

## Missouri Students Win Honors at National Contest

Missouri students once again made the Show-Me State proud at the annual National History Day (NHD) competition at the University of Maryland-College Park, June 12-16. After months of intensive research and success at local and state competitions, 8 Missouri students won awards or other recognition at NHD.

58 Missouri students participated in the competition, in which students are judged on the quality of their research and presentation. Projects were based on this year's annual theme, *Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences*, and were entered in five categories: museum style exhibit, interpretive Web site, multimedia documentary, dramatic performance, and research paper.

Riya Mehta from Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City, won the third place Bronze Medal for her Senior Individual Performance, "The Forgotten War: A Diplomatic Failure" about the Korean War and the division of Korea into North and South. Sophia Mauro from Barstow School in Kansas City placed 5<sup>th</sup> for her Junior Individual Performance, "The Integration of Kansas City's Black and White Hospitals." Derek Carter from Joplin High School in Joplin placed 6<sup>th</sup> for his Senior Individual Documentary, "Bitter Relations: The Camp David Accords and the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty." Sophia Mauro from Barstow School in Kansas City won Outstanding State Entry for her Junior Individual Performance, "The Integration of Kansas City's Black and White Hospitals." Kassie Lawrence, Hannah Moore, Alexa Grissom, and Morgin Marcus from Gideon High School in Gideon won Outstanding State Entry for their Senior Group Performance, "Kill The Indian, Save The Man." Jacob Schwenneker from Princeton R-5 Schools in Princeton was selected to represent Missouri at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History with his exhibit, "Failed Diplomacy: Creek Nation Divided."

### About National History Day:

National History Day is a yearlong program dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of history in elementary and secondary schools. Each fall, more than 700,000 students nationwide begin the National History Day program, competing in a series of history contests in their local districts and states.

The annual student competition is the nation's oldest and most highly regarded humanities contest for students in grades 6-12. NHD is open to all types of students-public, private, parochial, and home-school; urban, suburban and rural. National History Day in Missouri (NHDMO), the state affiliate of NHD, is an educational program of the State Historical Society of Missouri in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council.

### About The State Historical Society of Missouri:

Founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association, and a trustee of the state since 1899, the State Historical Society of Missouri is the premier research center for the study of Missouri state and local history. The Society preserves and provides access to reference materials and historical collections through research centers on each of the four campuses of the University of Missouri system. The Columbia research center also houses a significant art collection with ongoing and varied exhibitions and serves as the administrative headquarters for the Society's four branches. A state-wide organization, with members in every Missouri county and all 49 additional states, the Society welcomes thousands of visitors and researchers each year, including scholars, genealogists, family and local historians, historic preservationists, journalists, and others interested in Missouri history and heritage.

For more information about National History Day in Missouri, visit <http://mo.nhd.org>, or contact the State Historical Society of Missouri at (573) 882-7083.

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