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High School Students Compete in ACT-SO

Memphis area high school students filled the halls of First Baptist Church Broad with their competition for 2015 NAACP ACT-SO (*Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics*) Awards. Students competed in Humanities, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Entrepreneurship. Medals, reminiscent of the sports Olympics, were awarded to first, second and third place winners. First place winners are eligible to compete in the National ACT-SO competition which will be held in Philadelphia, PA in July 2015. The Memphis Branch will provide all expenses for those first place competitors and chaperones.

The 2015 ACT-SO Winners are listed below:

The Performing Arts

Dance

1st Place	Chyniece Matthews	Central High School
2nd Place	Taylor Coston	Center Hill High School
3rd Place	Kamryn Vaulx	Central High School

Dramatics

2nd Place	Morgan Fowler	Middle College High School
3rd Place	Avana Swan	Middle College High School

Oratory

2nd Place	Blake Currie	Southwind High School
3rd Place School	Dereion Wright	Middle College High

Honorable Mentioned: Mya Crawford
School

Middle College High

Music: Instrumental Classical

1st Place John McKissack
2nd Place Brian Harris
3rd Place Tobi Akangbe

White Station High School
Houston High School
St. Mary's Episcopal High School

Music: Vocal/Contemporary

1st Place Soniya Thorpe
2nd Place Joy Killebrew
3rd Place Kelsey Milem

Cordova High School
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The Humanities
Poetry

1st Place Noah Ploderer
2nd Place Stu Boyd, II
3rd Place Justin Gaines

Middle College High School
Hollis F. Price High School
Middle College High School

Poetry – Spoken Word

1st Place Terriney Gipson

Overton High School

Short Story

1st Place Mikis Mays, Jr.
School

Middle College High

The Visual Arts

Drawing

1st Place Landon Pointer
2nd Place Mia Webb
3rd Place Glenn Vaulx, III

Houston High School
Overton High School
Central High School

Filmmaking/Video

1st Place Noah Ongay
2nd Place Anji Moore
3rd Place Larry Roby

Millington Central High School
Overton High School
Overton High School

Painting

1st Place	Kira Tucker	Central High School
2nd Place	Malik Muhammed	Arlington High School
3rd Place	John Dobbs	Central High School

Photography

1st Place	Tia Rose	Overton High School
2nd Place	Kendra Wright	Overton High School
3rd Place	Kayla McGaughy	Overton High School

Honorable Mention:	Alyssa Crowe	Millington Central High School
	Sierra Hale	Overton High School

Sculpture

2nd Place	Ariel Dickerson	Central High School
3rd Place	Takhya Farmer	Memphis Health Careers Academy

Honorable Mention:	Christianna Williams	Memphis Health Careers Academy
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Winners of the 2015 ACT-SO (*Afro-Academic Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics*) Awards sponsored by the Memphis Branch NAACP are shown here following the final competition at First Baptist Church Broad. M.P. Carter serves as Chairperson of this year long competition and mentoring program along with Joan Patterson. She is joined by the Executive Director of the Memphis Branch Madeleine C. Taylor .