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San Antonio, TX – Jimmie Smith, Brooke Bohlen, and Rani Reynolds were named the scholarship winners in the Youth 4-D Barrel Racing events which took place January 30- February 1, 2008 at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. These racers had the top three fastest average times over two days.

The first place \$10,000 S.A.L.E. scholarship was won by Jimmie Smith, 11, of Elgin, TX. This award is very special to Jimmie as it is the first for Jimmie and her horse, Scooter, who she started barrel racing with two years ago. Scooter is from Australia and is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  brother to her father's horse, Hills King Pistol. Besides barrel racing, Jimmie likes to read and draw. Jimmie would like to thank her parents for their support and taking her to all the rodeos as well as a special thanks to the sponsors that helped make the scholarship possible.

The \$6,000 second place scholarship went to Brooke Bohlen, 12, of Hondo, TX. She won the scholarship on her horse Hand Off Daddy, or Sport, who is a former rodeo pick-up horse. Brooke is the second Bohlen family member to win a S.A.L.E. scholarship. Her sister, Kelsey, won last year. Brooke is the 2008 Region VIII Texas Jr. High Rodeo Association barrel and pole winner, and serves as the Wrangler Jr. High Division Region VIII Princess. Along with barrel racing, Brooke participates in UIL Poetry Modern Oratory, social studies, and listening, and has also achieved recognition from Who's Who Among American Middle School Students. Brooke thanks her mother

and father, Alan and Linda, and her sisters, Kelsey and Juliana, for their support, as well as Corly Cox for her help with Sport.

Rani Reynolds, 18, of Bandera, TX is the recipient of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$4000 scholarship on her horse Elvis. Rani says that it was amazing to win the scholarship this year as it was her last year to be eligible for the award. Rani is a student at Wharton Jr. College and keeps busy with college rodeo and working as a waitress at Texas Roadhouse. Rani acknowledges her family for their support and how much they mean to her.

To date, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo educational commitment exceeds \$79 million with a record \$7.6 million committed in 2007 in the form of scholarships, grants, endowments, auctions, a calf scramble program and show premiums paid to youth. Awards and scholarships for this year will add more than 300 new scholars to the program. Currently, there are more than 1,000 active scholarship recipients. Our scholarships are represented by students in 65 colleges and universities throughout Texas. For more information on the Horse Show Events and youth scholarships, please contact the Horse Show Office at 210-225-1309 or email [horse@sarodeo.com](mailto:horse@sarodeo.com).

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