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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.