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Franklin Student Sweeps Louisiana Film Festival's Student Division
Freshman Sarah Devlin won "Best of Festival" for film Writer's Block

Benjamin Franklin Senior High School Freshman, Sarah Devlin, won three major awards at the Fifth Annual Louisiana Film Festival in the Student Division. At the ceremony, held April 3-4 at the Robinson Film Center in Shreveport, Sarah received the honors for her film Writer's Block, which won "Best Animation/Experimental Louisiana Film Festival – Student Division 2009" ; "Charitable Film Network - Special Jury Prize" and "Jefferson Hendricks Achievement in Film Award – Best of Festival"-the highest award in the festival. Sarah received \$900 in monetary awards.

"We are so proud of Sarah and her accomplishments at the Louisiana Film Festival," said Benjamin Franklin High School Principal Dr. Timothy Rusnak. "Winning these awards, including Best of the Festival, is an extraordinary achievement."

The Fifth Annual Louisiana Film Festival is an annual co-presentation of the Robinson Film Center and Centenary College of Louisiana. More than 50 short films by students from 2nd grade through 12th grade were presented at the Festival. Most of the students are from Louisiana, but a small number of students hailed from Florida, Washington State, California, Texas and Ontario. The divisions were Animation/Experimental, Documentary, Elementary/Middle, and Drama/Narrative.

As part of the experience, Sarah participated in a workshop given by filmmaker Celia Carey, met actor Pruitt Taylor Vince and Senior Producer for Louisiana Public Broadcasting, Tika Laudun.

If you would like to interview Sarah, please contact Christy Read at 504-286-2615, 504-616-4386 or christina_read@benfranklinhighschool.org .

