Greer Middle School	I
4	Viola White	\$25	Joseph Keels Elementary	II	7	Nicholas Montalbano	\$25	SRI	V
					7	Cassidy Sorrow	\$25 IQ Game	Diamond Hill Elementary	I