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EBR Schools honors 2024-25 Students of the Year

BATON ROUGE, LA. – The East Baton Rouge Parish School System is proud to announce the district’s 2024-2025 Students of the Year, who were each recognized during a special ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 30, at McKinley Middle Academic Magnet.

District Winners:

- Elementary School: Zoey Jenkins, Parkview
- Middle School: Zachary Jarquin, Sherwood
- High School: Kaitlyn Smith, Baton Rouge Magnet

Charter School Winners:

- Elementary School: Jace Johnson, CSAL
- Middle School: Karissa Carter, Inspire Charter
- High School: Adison Salcedo, Mentorship STEAM Academy

John Pastorek, of WBRZ, served as master of ceremony and presenter for the program which students of the year from every school were recognized for exceptional talent and accomplishments.

Mayor Sharon Weston-Broome was the guest speaker. The program also featured Superintendent LaMont Cole and Deputy Superintendent Adam Smith. Cole expressed his pride in the winners, saying, “These exceptional young leaders have set the bar high with their academic excellence and commitment to their communities. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to all they will accomplish in the future.”

EBR Schools once again extends its congratulations to each of these students and to all school-level winners recognized during the ceremony.

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