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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 Paint Horse Show, held February 13-14, 2008. A combined total of \$16, 000 worth of scholarships were given to Tara Wilson of Tolar, TX and Katie Craig of Weatherford, TX.

Tara Wilson, 16, was the first place winner, receiving the \$10,000 scholarship. She showed her horse Impulsive Adventure, known as Booster. Tara has also placed in the top five at the Paint World Show in Youth Cutting and in the top ten in Western Horsemanship in 2005. Tara attends Tolar High School and is involved in basketball, track, cross country, FFA and 4-H. Tara expressed happiness over winning the scholarship, stating that it will help a lot in paying for college and getting a better education. She would like to thank her mom and dad for always being there and keeping her spirits up. Tara also thanks her family and friends for believing in her.

Katie Craig, 17, was the winner of the second place \$6,000 scholarship on her horse Power Jackpot, or P.J. P.J. is a very curious horse and loves to eat junk food like popcorn and candy and will wash it down with a coke. Katie and P.J. are successful in the showing, winning four other scholarships, a Saddle Series, as well as, Versatility and champion wins in their first year showing. Katie attends Weatherford High School and is involved in student council, Roo Crew, FCCLA and FBLA. She is also a second grade

teacher intern and apart of her church youth group, Collide. By winning this scholarship she feels that she'll be able to make it through college with less stress and be able to achieve more during that time. Katie thanks her parents and Earnest and Cheri Wilson for the encouragement and assistance through the shows. She would also like to thank her brothers who have always been supportive and happy to see her excel in her activities.

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.