



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Two B.R. Magnet High School students win college scholarships** Louisiana Education Loan Authority awards \$1,000 scholarships in essay contest

BATON ROUGE— Wubing Ye and Samantha Morrison, both 2008 graduates of Baton Rouge Magnet High School, have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Louisiana Education Loan Authority (Lela) after submitting winning essays in the organization's annual "Cash for College Essay Contest."

The annual contest was held in February as part of Lela's statewide outreach campaign during Financial Aid Awareness Month (FAAM). The FAAM campaign included providing information to students and parents about financial aid options ranging from scholarships to reduced cost student loans, as well as how to apply for federal and state programs. High school seniors who competed in the annual contest wrote and submitted essays about how they plan to finance their college education. Ye and Morrison were two of three students selected from across Louisiana to receive \$1,000 scholarships for writing the best essays.

Ye, daughter of Jianping and Xiaoying Ye, will attend California Institute of Technology in the fall and plans to major in Mechanical Engineering. Ye has volunteered more than 193 hours of community service through VolunTeens of Baton Rouge. In her spare time she enjoys reading, tennis and visual arts.

Morrison, daughter of Steve and Dana Morrison, will attend Louisiana State University where she plans to major in elementary education. Morrison is a family assistant and tutor, coaches basketball and volleyball, and serves as a vacation bible school recreation leader.

"Lela is proud to award these scholarships to such dedicated students who care about their community," said Ann Carmichael, Lela Marketing Representative. "They both wrote outstanding essays and Lela is pleased to help them continue their education. These outstanding student leaders have bright futures ahead of them and we wish them the best."

Interested persons can learn more about student loans and other financial aid options by contacting Lela at (800) 228-4755 or visiting the Lela website at [www.lela.org](http://www.lela.org). The site includes extensive information and many links regarding financial assistance for college.

Lela is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, a nonprofit trust established to bring lower cost financing assistance and advantages to the citizens of Louisiana at no cost to the state. Lela acts as a low cost source of student loan financing for higher education. Lela has assisted over 365,000 students since 1984.



**Suggested Caption:** Lela's Ann Carmichael, right, presents a \$1,000 scholarship to Wubing Ye, a 2008 graduate of Baton Rouge Magnet High School. Ye, who earned the scholarship after submitting one of three winning essays to Lela's annual "Cash for College Scholarship Essay Contest," will attend California Institute of Technology this fall.



Samantha Morrison

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