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## Melissa Le Chosen as Middle School Student of the Year Finalist

Today the Louisiana Department of Education released the names of 21 students selected as finalists in the state's annual Students of the Year competition. The 21 students selected include one elementary, middle and high school student from each of the state's seven regions. The finalists represent traditional public, public charter, and nonpublic schools. Lincoln Parish middle school student of the year, Melissa Le, was chosen to represent Region 1 at the state level. The Region 1 competition consisted of 15 students representing their district from all over northwest Louisiana.

Melissa is an 8th-grade student at A.E. Phillips in Ruston, LA where she has attended since Kindergarten. Ms. Le is extremely active at A. E. Phillips. She is a member of the student council, National Junior Honor Society, choir, Mathcounts, robotics team, and Olympiad team. When she's not at school Melissa enjoys volunteering at church and in the community. Melissa is a very talented pianist, competes in swim meets, and is active in community theater, Girl Scouts, and 4-H. She does all of this while maintaining a 4.0-grade point average! When asked about Melissa, Dr. Jenny Blalock, principal at A.E. Phillips, said, "I am extremely proud of Melissa. She works so hard and deserves the recognition she is receiving. It's heart-warming to watch our students being celebrated for their accomplishments."

Lincoln Parish School District is proud to have Melissa Le representing our district and region at the state level. The finalists will participate in an awards ceremony on April 13, when the winners will be announced for each grade level.