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San Antonio, TX- Winners of the San Antonio Livestock Expo, Inc. scholarships were awarded at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Appaloosa Horse Show, held February 14-16, 2008. A combined total of \$16, 000 worth of scholarships were given to Courtney Cruse of Pilot Point, TX and Trysten Taylor of Mansfield, TX.

Courtney Cruse, 18, was the first place winner, receiving the \$10,000 scholarship. She showed her horse A Celebri Te, known as Te around the barn. Courtney also received the honor of national high-point winner in showmanship and western riding 16-18, as well as numerous top ten awards through out 2007. Courtney will graduate this spring from Education Plus Ministries School and plans to attend Stephen F. Austin College in the fall. She was happy to win the scholarship because it has always been on of her goals, and it is a great accomplishment for her.

Trysten Taylor, 16, was the winner of the second place \$6,000 scholarship on her horse, Sometimes Andrew, or Winston. Trysten and Winston have been in the winners circle before, winning an array of different high-point awards, and they were also world champions in Senior Hunter Under Saddle. Trysten is a sophomore at Mansfield High School and is involved in FFA and the Rodeo Team. She was very excited about winning and made her feel very proud of their performance.

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.