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2011 "If I Had \$100, I Would...." Essay Winners Inventive, Savvy

Columbia, SC... - In October, SCDCA announced a statewide essay contest for South Carolina's 4th, 5th and 6th graders for a chance to win a \$100 savings bond, courtesy of the South Carolina Bankers' Association. In 250 words, entrants addressed the topic "*If I Had \$100, I Would....*" Over 450 students from across the state submitted what they would do with \$100, with some wanting to start their own business while others focused on giving to charity or saving. All the entries made clear that SCDCA's mission of encouraging students to think about fiscal responsibility and finances through this competition was a success.

We congratulate the following ten winners who will be recognized during an Awards Ceremony at the Statehouse Capitol Rotunda on March 9th at 11am:

Colin Baker, Pinewood Preparatory School

Jack Gadol, Pinewood Preparatory School

Lily Haire, Palmetto Christian Academy

Baileigh Harrelson, Thomas Sumter Academy

Luke Hopkins, Cherokee Trail Elementary

Latreana Jordan, North Central Middle School

Jaquawyne McElveen, Ronald E. McNair Middle School

Pierce McWhirter, Lewisville Elementary

McKenna Rossomme, Pinewood Preparatory School **Kirkland Smith**, Pinewood Preparatory School

The winning essays will be posted on our website after the Awards Ceremony.

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