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## Louisiana Student Honored with International Award

Arlington, Va., February [XX], 2024 – Ky'Ren Johnson of Bastrop, Louisiana, received the 2024 Yes I Can Award for Technology from the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Ky'Ren will be honored this March along with other Yes I Can recipients at the CEC Convention and Expo in San Antonio, Texas.

The Yes I Can Awards celebrate and honor the achievements of children and youth with exceptionalities while increasing public awareness of the abilities and aspirations of students with disabilities.

Ky'ren lives with Peter's Plus Syndrome, which led to the structures in the anterior segment of his eye to not develop properly. He was born with holes in the back of his eyes, cornea abnormalities, irregular iris, and glaucoma.

He recently graduated from Bastrop High with Honors with Distinction. In his time in high school, Ky'ren served as the president of the Best Buddies Club, the first high school club in Louisiana. He served as a trailblazer, becoming the first person in the world to complete the ACT utilizing Vispero's JAWS Software. During his high school career, Ky'Ren racked up many accomplishments, including Senator Jackson's Senator for a Day, GAAD's Person of the Year for Technology Accomplishments, and Visepro's Student of the Month.

Ky'ren plans on obtaining degrees in science and education to become a teacher for the visually impaired and blind, as well as an Orientation and Mobility Teacher.

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