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### Feb 1 **Bak Students Win America's Young Heroes Contest In Multiple Categories**

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Last week America's Young Heroes honored seven Bak Middle School of the Arts' (MSOA) students for their prize-winning poster and video projects in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual America's Young Heroes contest. The school's winners and the categories are as follows:

Cinematic Category – Public Service Announcements

1st Place: Joel Oviedo, 8th grade, and Samantha Jacobbe, 8th grade

2nd Place: Nicole Donechie, 8th grade, and Carla Flores, 7th grade

Teacher: Linda Carrizzo, Video Production, Communication Arts Department

Documentary Film Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jacob Mooallem, 7th grade, and Ryan Kosches, 7th grade

Teacher: Shannon Owens, Marketing/Public Relations, Communication Arts Department

Poster Category

3rd Place: Brianna Coulton, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Teacher: Natalie Sharp, Technology/Graphic Arts, Communication Arts Department

In response to these awards, Bak MSOA Principal Elizabeth A Kennedy replied, "Our staff and students are proud to be honored for our school's creative communication projects to produce a climate that discourages bullying and encourages respect for others."

Based in Boca Raton, the America's Young Heroes Contest is a multimedia competition to promote respect and prevent bullying. Published author and educator Vera Hirschhorn, M.S., created the Celebration of America's Young Heroes Month & Contests in 1999 to help students increase self-esteem while improving character, reading, writing, and problem-solving skills. The 2010-2011 Heroes contest invited tweens and teens to submit original stories, poems, artwork, music, and film about bullying experiences with an emphasis on positive thoughts, words and the positive action taken to resolve them.

The names of the winners as well as their teachers and schools will be sent to the Governor's office and the Florida State Department of Education. Students and their sponsoring teachers also received cash prizes for their award-winning work.

More information about this contest is available at [www.americasyoungheroes.org](http://www.americasyoungheroes.org).

#### About Bak MSOA

Located in West Palm Beach, Florida, Bak Middle School of the Arts (MSOA) offers 6th, 7th & 8th grade students creative and artistic opportunities in the areas of Communication Arts, Dance, Band, Piano/Keyboard, Orchestral Strings, Vocal, Theatre, and Visual Arts.

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