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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 Quarter Horse Show, held February 5, 8 & 9, 2008. A combined total of \$20, 000 worth of scholarships were given to Melissa Jesurun of Boerne, TX, Andy Walker of Corpus Christi, TX, and McKenzie Boone of Gainesville, TX.

Melissa Jesurun, 16, was the first place winner, receiving the \$10,000 scholarship. Melissa has also won three other all-around awards with her horse, Special Invites Only, known around the barn as Elvis. She says that winning the scholarship means her years of hard work have paid off, and that's a very rewarding feeling. Melissa is a junior at Boerne High School and besides riding, she enjoys drawing and reading. Melissa thanks her family, friends, trainer and everyone in the Quarter Horse industry for being extremely supportive of her from the beginning.

Andy Walker, 15, a freshman at Flour Bluff High School, received the second place, \$6,000 scholarship with his horse, Joe Sudden. Andy won Senior Performance Hi-Point at the 2008 Nueces County Livestock Show, but this is the first all-around award for Andy and Joe. Winning this scholarship is a very memorable moment as all the learning and training has paid off for the pair.

McKenzie Boone, 16, was awarded third place with a \$4,000 scholarship. This is one of McKenzie's first honors with her horse, Zipable Therapy, or C.J. McKenzie is a sophomore at Callisburg High School and is involved in horse judging, 4-H and FFA. She says she was surprised and excited to win a scholarship, and it puts her one step closer to continuing her education after high school. McKenzie would like to thank all her family, friends and trainer for their time and support and extends her thanks to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo for having a great time while attending.

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.