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### *Leadership Key at Local High Schools, Especially at Graduation*

Lake Charles, LA – When asked what defines a leader, Cameron Communications President George Mack replied, “A leader comes in many shapes and sizes, but consistently makes others want to follow. A leader is someone that leads by example and is respectful of others and most importantly is efficiently productive.”

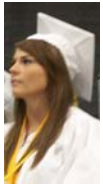
This definition of a leader rings true when describing the recipients of the 2010 Leadership Awards from Cameron Communications. Each year, school counselors and officials are encouraged to choose Senior students for this award that demonstrate leadership qualities, both in and out of the classroom. This year’s students not only show exemplary leadership qualities, but are sources of motivation for their peers and they set the bar for younger students. The award of \$250 is meant to help them on their chosen path for the future.

This year’s recipients of the Cameron Communications Leadership Award are South Cameron High School’s Mikalee Mooney, Hackberry High School’s Meghan Shipp, Johnson Bayou High School’s Michael Trahan and Grand Lake High School’s Kirstyn Vincent.



**Mikalee Mooney** is the recipient of South Cameron High School’s 2010 Cameron Communications Leadership award. In addition to graduating from South Cameron High School, Ms. Mooney has been very busy throughout her student career. This year, Mikalee will be representing SCHS as one of the Valedictorians, and will graduate with a 4.0 Grade Point Average. Outside of the classroom, she excels in promoting Cameron Parish, with various opportunities to represent the community and state—in state organizations and national organizations. Mikalee was crowned Miss Cameron Parish at the 2010 Fur and Wildlife Festival, has been a 4-H Challenge Camp Counselor and she serves on the State Citizenship Board for 4-H. She is also active in the community, having just participated in a commercial for the Cameron Parish Sheriff’s Department, educating students on the dangers of drinking and driving. She has also represented

Cameron Parish in a visit to Washington D.C. as part of the CoServe Government-In-Action Youth Tour, where she met Representative Boustany.



**Meghan Shipp** is the recipient of Hackberry High School's 2010 Cameron Communications Leadership award. When Ms. Shipp is not spending time being an amateur photographer, she also spends her time with Beta Club and FBLA. She has served as an FBLA officer for the past two years, and been to district competition for the past four. Meghan's leadership abilities have affected the entire student body at Hackberry High, and it is shown through the fact that she's been voted Ms. Hackberry High School, Ms. Senior Class Favorite, Ms. Personality and Homecoming Queen. With all of these accolades to round out her senior year of high school, it's easy to see how she has set the bar high for future leaders behind her.



**Michael Trahan** is the recipient of Johnson Bayou High School's 2010 Cameron Communications Leadership award. When Mr. Trahan is not studying or playing sports, he serves as a volunteer firefighter for the community of Johnson Bayou. Not only is Michael a leader outside of school by volunteering in such a selfless way, he also excels on the athletic field, by participating in Johnson Bayou Rebel sports. In the classroom, he sets an example for others to follow by participating in various school activities and clubs. Good luck to Michael in his future endeavors,



**Kirstyn Vincent** is the recipient of Grand Lake High School's 2010 Cameron Communications Leadership award. In addition to participating in AgriScience and being a Cheerleader, she has also spent her tenure at Grand Lake with a variety of other extracurricular activities. When it comes to being a leader, Ms. Vincent excels in teaching younger students, especially when it comes to Cheerleading and AgriScience, proving to be not only a great mentor, but a great friend to those around her. Congratulations to Kirstyn, who will surely have success—no matter where her future takes her.

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**PICTURE DESCRIPTION:**



*Mikalee Mooney receives her 2010 Cameron Communications' Leadership Award from Trina Johnson, Public Relations Coordinator for Cameron Communications. Mikalee is a graduate of South Cameron High School.*



*Meghan Shipp is the recipient of the 2010 Cameron Communications' Leadership Award. Meghan is a graduate of Hackberry High School.*



*Michael Trahan receives his 2010 Cameron Communications' Leadership Award from Trina Johnson, Public Relations Coordinator for Cameron Communications. Michael is a graduate of Johnson Bayou High School.*



*Kirstyn Vincent receives her 2010 Cameron Communications' Leadership Award from Trina Johnson, Public Relations Coordinator for Cameron Communications. Kirstyn is a graduate of Grand Lake High School.*