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pastor, and is a senior at Woodlawn High School in Baton Rouge. He is ranked in the top 3 percent of his class.

He has received statewide recognition for his mathematics skills and the President's Youth Fitness Achievement Award. He is president of his National Honor Society chapter and active in student government.

As a Royal Ranger Brecheen has attained the Buckskin level in the Trapper's Brigade and has been junior commander for a Pioneer Outpost and an Elite Patrol Color Guard at the 1983 Louisiana State Fair. He has also earned the Gold Medal of Achievement and the Gold and Silver Buffalo Awards.

Because of the close competition this year, a runner-up to the Royal Ranger of the Year was named for the first time. William D. Vanderbilt, IV, of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college of his choice as runnerup. Brecheen won a scholarship for \$1,000 as Royal Ranger of the Year.

Other candidates were: Stephen C. Jacobson, Northwest Region; Kelly Ward, South Central Region; John Hamilton, Southeast Region; Drew Popovics, Northeast Region; Rick W. Beebe, North Central Region; and Kevin de Weber, Southwest Region.

After the awards ceremony, all the finalists were taken on a white water raft trip.