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Lawrence University's Leonard Hayes, a senior from Dallas, Texas, won the recent Young Artists' Division of the 2011 Tourgee Debose National Piano Competition conducted at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.



**Leonard Hayes**

This was Hayes' second first-place showing in the competition having previously won the Tourgee Debose's sophomore division in 2009.

Hayes received a first-place prize of \$1,000 for his winning performance of Beethoven's "Piano Sonata Op. 90," Cesar Franck's "Poco Allegro and Fugue" and two movements from George Walker's "Piano Sonata No. 2."

A third-place finisher in the 2010 National Association of Negro Musicians' Piano Scholarship competition, Hayes studies in the piano studio of Catherine Kautsky.