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Boyle County High School junior wins scholarship, photo shoot

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 30, 2007) — A Boyle County High School junior is the winner of a \$500 scholarship essay contest, earning her school a photo shoot for pictures to be used in statewide college planning publications.

Laura Burns' essay sparked interest from our judges to visit this Kentucky school "that teaches not only academics, but how to be better people."

The judges' selection was based on Burns' well-written testimonial to her school that went beyond test scores, clubs and athletics. "This essay has inspirational qualities that drew me to it," one judge said.

Burns wrote Boyle County High "prepares students for college and careers with outstanding teachers, supportive staff and endless opportunities for students to discover what they want out of life." Despite the Rebels' extensive list of athletic and academic achievements, Burns wrote the Boyle High School community "also believes in creating better people, in creating confident citizens for the country and the world. The curriculum in my high school creates mature, responsible citizens ready for whatever life may bring."

The essay "described her high school experience in a manner that is much more appreciative and insightful than would be expected of your average teenager," one judge said.

The contest, sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority

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(KHEAA) and The Student Loan People, gathered more than 150 entries from across Kentucky. All of the entries were strong cheerleaders for their schools, whether academic, personal or athletic successes were cited.

Burns will receive her award on Nov. 30 at Boyle County High School. Edward Cunningham, Executive Director/CEO of KHEAA and The Student Loan People, will present the award. Burns and other Boyle County students will participate in a photo shoot at the school. The pictures will be used in free college planning guides for high school students, posters, brochures and other KHEAA and The Student Loan People publications.

Getting Started, Getting Set, Getting Ready and Getting In are designed to help students prepare for college and find financial assistance, and to provide up-to-date information about Kentucky colleges, universities and trade schools. The colorful, college how-to guidebooks are sent to school counselors for free distribution to all students. The agencies also publish *Affording Higher Education*, listing about 4,300 sources of financial aid for Kentucky students. All of these books may be found online at www.kheaa.com, in high school guidance offices or at public libraries.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers grants, Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), work-study and savings programs and guarantees Federal Family Education Loans to help students pay for college or technical training. The Student Loan People are the state's only public, nonprofit student loan provider, which offers the lowest cost student loans in Kentucky.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.