

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### For Immediate Release:

Niceville –Three sophomores, Nicole Lane, Emily Johnpeer, and Heather Trippe from Special Services at Rocky Bayou Christian School attended the Rotary clubs weekly luncheon on April 29, 2010 at Northwest Florida State College to share their experiences from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). The students provided a heartfelt presentation along with a slide show. The students were three of eight students chosen from area schools to attend RYLA which was held from April 15-18 in Quincy, Florida.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for community youth leaders sponsored by the Niceville-Valparaiso and Mid-Bay Rotary clubs. Each spring, 10th graders, chosen for their past service to the community and leadership potential are awarded an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

Rocky Bayou Christian School, a K-3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Christian school, does not discriminate on the basis of **race, color or ethnicity** in the admissions of students per USC 2000d. RBCS began its ministry with a twenty-two member student body in 1973. The present enrollment is over 600 students, which includes students bused from as far away as DeFuniak Springs and Hurlburt Field. The school also offers a special services ministry and has developed Christ-centered early childhood curriculum materials which are being used nation wide by Christian day schools and homeschoolers.

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