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(City/School District/Affiliate) Student(s) Excel(s) at 2025 National History Day Contest

COLLEGE PARK, MD, [Date of press release here] — (student or students' names) _____, a student(s) at (school name) _____ in (city and state) _____ recently competed in the National History Day® National Contest, held at the University of Maryland at College Park from June 8–12. He/She/They were awarded _____ (prize here) _____.

The 2025 contest theme was *Rights and Responsibilities in History*.

(student/students' names) _____ joined more than half a million students globally who completed historical research projects in one of five categories: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance or website. (Student/students' names) _____ created a (category) _____ project titled (project title) _____.

After completing a project, students compete in a series of contests beginning at the local level. The top students in each project category from both middle and high school divisions in 49 states, Washington D.C., U.S. territories and international schools are invited to compete in the annual NHD National Contest.

“National History Day continues to be one of the most important activities students can participate in during their middle and high school years,” said NHD Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. “This year’s National Contest participants represent just one percent of NHD students worldwide and they should be proud of their accomplishments during the 2025 contest season. The critical thinking, research, writing and analysis learned from NHD will benefit students far beyond academics as they become successful professionals, community-minded leaders and engaged citizens.”

540 historians and education professionals served as judges for the students' work. More than 100 students took home cash prizes between \$250 and \$2,000 for superior work in a particular category of judging.

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About National History Day® (NHD): NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland, that seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. Established in 1974, NHD currently engages more than half a million students each year in conducting original research on historical topics of interest and supports teachers through professional development opportunities. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the annual National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by the Joyful Noise Charitable Foundation, The Better Angels Society, Bezos Family Foundation, Library of Congress, Dr. Scholl Foundation, Behring Global Educational Foundation, 400 Years of African American History Commission, and the National Park Service. For more information, visit nhd.org.