## **ASDAR State Conference**

The Alabama Society Daughters of the American Revolution continues to champion the cause of patriotic education with its avid support of KDS. ASDAR Angels were definitely in action during the 117<sup>th</sup> Alabama Society DAR Conference in Auburn, Ala., on March 6-8. KDS representatives manned a sales booth and talked with interested ladies about the projects and programs of the school.

The Alabama DAR Conference also serves as a 'dress rehearsal' for the school's newly selected Continental Congress representatives. During the Saturday morning DAR School Breakfast, KDS juniors Alex Prickett and Erin Sutphin spoke about what makes KDS such a special place to gain an education. And as the featured speaker for the breakfast, Luke Bailey (KDS Class of 2011) shared his story with attendees.



Erin, Luke, and Alex are shown here with KDS faculty member Beth Cagle.

For a number of years, KDS has provided female students to serve as conference pages, adding to the pageantry of the proceedings. This year, in addition to Erin, seniors Kyrie Chandler, Amber Stephens, and Kylee Troup donned 'whites' and offered assistance to conference guests.



The KDS student pages pose with Alex and Honorary Chairman for Life, KDS Board of Trustees, and Vice President General, NSDAR Rita Horton. From left, they are Amber Stephens, Kylee Troup, Erin Sutphin and Kyrie Chandler.

The Awards Luncheon on Friday proved successful for KDS students as well. Senior Kyrie Chandler was awarded an ASDAR scholarship, Sophomore Emily Maxwell received first place honors in the state Christopher Columbus Essay competition, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Student Aiden Green and and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Skyler Pittson were awarded first place honors for their American History Essays.



Kyrie was presented the ASDAR scholarship by Alabama State Regent Connie Grund and ASDAR Scholarship Chairman Susan Hoxie-Key.





The American History essay awards were presented to Aiden Green (left) and Skyler Pittson (right) by Mrs. Grund and ASDAR American History Chairman Patrice Donnelly.

But the true success of the school during the Alabama Society DAR State Conference is in the sharing of the KDS story with long-time and new DAR members. It is a time to celebrate the unique privilege of having a DAR School in Alabama and to show appreciation for KDS's most devoted supporters – Alabama Daughters!