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**NEWS RELEASE – “IMMOKALEE HIGH BETA CLUB BRINGS HOME STATE WINS”**

The Immokalee High School (IHS) BETA Club shines again! Over 60 club members are back home after winning first place honors at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual State of Florida BETA Club Convention held recently in Orlando. The Immokalee Indians placed first in the state in the Group Talent, Campaign Skit, Scrapbook, and Philanthropy competitions. The IHS group also placed third in the Banner competition.

Three of the Immokalee students were part of the program during the opening session of the convention – senior Joseph Flores, the current State BETA President, was the Keynote Speaker; senior Aaron Daniels presented the inspiration; and senior Eliza Diejuste sang the National Anthem. Other notable individual honors include:

- Junior Kerby Henry was elected State of Florida BETA Club Vice President;
- Senior Adriana Villanueva was awarded the Harris Service Award – one of only 25 in the nation who received the award;
- Junior Annie Morgan won first place in the Oratory competition;
- Senior Amelea Rodriguez won first place in the Photography competition and third place in the Computer Graphic competition;
- Sophomore Efren Varela won second place in the Ceramics competition and third place in the on-site Colored Pencil Drawing competition;
- Senior Dulce Morales won second place in the Spelling competition;
- Senior Efren Moreno won third place in the Spanish competition; and
- Sophomore Maria Soto won third place in the Service Project Essay competition.

Based on their performance, the Immokalee BETA Club will represent Florida in various categories at the National BETA Convention to be held June 27-30 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Club members will be working hard in the next few months to raise funds for their journey. They thank the Immokalee Foundation and the community for their continued support.

BETA stands for **B**etter **E**ducation **T**hrough **A**chievement. The club motto is “Let us lead by serving others.” To be eligible to take part in convention activities, BETA members must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

To learn more or if you would like to help in any way, please contact IHS Counselor and BETA Club sponsor Audrey Moss at 377-1800.

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