St. Paul, MN- Every morning, Minnesota Camp History Day campers will wake up to find the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin delivered under their dorm room door. They will be able to read the exciting, mostly true news from the day before and read the schedule of events for the day. The AMAZING wordsmiths of the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin will keep campers up to date on the news that we think you need to know, along with photos, contest updates and things that we mostly make up. Folks at home can follow our adventures in College Park, too. Each edition of the CHDDB will be posted on the Minnesota History Day website.

Subscribe to the Bulletin! If you would like a reminder when a new edition of the CHDDB is posted, please send an e-mail note to Rachel Hernandez (rachel.hernandez@mnhs.org) and tell her that you want to be on the list!

Minnesota History Day 2012 is now on Facebook!

History Day Campers and their family and friends can also become fans of “Minnesota History Day 2012” on Facebook. We will be posting up-to-date travel information and national plans for campers to follow. There will also be a discussion forum for students to share their plans, talk about their projects and boast about their amazing room decorating schemes.

Out-State Girls to Teach City Kids “a thing or two”

A record number of non-metro students stormed the stage at State History Day as national finalists. Some of these medal winners are banding together to help their compatriots from “the Cities” understand the life ways of people who can see the stars at night. The Senior Individual Exhibit duo of Brittany Woodke and Caitlin Hansen will extol the virtues of trout streams, dairy farms, county fairs and sprint car racing in southern Minnesota. Jamie Lien and Hannah Myers are representing the northland, with lessons on water sports, walleye fishing and how to tell the difference between red and white pine trees. The girls are considering the Gearou twins, the Mankato West boys and the Rochester girls for admission into their country collective, but are suspicious of their large graduating classes and freeway access.

National History Day Events to look forward to:

- Nightly meetings in which the newly initiated learn the secret rituals of the Minnesota History Day Scholar
- Room Decorating and Judging (stay tuned for more details!)
- National History Day DANCE!
- Button Trading
- ‘Fun City’ vs. ‘Awesome Town’ Challenges
- National History Night at the Smithsonian
- The Daily Bulletin!
Get to Know Your History Day Staffers!

Mr. History (Tim Hoogland) is excited to teach students the secrets of the banana dance and show off his awesome Samoan outfit during room judging.

LZ (Laura Zeccardi) is still giddy about being a History-Day-Kid-Turned-Staffer. She is also a former dorm decorating champion who can give you hot tips on impressing your room judges!

KP (Kyle Parsons) Mayor of Awesome Town, is looking forward to meeting all of our AWESOME students and hopes that you have what it takes to be a citizen of his realm.

Don’t Call Me Pumpkin (Heidi Kloempken) is an avid Twins fan who will be hanging out at the campus baseball stadium looking for anyone with a mid-90s fastball and a decent slider to send up to the big leagues.

Sconnie (Katie Craven) is a semi-professional bowler and is the only staffer who knows what the little arrows on the lanes are for. She is also up for the occasional Harry Potter trivia challenge if you want to channel your inner Muggle.

Herny (Rachel Hernandez) Mayor of Fun City, feels that this could be the best group of MN HD kids ever. If you are both FUN and FUNNY, you may have what it takes to be a citizen of her metropolis.

Second Annual ‘Fun City’ vs. ‘Awesome Town’ Games

College Park, Maryland will host the second annual FCAT (Fun City, Awesome Town) Games. Participants will be required to showcase “minute-to-win-it” skills – such as golf ball balancing, and speed Kleenex pulling – as well as other team building challenges. Before the games can commence, the citizens of Fun City and Awesome Town will be carefully selected via a private draft to take place in the coming weeks. It is up to you to provide the most accurate representation of yourself by filling out the FCAT Census Questionnaire at the Reception tonight to give the mayors a sense of what you have to offer as a potential citizen of their community. You will learn of your fate at the first Minnesota Delegation meeting on Sunday, June 10 in College Park. May the odds be ever in your favor.
FCAT Logos Revealed! Flags are Made!

After much anticipation, the logos for Fun City and Awesome Town (FCAT) were finally revealed at a private ceremony where the official flags for each community were presented to city officials. Mayors Hernandez and Parsons sifted through thousands of entries that were submitted to the FCAT Logo contest and agreed upon the designs from an anonymous local artist. When finally tracked down, the designer simply said “I had fun (City) designing the logos” which leads some to believe they may have some connection to Mayor Hernandez of Fun City. Mayor Hernandez’ reps denied claim of such relationship. The suspiciousness of the contest has only heightened tensions between the two Mayors. Mayor Parsons was overheard saying “Let the games begin, for my citizens are truly awesome (Town)!"
Kyle Parsons Nearly Blinded by Mr. History’s New Shoes

Nationals preparations nearly turned tragic when Mr. History showed up at the History Center with his brand new kicks. Entranced by the golden swoosh on the side, Kyle Parsons stared at the footwear without eye protection and burned his retinas. “I’ve watched several solar eclipses and the transit of Venus,” lamented Kyle, “but nothing comes close to the intense radiance of those shoes.” Doctors report that Kyle’s vision should recover as long as he wears killer shades and sleeps in air conditioning. Students are encouraged to wear eye protection when walking within a 15 foot radius of Mr. History’s feet.

Heard through the Grapevine…
Mentor Edition

Drew Grover has never read “The Hunger Games” and can be heard chanting “Rock Chalk!” in his sleep.

August Spiegelberg isn’t sure if a cell phone is allowed on an airplane and has never been to a “warm climate”

Cody Haro has been labeled as “eager” by the staff and thinks “TBD” is a real location

Katherine Beckman has been wondering why there are 3+ male mentors and only one female. She thinks this earns her own room

Bold Exhibitors Build Bomb Boards and Get Bodacious Boxes!

In the weeks leading up to our departure, the MHS exhibit shop helped several exhibit students build new exhibit frames. Master of the shop, Jay Erickson, also customized the specialized shipping crates to make sure that all of the MN exhibits arrived in pristine condition. Brittany Blazar and Elena Berman agreed that their box actually might be cooler than their exhibit.

Anselma used power tools and still has both of her thumbs!

Happy 13th Birthday to Ekaterina Hofrenning!!

Tomorrow in the Bulletin: The Herd is Reunited as All Travelers Arrive!
Get to Know your U of M Mentors!

August Spiegelberg
Though August may look like a world traveler, this is his first time in a warm climate. “I grew up in an ice hotel in Iceland. It was great because I would ski and snowboard any time I wanted down the grand staircase.” August is looking forward to finally wearing a pair of flip-flops he received as a graduation gift and seeing trees with leaves instead of needles.

Cody Haro
A former HD kid from Wisconsin, Cody is instrumental to the Minnesota/Wisconsin alliance. His work as a peacekeeper has him nominated for a NOBEL Prize. That’s the “No One Better Eliminate Lumberjacks” Prize for promoting and preserving the tales of Paul Bunyan. Now that the Alliance is in good standing, Cody is looking forward to his next goal of creating a mascot for the 2013 History Day Theme, “Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, Events.”

Katherine Beckman
Katherine (not to be confused with staffer Katie Craven) hails from a small town near Lake Wobegon. As Garrison Keillor notes, she is above average and is considering a career as a spy. She keeps secrets so well, she is often hired out as a professional secret listener. She has been told things such as who shot J.R. Ewing, where the wild things are, and what they really are storing in Roswell New Mexico.

Drew Grover
Drew is an experienced History Day mentor originally from Lawrence, Kansas (Go K-State!). He spent the last year helping students at Murray Junior High School and is excited to travel to Washington D.C. At a pre-National staff meeting Drew was overheard challenging fellow mentor Cody Haro to a “Roomiest Sandal” competition. Both mentors favor the leather-strapped footwear, but we will wait and see who rocks the sandals best with a bowling shirt.

Liz Venditto
Being her third year traveling to Washington D.C. with the Minnesota delegation, Liz is an expert on button trading, taming wild hair and running around the University of Maryland campus acquiring a years worth of exercise.

Mystery Staffer to be revealed on the D.C. Tour
The mystery staffer is a male, from Minnesota who attended the University of Minnesota and was part of the mentor program. He mentored in a Minneapolis Public school, likes history and can’t wait to reveal his identity!

Do you like to write? Do you like to embellish a little? Do you like to flat out make things up? Then be a guest columnist for The Bulletin! Earn points for Fun City or Awesome Town by submitting an article any day to the Camp History Day Daily Bulletin Headquarters. Please email articles to rachel.hernandez@mnhs.org by 9:00 p.m. or drop off a hand written article. All articles will be considered, not all will be published.
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Crossword Puzzle

No. | Question
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1. | History Day began in this State
2. | Finish the phrase: “The ____ it is, the better we like it”
3. | Minnesota History Day's Mascot
4. | Mayor of Fun City
5. | Staff member who lived in Texas
6. | Action you must do while taking a photo
7. | ____ Student Union
8. | Where we will be staying while in D.C.
10. | Mayor of Awesome Town
11. | “Fear the ____”
12. | Staff member who lived in New York
13. | Staff member from Wisconsin
14. | MN Dancing fruit
Travel so Smooth, Nothing to Report

Heard through the Grapevine

Girl Scouts- “Where Dr. King at?”

“If these are Girl Scouts, where are the cookies?”

Emma to Bessie, “I’m sad because my friend’s not here.”

Kat has a lot of nicknames, so we have decided to call her… just Kat.

Nora S. mistook a control tower for the Washington Monument.

Isaac Greenwood – “Which buttons are going to be the most rare? Because we decided to make button trading more important than History Day.”

“How important is sound to my documentary?”

“I’m Josh. No, I’m Josh. He’s Sam.” - Joshua Gearou

How do I get to Washington D.C.?

Should you be touring this afternoon, Monday, or Tuesday, we recommend the following tips for getting around the Metro. Take the shuttle bus from campus to the College Park Metro Station on the Green Line. Follow the herd of National History Day groupies to purchase your ticket. Pick up a map so you can see where you would like to go and which line you should transfer to. Get on the Green Line and head to Branch Avenue platform to go to Washington D.C. Have a plan ready in case your party gets separated at the transfer; cell phones may not work in the tunnels. Once you have transferred to line you would like, have a great day in the city!
It’s 6:45 a.m. on the morning of June 7 when Rachel received a text from Heidi saying “The Media Lab is locked, so we can’t get the battery”. Being the semi-psychics that they are, they took this to be somewhat of a negative omen to start the trip. “Nothing a little Caribou Coffee can’t fix” said Rachel as Heidi jumped out of the car to get caffeinated-up. “I said I wanted a large Cold Press with half white chocolate, not a hot chocolate with white ice cubes!” “Sorry, Herny,” said Heidi. The barista, obviously from Wisconsin, saw my MNHD shirt, moo’d at me and gave a smug smirk. She clearly had it out for us! Trying to shrug it off, they pressed on with their hopes of reaching Columbus, Ohio by 8:00 p.m. Eastern time. As they moved east, stranger things began to happen. “We kept seeing cities from Minnesota in other states. Someone was trying to divert us back to Minnesota.” “Yeah,” continued Rachel, “we felt the need to take those exits every time we saw a familiar city, it really added time to our trip.” Nigel, the GPS system, also had it out for the staff as he was constantly conflicting with another GPS device in the vehicle. Nigel took the staff through Lima, Ohio where Rachel and Heidi decided it was safer to run stop lights and stop signs than to idle at one. The girls finally made it to Columbus 3 1/2 hours behind schedule only to find that their hotel had a broken toilet and several lights that didn’t work. “We have to do something about this. I’m not driving another day with bad luck,” declared Rachel. While Heidi tried to fall asleep, she remembered a KDWB interview with gifted psychic Gary Spivy. He told about how to get rid of “demons” that caused people to have bad luck. She snuck out of the room, phoned Spivy, employed his methods -- and lo and behold -- day two was much better. The only thing the travelers encountered was a semi truck traveling the wrong direction on the interstate (see photo). The Baltimore hotel had a working toilet, lights and nice beds for afternoon naps. The moral of the story is that, “your gut feeling is the best GPS of them all.”

Random thoughts by Heidi and Rachel
- Scallops are not the same as scallions
- Lima, Ohio is not where you want to be when the sun goes down
- bringing along two GPS devices could get sticky
- How do they measure the height of a mountain?
- How do they lay cement on a hill with a 6% grade?
- How much do truck drivers get paid?
- KDWB only has enough songs for an hour and 45 minutes
- Heidi and Rachel are semi-psychic
- Drinking water is important
- Is Oakland shaped like a “Z” or an “N”?

Mairead’s Comic Relief
ONE day, a man goes to a horse fair. He sees a really nice horse and his owner.
“I’ll pay you ten thousand dollars for that horse.” offered the man.
“Sure, he’s yours. But first, there’s something you need to remember. He only stops if you shout ‘NO!’ and he only moves if you say ‘THANK YOU!!!’.”
So the man rides on, and, of course forgets the advice.
As he comes upon a canyon, he yells “NO! I DON’T WANT TO DIE!” Hearing “no,” the horse stops on a dime, inches from the edge of the cliff.
“THANK YOU, OH THANK YOU!!!!”
Synchronized Sleep

Following a disqualification from the French Open for being too American, Sam and Josh Gearou made it back to Minneapolis in time to catch up with the Minnesota delegation on the flight out to DC. However, with the time difference and their need to always play doubles, they were caught sleeping in sync on the plane, even with synchronized snoring and drooling. Not to be outdone on the twin front, Brittany and Melanie Blazar plan to sync up their judging questions even though they are in two different groups.

FCAT POINT SYSTEM

As the week continues, you have an opportunity to earn extra points for your community, Fun City or Awesome Town. Each day, a list of opportunities to earn points will be published in the bulletin. Once you have accomplished the task, bring the evidence to the History Day office in Oakland Hall and the points will be awarded. A list does not expire so you can fulfill the tasks given in Sunday’s bulletin on Monday or Tuesday (or Wednesday or Thursday), etc. In the spirit of Professor Snape (a la Harry Potter, if you’ve been living on Mars for the last 15 years) points can also be taken away per a staffer’s discretion. Examples of points being taken away are: Being a Debbie Downer about Fun City or Awesome Town, Complaining about the heat (Miami Heat excluded from that rule, complain away), or conspiring to cheat the system and

Points will be awarded for:

Getting a picture of a squirrel eating a Cheeto – 100 points
First kid to get all 50 state (affiliate) buttons - 50 points
Kid who gets the most of one state’s buttons - 40 points
Kids who get pictures with other state coordinators - 30 points
Kids who get pictures with kids from other states - 20 points
Writing an article for The Bulletin – 10 points
Taking a picture while making an “F” or an “A” in front of a monument – 5 points

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Registration; exhibit set-up, Stamp Student Union and Colony Ballroom; Grand Ballroom
6:30 p.m. - Welcome ceremony, McKeldin Mall (get ready to trade buttons!)
All day: Once you’ve registered you are free to do as you choose on Sunday – as long as you are chaperoned!
9:00 p.m. - State Meeting, check signs around the dorm for meeting location

Diner Hours:
Breakfast: 7-8:30 a.m., Lunch 11-1:30, Dinner: 5-7:00

Every Conversation with Mr. History Goes Pretty Much Like This:

1. Are you fun?
2. Are you funny?
3. Do you have any pets?

If you have a pet, and it is a cat, it should be named “Mr. Whiskers”
Banana Dance Original Flash Mob

With the recent wave of flash mobs popping up in shopping malls and on street corners, Mooster History was remembering the year at National History Day when he invented the flash mob by introducing the “Banana Dance” to Massachusetts students. When asked about this stunning influence, Mooster History said, “I just wanted to create a fun way to share the History Day Spirit at the National Competition. Who doesn’t want to wear a yellow banana hood and dance in a circle?” Mr. History has been documenting the spread of the flash mob since he helped perpetuate the Banana Dance many years ago. “At first it was just done at the awards ceremony at National History Day. But then other states would also dance and we started performing the dance in Stamp student union. All of a sudden random people are doing it at Union Station and in shopping malls. We never envisioned it to be such a trend.”

Girl Scouts Galore

After being chosen to participate in an exchange of “good will,” History Day staffer Katie Craven approached a group of Girl Scouts at the Tidal Basin with a variety of Minnesota memorabilia. According to Katie her offer was rejected and dumped in the Potomac. Not making the situation any better was her comment about littering, which the Girl Scouts took as fighting words. “All I wanted was a box of Thin Mints,” cried Katie, as Cara Meyer and Madison Grady tried to cheer her up. Sending signals through song, the Girl Scouts quickly began taking over public transportation and blocking entrances to museums. Sensing fear from the group, Mr. History huddled everyone together for what would become a test of courage, the competition for a photo op at the White House. Outnumbered 2,000,000,000 to 53, the Minnesota delegation used their superior analytical skill to develop a winning strategy and executed it to perfection. Upon their victory, “THIS IS MINNESOOOTA” echoed throughout the District, drowning the voices of the dejected scouts.

FCAT Mayors Cause Pudding Famine – By: Kellie Frost

Yesterday afternoon, Mayor Parsons of Awesome Town and Mayor Hernandez of Fun City were found arguing over lunch. Minnesota students report that the two leaders were “discussing” what state the city of Washington was in. Hernandez firmly believed that this historic city belonged to Maryland, while Parsons remained determined that Washington was in Virginia. Around noon, they began to throw pudding. Mr. History was promptly summoned and received a delicious amount of chocolate pudding to the face before convincing the mayors to settle down. After repeated accusations of “they started it”, Mr. History managed to mention that they were both wrong and that Washington was in the District of Columbia. No word yet on the current pudding level of the Union Station restaurant.
All Present and Accounted For (Almost)

College Park, MD – It appears that 36 hours after the majority of the pack departed from Minneapolis, the herd has nearly re-formed itself into its full contingent of 63 students. As of noon Sunday, 62 students had reached the University of Maryland Campus. The Mankato contingent filed into Oakland Hall at around 11:30 Saturday night, while the DeLaSalle, Chisago Lakes, and the remainder of the South and St. Louis Park High School delegations landed at Reagan National at 10:30 Sunday morning. With their arrivals it has been determined that Minnesota is only missing one student. Molly Nemer, while in Washington D.C. for other academic reasons, will not be joining the herd until Monday. If you see Molly as you cheer on the juniors or head into D.C. for some sight-seeing, give her the secret handshake and make her moo.

Late Arriving Mankato Crew Struggles to Unlock Door after Long Day of Travel

Due to an important secret meeting about a certain 1960’s band (revival?), John, Paul, and Kennedy arrived to National History Day late Saturday night with their manager, I mean teacher, Matt Moore. “We cannot reveal anything yet,” said John, “but we are hoping ‘With a Little Help From My Friends’ to demonstrate the ‘Twist and Shout’ at the dance on Monday night.” After singing a rendition of ‘A Hard Day’s Night’ they arrived at the dorms and discovered they were locked out of their rooms. Kennedy was heard to be pleading with front desk staff “I’ll give you ‘All My Loving’ if you’ll just get my door open for me!”

Ana Schaff’s lifelong dream was to pretend that she could touch the top of the Washington Monument via the oh-so-popular distance/height trick. “The first thing that popped in to my head when I heard my name announced at the awards ceremony at State was that I better start practicing!” Little did Ana know that she had several factors working against this dream. She couldn’t fly with the rest of the delegation because she felt it necessary to act in the nature of her project and participate in “Freedom Rides” all the way to College Park. Before she could leave, she also had to participate in some ACT test or something. When she finally got to D.C. yesterday, her dreams were officially crushed when she realized the monument was closed for earthquake repair. Feeling sorry for the young Laker, Rachel attempted a drive by “photo-op” hoping it would make up for Ana’s disappointment. Sorry it didn’t quite work out, guess you’ll have to make it to Natty’s next year!
### Junior Judging Schedule – Monday, June 11

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Come out and cheer on our Juniors!
Intrepid Minnesota Students Hunt Elusive Rare Creature at DC Zoo

As Hannah Myers and Madeline Lee left for the zoo on Sunday, it was reported that they were on the search for the elusive red-bellied, yellow-tailed squirrel (aka MN Gopher). This creature is only found at the Washington D.C. Zoo, and the underbelly of the University of Minnesota campus. “We brought an extra stash of Cheetos and pancakes as we heard that squirrels cannot resist the combination of cheese and syrup,” said Hannah. The goal to gain 100 points for Fun City was also an added bonus of seeing the rare squirrel. “Can we get 200 points if we both get a picture of the same squirrel?” asked Madeline.

Velcro, Hinges, Power Drills, & More Velcro

As history day students from around the country rushed to Stamp Union to wait in line, the Minnesota Delegation calmly made their way over to the dining hall. Once a hearty breakfast had been consumed and many buttons had been traded, it was time for the Exhibit category participants to set up shop. The tone for the day was set when Grace Gardner broke the Minnesota State record for time spent setting up an exhibit. She was quoted as saying, “I just got in a zone. It was like I smelled the spray glue in the air and just knew what to do.” Staffers believe it may have more to do with Grace’s incredible strength and the fact that she was able to carry her board with no assistance. Anselma set out to find the best digital media player available in DC while the Mankato boys just set out. Teacher Ron Hustvedt was awed by Sam and Josh speaking “some sort of twin language” that only they could understand as they velcroed together their board. “A set of twins from New Mexico walked by and all four nodded at each other in a knowing manner. It was weird.” Our other twin duo took turns working the power drill for each of the Breck boards. Brittany Woodke and Caitlin Hansen both set up their boards secretly to keep the other from seeing, but ended having their boards facing each other across the aisle. Overall the state looks to be very well represented by yet another year of strong projects from the North Star State.

Daily Schedule for Monday June 11, 2012
8:00 am - 9:30 am - Late Registration for Juniors, Stamp Student Union
8:00 am - 3:00 pm - Late Registration for Seniors, Stamp Student Union
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Junior Judging, See the Minnesota delegation schedule in the bulletin to support your fellow Gophers!
5:30 - 8:00pm - Public viewing of exhibits, Stamp Student Union, Grand Ballroom
7:00 pm (est.) - First round judging results posted, meet the Minnesota delegates in Stamp Student Union by the Terrepin to view the results
7:30 - 10:30 pm - Student Dance, Reckord Armory
Remember - no MN state meeting, go bust a move!

The REAL hours for the Diner are:
Breakfast: 7:00-9:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Performers!! Meet Heidi and Kyle in the Lobby of Oakland Hall at 9:00 a.m. with your props. If you need help schlepping your props down to the lobby let us know and we’ll give you a hand.
Sunday Travel Adventures, Woes, and Tidbits of Advice

Eagerly awaiting their departure to D.C. bright and early, the Sunday travel crew was a mixture of History Day veterans, newbies, and first time fliers. Mentor August Spiegelberg entered the departure terminal rife with questions- “Can I leave my bag here alone unattended or would that not be such a great idea? Tell me, just what is this little white bag in the seat pocket for? Should I utilize the bathrooms on the plane, or are they not much to see after all?” Fortunately, his travel experience, despite some initial pre-take off chest heaving, turned out to be “wonderful and, thankfully, uneventful.” August does have one bit of advice for future HD travelers. Read and learn:

“I was told planes were a bit chilly, but whoever told me that little tidbit of info was incredibly mistaken based on my Sun Country flight to D.C. I readily put on my very stylish pair of blue jeans for my first flight ever, and boy, was I going to feel stupid in about 2 takeoffs, 2 landings and 1 long walk to the metro line. During the first ten minutes of walking outside it felt like I was walking in water shoes, and yes, it was gross. My main focus was not where to find sustenance or how to find the college campus or even the nearest bathroom. All I wanted was my basketball shorts. So a friendly reminder to those fellow travelers, planes recycle air and it is not cold and once you step off a plane prepare for heatstroke.”

With denim adhering to their weary legs, August, fellow mentor Katherine Beckmann, and wiser shorts-clad travelers Jamie and Sandy Lien made their way across the campus with the prospect of new, air-conditioned dorms fresh on their minds and sweat-laden legs. Unfortunately, this sweet retreat would not be easily found. After accepting faulty directions from a bus driver, the travelers took the scenic, off-road route to Oakland Dorm, finally arriving after a 30-minute jaunt around campus in the hot Maryland sun. In a race against time, Jamie Lien called upon her last reserves of energy to make it to the diner on time before it closed at 1:30. Spirits brightened as the crew happily munched on orange popsicles, stale fries, and cold pop.

Mr. History’s Celebrity Status Reaches New Levels

Mr. History was walking around the registration room in Stamp Student Union early Sunday morning when two girls from New Mexico asked him for a piece of paper and a pen. When he asked why, they asked him for his autograph. Touched, he wiped away tears and signed yesterday’s bulletin. But this gave Mr. History an idea. He quickly found Mooster History and the two put on crisp new bowling shirts and headed for the local JC Penny. There they spent the morning in their very own glamour photo shoot.

By lunchtime, Mr. History had returned to the Exhibit Hall to supervise set-up. Two girls from Michigan spotted his moose antlers and safari hat and rushed over. “Can we have your autograph?” they chimed. “Yes,” he said, pulling out a glossy photo of himself and Mooster History and signing it, “You are the very first to get one of these so make sure that you treasure it forever!”

Sources claim that an eBay listing appeared for a first edition signed Mister and Mooster History Photo later that day. By dinnertime the current bid was a Guam button, a Shanghai t-shirt, and an original copy of Martin Luther’s 99 Theses.
Monday morning, the juniors put their finishing touches on their exhibits, schlepped their props, and gathered their bibliographies. They were ready as the 2012 National History Day Competition began with the first round of junior judging.

Minnesota’s competition officially kicked off at 10:20am when the “Undapants Kids” performed at the Student Union. These unmentionables showed the judges that they were definitely worth mentioning.

Later that day Kellie Frost’s paper earned the title “Most Interesting Topic We’ve Ever Heard of” from her paper judges. Maddie Pavek rocked her judge interview. Amelia Heusinkveld said “that’s all folks!” to the illness she’s been fighting for several days and gave an energetic performance with her partner Cara Meyer.

The day’s schedule was crowded and many juniors were scheduled to perform at the same time in buildings scattered across the Maryland campus. But the Minnesota delegation loyally braved the heat and distance to cheer each other on. Juniors emerged from their judging rooms to give thumbs up to the Minnesota paparazzi.

The juniors remained calm under pressure even when faced with changing judging times, weird questions, and the distraction of a cute seeing eye dog. The juniors were excellent and gave it their all.

You made Minnesota proud, juniors!

Congrats to our Juniors who made the finals!! Come support them!

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JGP Talkies Hoff Theater 6:15 p.m.
JGD Romanian Revolution Benjamin Banneker Room 7:15 p.m.
Senior Judging Schedule – Tuesday, June 12

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Documentary Students Accidentally Take LSAT – Middle Schoolers Bail on History Day to Pursue Prestigious Law Degrees

As National History Day students, teachers, parents and staff prepared for the judging on Tuesday, many students had no idea that they would be tested in so many different ways. Many of the Minnesota delegation students were judged in the armory. Upon arrival, they located the rooms, but were also given passes to join the crew of people taking the LSAT. “When I was being judged, they asked questions about my project and research, and I had butterflies in my stomach the entire time. But when I sat down to take the LSAT, it was a breeze. History Day really prepared me for that kind of test,” said Madison Grady. After Trina and Geeta wowed the judges with their knowledge about Norman Borlaug, they finished the LSAT in a record 1 hour. “Once we get the results, I am sure I rushed through some parts, but I feel pretty good about it,” said Trina Hofrenning. When it was time for Maleko and McLean to share their thoughts, all they had to say was - “Tizzight.”

Performance Students Lost in Prop Storage Maze Emerge Unharmed

After giving her stellar performance about Florence Nightengale, Jamie Lien, joined by Ruby Sutton, walked props to the prop storage room in Stamp Student Union. “When we walked into the room, we just wanted to find a place to leave Jamie’s props, instead we were lost in a maze of History Day props for an hour and a half,” said Ruby. While Jamie was leading the way with her lamp, the lost group was almost attacked by the building monitor who demanded the duo “Keep the aisles clear!”

At one point Jamie Lien found herself trapped between three boxes large enough to ship Mooster History himself to National History Day. But Ruby’s cool demeanor kept the pair in good spirits, helping them reach the labyrinth exit safely, where the History Day staffers and Maryland Search and Rescue Teams waited. Despite being contacted at 1:00, there has been no further information from UMD Safety Department or Mooster History’s representatives.
“A Sticky Situation”

College Park, MD was the scene of a bitter confrontation last evening, as a group of renegade History Day students from Hagerstown Hall illegally occupied the 2nd floor lounge of Oakland Hall. The students, who had awoken covered in sweat and stuck to their plastic mattresses, were making a desperate attempt to flee the heat by establishing a settlement in Oakland Hall’s luxurious air-conditioned lounges. “First of all, it’s not their dorm, and more importantly, they smell horrible,” commented Minnesota student Kylie Noonan. The turning point of the confrontation came when History Day staffer Kyle Parsons, with the assistance of Lili Ihrig and Nisi Carlson, offered the smelly students unwanted buttons from the 2005 NHD competition (claiming they were actually the original History Day buttons from the 1980s). The ploy worked, and thanks to the cunning negotiation skills of the Minnesota delegation, the Hagerstown refugees were persuaded to seek shelter on the 5th floor of Oakland Hall instead. Additional note: the 2nd floor lounge was temporarily closed in order to fumigate the room and remove sweat stains from the carpeting.

FCAT Opening Ceremony

The FCAT games began Sunday night after a raucous banana dance led by the state’s mysterious new banana clad leader. Mayors Hernandez and Parsons selected delegates to represent their communities as flag bearers. Funcitian Kylie Noonan and Awesometownian Maddie Pavek were selected. The opening ceremonies began with the traditional Minnesota handshake and somewhat heartfelt mayoral head nods were exchanged.

As cries of “Fun city, Fun Fun City, Tim” and “A-Town” poured out the games began with the age-old Firstteamtopullallofthekleenexandthenpickthemupandputthembackintheboxwins. Everyone felt the game’s intensity, leading Awesome town member Ana Schaff to remark, “There were so many tissues in the air it was snowing, which I guess did make me feel more like I was at home in Minnesota.”

After a photo finish Awesome town established the early lead in the 2012 games, earning their community 50 points. However with more games to come, the rivalry is clearly just beginning. Fun City delegate Bessie Bulman was unfazed by the loss and even compared her team to another band of misfits from Minnesota: The Mighty Ducks. Bulman was quoted as saying, “we are about to go Gordon Bombay all over them.” Stay posted as the events are sure to continue, as we expect the games to become increasingly more challenging.
BFG (Becky, Frances, Grace) Finally Reunited! Group Still Struggles to Incorporate Abby into Acronym

Frances was finally reunited with her teammates, Becky and Grace early afternoon on Sunday. Despite being selected as Awesome Town Mayor Kyle’s deputy, by Saturday evening Frances began to feel withdrawal symptoms without B & G. “It was fine at first, but every time I turned around I felt as though something was missing.” Becky and Grace who were on the Sunday flight to D.C. felt similarly. “Sure, we had each other, but you can’t spell BFG without the F, it just doesn’t work.

Minnesota to Florida: Orange you glad you didn’t say banana?
By: Kellie Frost

All of NHD is in shock from the events of last night. Soon after the arrival of the Masked Banana at the Minnesota delegation meeting, several MN students came across a group of Floridians doing the “orange dance.” In reaction to this terrible fruity-tootie trot, the You-betchas promptly formed a circle, surrounding their masked Chiquita screaming in unison “Bananas bunch!” The Floridians stood in awe. By the time the Bananas yelled “Peel banana, peel peel banana”, those sad little oranges were overwhelmed by Minnesota’s awesomeness. They were falling to the floor in the presence of such amazing talent. The bananas finished with a fin cheer and looked out at their audience of freshly-squeezed orange juice. Minnesota is just too amazing for the other states, be they the New York Apple, Georgia Peach or Idaho Potato.

Grace Gardner Exhibits Superhuman Strength- Staff in Awe

Early Sunday morning Grace Gardner headed to Stamp Union to set up her exhibit on the Meiji Restoration. Given her small stature, staffers Kyle and Tim Davis were on hand to assist with the carrying of her large and clunky exhibit box. Much to their shock and awe Gardner told them, “No need. I’ve got this.” The skeptical staffers were blown away when she successfully carried the box up the stairs of Stamp and into the Exhibit Hall. Later, Gardner was seen holding high the Minnesota sign throughout the hour-long Welcome Ceremony. When asked if she needed a break, Gardner just smiled. If you need help carrying your luggage on Friday...
Sensational Seniors!

The seniors brought their A-game and historical radiance to a grey Tuesday in College Park. The stormy weather could not dampen the Minnesota delegation's enthusiasm for the seniors. Supporters braved several rain showers and the slick hills of campus to pack judging rooms and nearby hallways to catch the first glimpse of our intrepid seniors.

Maggie Schmidt's performance kicked off the day and made her standing room-only audience go ballistic. Tasha Holtman and Abby Norling-Ruggles gave back-to-back presentations of their research papers. Their combined bibliographies total approximately 425 pages and the Oregon coordinator thanked them for supporting their forest industries.

Monica Nelson answered questions about her website with ease, helped along by the calming presence of Billy on a Stick. The Mankato group had a strong judging session but emerged from the Exhibit Hall to strike a less than convincing Charlie's Angels pose for the waiting cameras.

The group performances were a trip through the 1960s. CHOF brought Bob Dylan and tie-dye back to the masses while the St. Louis Park group reenacted the French student riots of 1968 and schooled the judges on what a primary source is.

Congrats to our Seniors who made the finals!! Come support them!

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Congressional Visit Schedule

We will be meeting to leave for Congressional visits and Capitol tours on the 1st floor of Stamp by the turtle at the front entrance. From there we will take the Metro into Washington D.C. If you are already in the city, please feel free to meet us.

The Capitol requests that you do not bring large backpacks or purses, or food or drink. Other prohibited items are similar to those that are not allowed on an airplane.

If you find yourself with some down time the Library of Congress, National Archives, and Botanic Garden are

Congressman Walz  Meeting Time: 2:00 1722 Longworth HOB  Heidi, August
Leaving at 1:00

Congressman Paulsen  Meeting at 1:30 127 Cannon HOB  Rachel, Tim D.
Leaving at 12:30

Congresswoman McCollum  Meeting at 2:00 1714 Longworth HOB  Liz, Drew
Leaving at 1:00

Congressman Ellison  Meeting at 1:00 1027 Longworth HOB  Kyle, Katherine
Leaving at 12:00

Congresswoman Bachmann  Meeting at 1:10 103 Cannon HOB  Laura
Leaving at 12:10

Congressman Cravaack  Meeting at 2:00 508 Cannon HOB  Katie, Cody
Leaving at 1:00

Senator Klobuchar  Meeting at 3:15 Hart SOB – Atrium  All

Senator Franken  Meeting at 4:00  Hart SOB – Atrium  All

After meeting with Senator Franken the herd will walk over the American History Museum for National History Night Reception from 6-8:30pm. Take this time to grab a bit to eat, or eat the Café at the museum. Look for Brittany Woodke’s exhibit on Women in WWII on display! We will be leaving at 8pm so as to avoid the chaos that will ensue on the Metro and shuttle bus back to campus.

Thank you, parents and teachers for all of your support this year!
Bopping to the Dinosaur Rock

Ready to let loose at the U.S.’s third largest student dance-off EVER, the Minnesota delegation brought down the house with their show stopping dinosaur walk. Unable to comprehend the awesome(town)ness of what they were witnessing, students from Tennessee approached Geeta and Trina and tried to learn the moves. Being so in character, Geeta and Trina responded in a deafening roar and left the students running for cover in the larger mob of bump-n-grind. Afraid that more Minnesotans would soon transform into dinosaurs, the Utah delegates-declaring that dinosaurs were found in their home state-offered to use their expertise to translate the screeches and roars into dance instructions.

The Rain Heard ‘Round the World

College Park was inundated with rain yesterday, forcing a group of Minnesota History Day students to devise an innovative way to get their props to the Stamp Center. The students, Kat, Autumn, and Haven, were stuck in Oakland Hall waiting for the rain end – not wanting to get their Bob Dylan set waterlogged in the deluge. “It was a hard rain,” recalled Autumn, echoing Dylan’s famous 1962 song. When the rain finally let up, the campus was covered with over three feet of water (according to Minnesota History Day’s in-house meteorologists). As the group contemplated how they could possibly make it to their performance, Kat and Haven began to sing Dylan’s hit “When the Ship Come In” out of utter boredom. All of a sudden, Autumn cried out, “I’ve got it! We’ll build a ship!” According to witnesses at Oakland Hall, the resourceful group quickly assembled a makeshift raft out of plastic mattresses and dorm room bed sheets for a sail. The group loaded up their props and set sail on the high seas of the College Park campus. Luckily, the group arrived in time to compete at Stamp, thanks to their sturdy mattress and sail, which was blowin’ in the wind.
FCAT Cup Tied 1-1 After Fun City Rebounds with Big Win

After an intense first night of games, both towns took a day off from the FCAT event to recuperate and strategize. The Awesome Town squad spent the day at the pool relaxing in an attempt to stay loose. However, this strategy proved to be unsuccessful, as the Fun City team used the extra time to practice their balancing and coordinated walking skills. When the “Balloon-Back-Balance-Ball” game began, Awesome Town proved to be no match for the scrappy group from Fun City. Abby Norling-Ruggles of Fun City was overheard saying, “I’m not sure who was on the other side of that balloon, and I’ll never find out, but whoever they are, I’d have never gotten through that without them.”

Fret not, Awesome Townians, as tomorrow offers the promise of a new day, and the inaugural game of the Oreo Cookie Face-Off Challenge.

Ana Schaff and Bridget Farrell of Awesome Town show their superior “elbow lock” technique during the balloon shuttle challenge.

Mister History Saves the Sweaty

Tuesday is historically the most difficult of days on the NHD calendar. The fantastic MN History Day staffers have been tirelessly running across campus, dragging around props, recovering last minute staplers, and planning ahead enough to ensure CHOFers show up with their Munsingwear on. By late afternoon, the last few competitors finished their first rounds of judging and the energy on campus shifted to the Junior Division documentary and performance runoffs. Minnesota showed up in support of its team in outstanding numbers. A chance break between the performances and documentaries allowed for everyone to wait eagerly at the television screens for the announcement of Senior Division Runoff Qualifiers.

With the increased density of nervous young adults, the humidity inside the Stamp Student Union skyrocketed to record levels for the state of Maryland. This was remarkable considering the actual precipitation coming down from the skies. Not a single brow in the proximity of the

Kermit-the-Frog-Turtle was dry. At the stroke of seven, screeched and hollered in preparation for the results. Nothing. Rumors that there had been a delay spread faster than the drips of sweat streaming down the excited cheeks of our seniors. After nearly 30 minutes of perspiration, the crowd grew weary. All of this pent up energy erupted in shrieks, which began to drown out final round performances nearby. An unforeseen hero waited only feet away. Mr. History was sent by the national office to announce the delay and quiet the crowd. The silence that followed helped diminish the heat as disappointed delegates wandered off to see the results at another screen. A ten-degree temperature drop at the info desk was akin to a cool Minnesotan breeze.
Maleko Milks for Minnesota

As the sun began to set on the first day of official competition at NHD, Anwatin Junior Documentary partners Maleko and Mclean headed into their judging room in the basement of the Armory, location of the HD-Dance. Unfortunately for the team from “Nouth” Minneapolis and their team of onlookers, the air conditioning in the room failed in earlier in the morning as a result of the surmounting fear of LSAT test takers down the hall. However, the team’s parents promised them ice cream at “The Dairy” located just behind the building on Baltimore Avenue in exchange.

Caption Contest – Submit your entries by 9pm Wednesday!
Night at the Museum Becomes Too Realistic

Descending upon the Smithsonian, students were excited for a night of fun(town) in D.C. and to be recognized for all their awesome(city) work. Well, not everyone. “The Smithsonian??”, commented Anna Cook, “Couldn’t they have held it somewhere more important? I mean we were just at the White House on Saturday.” Nevertheless delegates made their way over to the museum but were unprepared for the changes that occur within the museum at nightfall. What was expected to be a relatively relaxed reception became “real” when statues left their bases after deciding that they wanted to take part in the festivities. Not to be outdone, the characters and individuals displayed on exhibits by History Day participants joined in on the action as well. “They just climbed out of the foam board!”, exclaimed Brittany Woodke, referring to the women of WWII, “But at least they were in a single file line.” Amazing interactions were taking place all over the museum. History Day staffer Liz Venditto even got to say hello to former president George Washington. “I had never met a president before!” she giggled. “And I never thought that if I did it would be George. I always thought it would have been Millard Fillmore.” Liz shrugged off the encounter, but when fellow staffer Heidi Kloempken heard Liz retelling her story Heidi wanted to hear every detail. Heidi, a GW superfan, then searched the remainder of the evening trying to find George before he returned to stone. Just as she reached his base the clock struck 8, ending the reception and George once again became immobile. Luckily for Heidi one of his buckled shoes was forgotten on the front steps, so she hopes to return next year to finally get her wish. There is a rumor going around that everyone from this year’s Minnesota delegation, except for Abby Norling-Ruggles, will be joining her as well.

Congrats to all of our National Qualifiers! You have made us all very proud! Go Gophers!!

Thursday Schedule
8:00 am Begin walking to the Awards Ceremony
9:00 am Awards Ceremony at Comcast Center
Afternoon: Exhibit take down
pm: Room Judging
*Remember, the Diner closes after breakfast today

Winning Caption:
“Have YOU been off campus without a chaperone!?”
Delegation Meets with Senators Klobuchar and Franken - Awesome Town Recruits Franken

Even though Franken starts with “F”

The Minnesota herd successful reunited yesterday afternoon at the Hart Senate Office building after visiting the House Offices. Excitement was high as the delegation waited for Senators Klobuchar and Franken to arrive. Members of Awesome Town plotted how they could use the meeting to gain an advantage over rival Fun City. “We knew that this was the perfect opportunity to score major points and finally pull ahead. I wasn’t sure he would automatically support Awesome Town, so I asked him to make an “A” for Al.”, crafty Maddie Pavek proudly relayed. Earlier Pavek was allegedly spotted shoving Kylie Noonan out of the way to get closer to Franken. The two have been in stiff competition with each other all week to gain the most points, even supporting the same projects in an effort to cancel out the other’s points. The plot worked as Franken proudly displayed the Awesome Town sign. Dismayed, the Fun City delegation began to frantically flash the “F”, but the damage was done. Staff has not determined what point value will be assigned to the successful photo op, but rumors abound that it will be worthy of Capitol Hill.

Pleasantville - A Place for Parents

As the week of fun on the Maryland campus comes to an end the Minnesota parents have finally voiced their displeasure with not being involved in the FCAT games. Mike Resnick was so upset with being excluded he exclaimed, "If I had known that this week was going to be all about Jonah getting to have fun while I watched, I seriously would have reconsidered buying those plane tickets.” With all of the disappointment centered around the lack of parental inclusion, there have been lengthy discussions about the adults forming a third city, “Pleasantville.”

Among the many problems facing this upstart town is who will be the new mayor. Emily Carlson was originally considered to be the heavy favorite until Deb Debruin saw her offering money for Oregon buttons, a clear button trading no-no. If clear leadership of Pleasantville emerges, then the residents of Awesome town and Fun City better watch their backs, because their parents will no longer be there to do so.

Masked Banana Missing from Nightly Meeting – BFG Points Finger at United Fruit Company

The Masked Banana was mysteriously missing from the Minnesota meeting on Wednesday night. Mr. History stepped in to keep the banana dancers in top form as staffers were dispatched to begin an investigation of the whereabouts of the absent Chiquita.

BFG paced nervously in the corner of the second floor lounge. They were certain that MacLean Dulles, grandson of John Foster Dulles, had organized a kidnapping on behalf of the United Fruit Company. The masked banana was blamed for preventing the importation of thumbless and lipless fruit, thereby threatening the political stability of several Latin American governments.
Heretics, Fingerprints, and Communists, Oh My!

Thursday morning at Stamp Union marked the final day of competition at NHD and the Minnesotan seniors were out in force for the documentary and performance runoffs. Freshmen Maggie Schmidt and Hannah Myers calmly prepared themselves for their late morning performances while documentarians Becky, Francis, Grace [BFG] and Jennifer presented their films. As each project was presented, a strange historical trend quickly appeared, causing suspicion amongst undercover members of the CIA (who had recently returned from misadventures in Latin America). It appeared that our innocent Minnesotans were all caught with red hands. Communism -- in the Capitol?

While watching the performances of Schmidt and Myers (pictured right) the Agency found that each of the young women sported the communist color. In reaction, the CIA took the duo into custody. The Agency also took Anna, Natalie, and Nora because of their proximity to the Romanian Revolution. The young women were taken to Blackwell’s Island where Anna Cook interrogated each about their affiliations. According to reports, the CIA uncovered that all five of the competitors had spent time at the Highlander Folk School studying sneaky ways to infiltrate the minds of the easily susceptible NHD audiences. Luckily, the BFG utilized their savvy understanding of CIA History to acquit the actresses and save them just in time for the trip into D.C.

Stupid things I say that make Kyle LOL
- By: Caitlin Hansen

1. I was frustrated with the Velcro I could not live without when a staffer asked Kyle “Could you grab the camera?” Confused, Kyle replied, “the one that takes pictures?” In the sassiest tone possible I responded “No, the one that reads books, dummy.”

2. During button trading and conversing with Kyle, my simple statement of “Holy Buttons Batman” was enough to cause him to slap his knee a few times.

3. The Following was mainly the conversation I had with a girl from North Carolina while waiting for the Senior results. We were talking about accents and what not, so of course being a Minnesotian I asked “How do you pronounce the following?”:
   - Milk or Melk?
   - Creek or Crick?
   - Roof or Ruff?
   - Casserole or hot dish?
She also thought it was amazingly fun(city)ny that I said “ya know”.

Minnesota reaches new heights at National History Day Awards Ceremony

“Nobody puts Mooster History in a corner,” said teacher Hayley Forrest when Minnesota discovered where they would be sitting at the National History Day Awards Ceremony in College Park, Maryland. The psychic teacher from Anwatin knew all along that Minnesota would be getting their exercise running up and down the stairs to the stage. “Sitting so high up was really good for my vocal chords to yell down to the stage every few minutes cheering on my fellow Minnesotans,” said National Finalist Amelia Heusinkveld. Added Hope Piepkorn, “We finally understood what Staffer Lizard felt like as she ran around campus every day helping out students.”

After starting with the Parade of States in the new Comcast Center, Minnesota made their way to their seats, staffers were worried about lack of oxygen for the students. They practiced snapping photos of sleeping students and coordinating chants of “Wake-up, you’re at Natty’s!” to keep everyone alert. The awards started with Junior Group Exhibit, congratulating the Power Over Pain group on first place, and moved quickly into the other categories. As Minnesota delegates continued to climb up and down the stairs, they were overheard commenting, “Why did they sit so far away from the stage if they are going to win everything?”

Friday Schedule
7:30 a.m. Be packed and downstairs checking out of the dorms. Turn in your key and swipe card! Then head out to the courtyard with your luggage and wait to load the buses.
8:00 a.m. Depart University of Maryland for Reagan National Airport
8:30 a.m. Check in at Sun Country Desk, head through security, and find breakfast!
11:15 a.m. Depart Reagan National Airport on Sun Country Flight 266 and head to Minneapolis.
1:53 p.m. (Central Time) Arrive at Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport
2:00 p.m. We love you, but, GO HOME!!!
Meet Jose: “Minnesota’s Newest Resident”

The state of Minnesota grew in population by one today, as North Carolina resident José Cisneros was officially accepted as the newest member of the land of ten thousand lakes. After hanging out with the Minnesota History Day delegation this past week in College Park, José decided that he could not live in a place where the residents were unfamiliar with the banana dance ritual or Oreo cookie sporting events. “I don’t plan to renounce my North Carolina citizenship, but I’m definitely going to take advantage of all the perks that come along with being a Minnesotan. Plus, I really want one of those awesome blue bowling shirts,” commented Mr. Cisneros on Thursday afternoon. José plans to tour the state for the next several months banana dancing and becoming familiar with Minnesota history. However, he plans to return to North Carolina once winter arrives. Thanks for sharing your time with us, Jose, it was our pleasure.

The “Dormies” Results Are In!

SENIOR CHAMP: Survivor & Princess (tie)
JUNIOR CHAMPS: Baseball & Butterfly (tie)
Theme awards --
Best Architectural Structure: Geeta & Trina
Best Special Effects: Anna & Kellie
Most Historically Correct: Tasha & J.Lor
Most Heartfelt: Seward Girls
Most Energetic: Maddy & Grace
Best Roommate Collaboration: Kylie & Maddie P.
Best Homemade Snack: Cara & Amelia
Most Awkward: Monica & Maggie
Most Transcendent: South High Girls
Hostess of the Mostest: Mairead
Biggest Safety Hazard: SLP Boys
Most Genuine: Sam & Josh
Best Sleeping Banana: Maleko & Mclean
Best Beard: Bessie & Emma
Most Star-Spangled: Mankato Boys
Best Use of Open Door Policy: Caitlin
Prettiest in Pink: Bridget, Ana & Morgan
Most Elaborate: Brittany, Elena & Melanie
Best Opportunity to Trash Talk Other Judges On Camera: Hannah & Madeline
Best Song: Lili, Nisi & Jamie
Most Enlightened: Joe & Neal

A Note from Caitlin~

I know we said lots of wonderful things to the staff at last night’s meeting, but I also believe they have gone around the world too many times for us, so I believe they deserve at least a shout out and thank you:
Staff, thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. You’ve made this the best experience for newbies and vets together. The games were cheesy-good, the attitudes were the best, and mainly the help and words of wisdom were genuine. You can’t fight the inevitable – you all make history fun! I’m for sure going to come back next year and I know I’ve made friends for life!
Every member of staff and mentors you’re beyond Awesome...town.
National Finalist Results

David Van Tassel Case Western Reserve Scholarship: Molly Nemer

1st Place National Winners:
- Jennifer Lor, Senior Individual Documentary
- Grace Gardner, Junior Individual Exhibit
- Melanie Blazar, Cassidy Yueh, & Halcyon Brown, Junior Group Exhibit

2nd Place National Finalists:
- Anna Kleven, Nora Sylvestre, & Natalie Tufvesson, Junior Group Documentary
- Austyn Kaye Otten, Hope Piepkorn, Kit Piepkorn, & Tomas Piepkorn, Junior Group Performance
- Alexis Ihrig & Anisa Carlson, Junior Group Website

3rd Place National Finalists:
- Ana Schaff, Senior Individual Website
- Tasha Holtman, Senior Paper

4th Place National Finalists:
- Maggie Schmidt, Senior Individual Performance

5th Place National Finalists:
- Samuel Gearou & Joshua Gearou, Senior Group Exhibit

6th Place National Finalists:
- Amelia Heusinkveld & Cara Meyer, Junior Group Performance

7th Place National Finalists:
- Caitlin Hansen, Senior Individual Exhibit
- Abby Norling-Ruggles, Senior Paper

10th Place National Finalists:
- Kellie Frost, Junior Paper
- Hannah Myers, Senior Individual Performance

11th Place National Finalists:
- Becky Norling-Ruggles, Grace Palmer, & Frances Matejcek, Senior Group Documentary

12th Place National Finalists:
- Joe Vitt, Morgan Lieske, Neal Billig, & Bridget Farrell, Senior Group Website