THE FCAT GAMES ARE COMING

When Team Minnesota isn’t busy supporting each other, we’re busy competing in the FCAT (eff-cat) Games, a series of quick-paced, minute-to-win-it style events. Following each nightly meeting, Fun City, led by Mayor JLor, will face off in a total of five events against Awesome Town, led by Mayor Action. JLor and Action are currently meeting with potential candidates to elect a deputy general, someone they believe will be the key to their team’s success.

Grace Philippon, a returning competitor for Awesome Town, said “Our new deputy is important and has to be quick on their toes. Lightning fast. Someone who can lead by example.” Action agrees. “If you feel you’ve got what it takes to lead us to victory, send me your resume as soon as possible.”

“JLor commented. Last year’s Fun City deputy Sam Skinner, added, “I feel this candidate has stellar communication skills that will not only guide our team’s creative capability, but also build a strong sense of camaraderie to push us to the finish line.” As the search comes to an end, they’ll also begin recruiting for new additions to fill the rest of their team’s rosters. Each roster will vary in age and size, hail from all corners of the great Minnesota prairie, and range in Myers-Briggs personalities and Adobe creative types. Whatever the match, we know that the FCAT games are going to be awesome (town) and you won’t want to miss out on any of the fun (city). Kevin, the Games’ number one fan, has been waiting 366 days for the return of the series. When asked if this year’s event might be a disappointment, he answered, “Not today. Not ever.” Will you be ready? The FCAT Games are coming!
S & SJ: PACKING 101

Uff da!! (Cue humid air and lots of sweating.) The time has come for yet another Nationals. What better way to kick off this year's trip than with a quick lesson on what to pack with Sarah and Sammi Jo, our very own hot weather experts? Pay very close attention, NQs. There's some learning about to happen.

Sarah recommends starting with the essentials, like sunscreen, a water bottle, and wet wipes. “If you want to beat the heat, you’ve got to fight the sun.” Avoid sunburn and stay hydrated. The wet wipes will keep you cool in moments of desperation! Other necessities include good walking shoes, thin socks, and deodorant! “There'll be lots of walking and sweating. Keep the feet and pits dry people!”

For judging, consider bringing two sets of fancy clothes. “Docs may present twice. You won’t need two outfits as an exhibit, paper, or website kid, but you might change your outfit the morning of. Performances, you're good with costumes.” Don’t forget your comfy clothes either. You won’t want to wear a dress or suit everywhere!

Now on to the fun. There's a dance. There's button trading. Even better, there’s a room decorating contest. You could bring sunglasses. “They’ll come in handy while you’re out in the sun as a tourist or while you’re at the dance posted like a cool kid. Your choice,” Sammi Jo shrugged, followed by two affirming nods and a thumbs up from Angie and Gretchen. “Bring something with pockets too. You’ll definitely need a sizeable stash of Minny pins to get one of those rare Shanghai pins.” Once you meet your roommate for the week, you’ll want to brainstorm some room decorating ideas. “We like rooms that are committed to a theme. Bring on the decorations and only the best of bribes, like a cold pop. “Diet Coke only though,” Sarah and Sammi Jo both insisted.

What else might you bring? Pure enthusiasm. There are a lot of general shenanigans during Nationals in addition to FCATs, like lots of thumbs ups and tons of banana dancing. “And if you're cool enough, we might just show you our secret handshake.” (Insert emoji with sunglasses and a peace sign.)

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE HISTORY DAY STAFF

- **SARAH** can name all of the Monster Jam trucks.
- **SAMMI JO** is a di-hard Lady Di fan.
- **KEVIN** once fired a cannon at the USS Enterprise.
- **GRETCHEN** can throw a pretty good spiral.
- **ACTION** is a roundhouse kicking specialist.
- **JLOR** knows all the countries of the world.
- **ANGIE** can ride a unicycle.
- **SARAH M** has been stung by a stingray two times.
- **ED** can recite every Star Wars prequel.
- **DYANI** discovered that bunnies couldn’t fart.

HOW MANY ASTRONAUTS?


There are five space/aviation related projects among Team Minnesota this year. Just to test our luck, we reached out to our contacts at Southwest, inquiring if they had any connections in the private space sector. To our surprise, the answer was yes and they offered us a special upgrade for our upcoming group flight. Instead of boarding a Boeing 737-800, we’ll be suiting up and making a pit stop to space in a rocketship before arriving to Washington, D.C. The plan is, get up there, drop off a satellite, say “What’s up?” to the Russians, and then break through the atmosphere again to unload at Reagan International. Are aerosols allowed in space? Have you ever tried freeze dried spaghetti? I guess there's a first for everything.

Luckily, we’ll be able to avoid the tragedies of these topics, thanks to our highly skilled, professionally trained pilot/astronaut. None other than the Erin “Baby Grube” Grube, who took a crash course titled “How to Fly to Space” within the last 24 hours, will be flying us. Baby Grube's advice? There's not enough room for your luggage in space. Pack lightly!
Way before sunrise on Thursday morning, Sarah and Sammi Jo loaded the last of Team Minnesota's oversized valuables onto the cargo van and sped off toward College Park, Maryland. As they passed through Wisconsin, the rest of the staff got an update from S & SJ: there was a delicious fried cheese smell in the air. Almost immediately, they stopped at Culver's for some authentic cheese curds. Mediocre at best, they set out on a mission to find the best of the best in the state and vowed to stop at every gas station in sight. To stop the mad search and ensure they'd arrive to College Park in a timely manner, the rest of the History Day staff enlisted the help of fellow Wisconsinite Courtney Major. “Easy,” Major texted us back. “Get to the armpit of Wisconsin. That’s where it’s the stinkiest.” Last we heard, they made a U-turn. Now it’s Saturday morning and we’re starting to panic. Fingers crossed, Team Minnesota. That S & SJ get there before us, with fresh cheese curds in hand.
GET TO KNOW THE STAFF AND MENTORS!

SARAH is somewhere at the contest. Have you seen her? She might be in Stamp - or the Diner? I think she's trying to find a Diet Coke on a Pepsi campus. Should we be worried? A staffer without their bowling shirt is virtually impossible to find! Good luck!

SAMMI JO is excited to finally know her way around campus now that it's her sixth nationals. In her free time, she likes to run (for fun), eat crispy M&M's, and drink bubble tea. See Sarah and her in the same room this week? It's rare, buy a lottery ticket!

GRETCHEN is super excited for her first Nationals! A former Minneapolis Public Schools teacher, Gretchen really enjoys loose leaf tea and chocolate (boujee and peanut butter M&Ms). If you need a laugh, ask Gretchen to crack some dad jokes. They're great.

ACTION will be mayor of Awesome Town for a fifth year! He's pumped to beat everybody at Super Smash Bros and really enjoys candy sweets of all kinds! Beware though, he just got his wisdom teeth pulled, so we don't want him in the dentist's office again!

JLOR was a Natty's kid and is on to her sixth Nationals too. Newly elected as mayor of Fun City, she enjoys Hot Cheeto puffs, Squirt soda, ice pops, and insane amounts of Extra brand Spearmint gum. She doesn't like to be scared, so please don't scare her.

SAFRANSKI will also be joining Team Minnesota as a first year staffer. However, this is his second Nationals! He likes cheese, pistachios, and anything Green Bay Packers related... is there anything else to say? We all know that it's all about the Vikings around here in Minny!

KEVIN has been around at Nationals often enough to know it's hot and very muggy. He likes expensive Hershey's chocolates, chips and salsa, and knows the Banana Dance by heart. Hit him up for a lesson or a refresher. You won't be disappointed.

ANGIE was a History Day mentor before she joined the staff on a wild adventure this year. Also her first Nationals, she hopes not to burn in the sun. Angie likes bagels and cream cheese, Jimmy John's, Honey BBQ Frito Twists, and iced coffee.

ED was a History Day mentor in Minneapolis this year and currently attends the U of M. Ed loves all things Spider-Man, Life Savers gummies, Mars chocolate bars, and watching all of the Star Wars movies back to back in his free time!

DYANI also mentored in Minneapolis and attends the U of M! She enjoys grass and the smell of horses. Her favorites include Skittles, ice cream cake, and tater tots. We once asked Dyani what the spiciest thing in the world was. Her answer......ketchup. Ask her about that. We don't understand.

SARAH M is a graduate of Minnesota State, Mankato and serves History Day in Southwest Minnesota! This Sarah is also gluten-free, really likes pizza, chocolate chocolate cookies, and Dr. Pepper. Fun fact: she's naming her baby JJ after John and Jennifer.

MOOSTER is a legend in his own time. Though no one really knows if he'll leave the Minnesota summer tundra for the Maryland heatwaves, we seem to always be able to rely on him when we need it most. Make sure your moose calls are loud enough. He might just come through!

While we know all of this information is quite an overshare, we wanted to give you all as many hints as possible to successfully collect and prepare bribes for your Dorm Decorating Judges on Thursday night. Take a picture, it'll last longer. We can't promise there might be an extra copy of this CHDBB laying around!
HAVE YOU MET AARON CUTHBERT YET?

In case you missed it, Aaron Cuthbert will be traveling to Nationals with Team Minnesota as our 2019 Travel Teacher. Aaron currently teaches Social Studies at Fridley Middle School and spends a lot of his free time working with the district’s Teachers Union. At Nationals, Aaron will participate in a variety of workshops, get a chance to judge other Natty’s kids, and help support Team Minnesota projects. When he’s not doing super important work, Aaron likes to play Four Square and go on walks with his three dogs. “I’m not gonna lie… I’m the Four Square king,” he told staff last week. “I play Four Square with my three dogs literally every day.” Say hello to Aaron if you see him around, but most importantly, join staff for Four Square festivities this week and put the “king” to test!

MINNESORTA FUNNY JOKES

How many seasons are there in Minnesota? One.

Which U.S. state has the world’s smallest soft drinks? Minnesoda.

Why can’t you go back home after visiting Minnesota? Because your car won’t start.

What do rodents do after dinner? They gopher a walk.

What’s the best day in Minnesota? The one day it’s warm.

Where do Minnesotans go for vacation? Brainerd.

How many more Petersons are there in Minnesota than lakes? 10,001.

What’s the state bird of Minnesota? The construction crane.

Why did Spring and Summer leave early? Because Winter took too long to say goodbye.
ACROSS
4. The UN teamed up to eliminate this epidemic
5. These animals experienced near extinction
7. Does magic
8. Scientist Krim and actress Taylor helped form this organization
11. Still a very popular musical
14. Used to have a one child policy
16. If not used properly, can cause brain damage
18. A Nazi resistance group
22. The reason why Russia and the U.S. engaged in a Space Race
23. This invention helped the U.S. end WWII
26. There is a documentary on genocide in this country
28. Women were targeted for the marketing of this product
29. Another word for success
30. A popular demonstration during the American Indian Movement
31. Created the first maternity hospital in Minneapolis
32. Allowed young people to vote
33. A fancy word for a song, Shoshtakovick wrote one
34. In South Korea, the public does not talk about them
35. Native American children were forced into them

DOWN
1. Where civil liberties were risked
2. Still controversial in women’s rights debates
3. The Reserve Mining Company dumped them into Lake Superior
6. In 1992, the community protested police brutality
9. This country was demilitarized after defeat
10. This organization led the Mississippi Freedom Summer
12. Led to the laws of the sea in Britain and Ireland
13. This space shuttle exploded in 1968
15. There were six of these space missions
17. Last name of the woman pilot who disappeared
19. Contagious, makes you cough really hard
20. Frances Kelsey had concerns about this drug
21. Famous Communist leader of China
24. Another word for failure
25. Upton Sinclair’s novel
26. Bulging is the present particle of this word
27. This paper discusses the experiences of refugees from this country
After driving halfway across the country, Sarah and Sammi Jo were determined to have everything ready at the University of Maryland for the rest of the team to arrive. But after stuffing hundreds of teacher bags for NHD and re-shuffling some of our dorm assignments, they realized that Mooster had been left behind at a West Virginia rest stop! “He wanted to overlook some of the mountains and scenery during a pit stop,” Sarah said, “We didn’t realize he didn’t get back in the car – we thought one of the props would say something!” (They didn’t.) In an effort to hide their mistake, they decided to quickly act, using Mother Nature. By planning a massive rainstorm for the Atlanta area, Sarah was able to drive back and pick Mooster up and get back before the rest of the delegation arrived. They didn’t seem to mind, the airport was loaded with distractions. “We got FUNYONS!” said Ellery Tennison, “I didn’t even notice that our plane didn’t leave when it was supposed to.” Another student, Megan Schneider, was quoted as saying, “It’s a good thing we stayed in Atlanta for five hours, I would have had to stop my Bananagrams game and I hate losing [to myself].” In the end, Team Minnesota safely arrived (thanks to our bus drivers, especially Joe, and checked into La Plata, where they are excited to live in luxury over the next week. “Do you think we could plan another delay for the way back?” said Keo Sena, “I loved snacking on airport food.” *groan* Don’t worry team, his partner, Charlie Cullen, quickly told him that wasn’t going to happen. One rain delay is enough for this week.

**ALL EXHIBIT PROJECTS**

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**IMPORTANT PHONE #S**

- SARAH: 608-213-0384
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- JLOR: 651-417-9454
- SAFRANSKI: 920-493-6324
- ANGIE: 651-769-4553
- KEVIN: 612-600-7270
- DYANI: 320-405-7636
- ED: 612-889-0464
- SARAH M: 507-696-4615

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WELCOME CEREMONY MOVED TO RECKORD ARMORY

Rain? What’s that? After a completely weather-free travel day, it looks like Maryland is going to be wet this week. To kick off NHD 2019, we will attend the National Contest Welcome Ceremony, where you have the chance to meet competitors from across the country and engage in vigorous button trading! Team MN will meet outside the dorms at 5:45pm and begin the walk to the ceremony promptly at 6pm. If you are not walking from the dorms, you can look for the Team MN banner and group at the Reckord Armory. The ceremony begins at 6:30pm, so if you are not walking with the group, plan accordingly! During the ceremony, be ready to represent MN when our state is called! The keynote speaker this year is Civil Rights Activist, Judy Richardson. Remember to bring your MN buttons and beaming personalities, as this is a prime opportunity for button trading and friend-making! If you need an idea for introducing yourself, feel free to use this classic line: “How much does a polar bear weigh? Enough to break the ice, hi, my name is {insert your name here}!”

HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

“I dropped my ice cream at the airport...I picked it up, scraped off the top, and continued to eat it. Ain’t no way I’m wasting that $7 double scoop!”

“If you say Hawk backwards you make the sound they make.”

“Someday, I’m gonna put a hot pocket in JLor’s armpit and see how well it’ll cook.” - Action

LOUNGE ACTIVITIES

GAME NIGHT
Action, Angie, Sarah M, Ed, and Dyani will be leading a Game Night in the lounge!

FOUR SQUARE
JLor will be leading Four Square outside!

DINER HOURS
BREAKFAST: 7–9:30 am
LUNCH: 11:30 am–1:30 pm
DINNER: 5–7 pm

PHOTOS FROM OUR TRAVEL DAY
TEAM MINNESOTA “STORM” (LOL) THE COURT FOR BUTTON TRADING

It was a busy Sunday with the start of registration and exhibit set-up and Team Minnesota was ready to roll early in the morning. Gus LaFave was caught trying to drag his mattress to Stamp last night, saying, “I just wanted to be first in line to register, I thought this was the best chance for that!” Luckily his roommates, Calvin Mattson and Jackson Fawcett, convinced him to stay in the dorm. “We were worried he’d be trampled by the crowds if he slept there,” Mattson said.

Once registration opened (for real), Team Minnesota was at the forefront of button trading. Most of the group figured they’d have to start early if they wanted to trade many buttons, otherwise they’d risk hearing the “Oh, Minnesota? I already have that one.” Mae Wrigley and Sam Kellar-Long scoped out the Colony Ballroom early to get a head start. “I’ve already gotten about 30 different affiliate buttons,” Wrigley said, “My goal is all 57 by the end of the week!” Alternatively, our group of Exhibit students were busy setting up their projects but using our emergency supply bin as collateral for buttons. “Some Arkansas student wanted to borrow a screwdriver,” said Calvin Weier, “which I was happy to lend him, but I said I needed one button in exchange.” It was a tough bargain, but in the end, Weier got both the button and made a new insta friend from Arkansas.

How are you doing with button trading? We’d love to see how close you are to having all 57! Gotta trade ‘em all!

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Good luck, Juniors! We’re so proud of you!

NO STATE MEETING MONDAY!

Tonight is all about having your own fun! We won’t be having a state meeting or an FCAT game so that you can go to the dance and boogie away. Promptly at 4-5:30 PM, JLor will be hosting Salon Night in the 2nd Floor Lounge to help you get ready for the Dance! Come with looks and get ready to serve ‘em!

JUNIOR PERFORMANCE STUDENTS

8:30AM - Sammi Jo will be with the van outside of La Plata to load performance props for student who contacted her in advance! She will drive everything to SSU and meet you there. Please do not be late!

After result postings (approx. 7:00 PM), talk to Sammi Jo about getting your props back onto the van to the dorm.
Well it is dance time...or close to it anyway. First and foremost, we are hosting salon night! Get ready by painting your nails, and doing your hair and makeup. We will listen to music and relax before heading to the dance. Check with staff for salon location.

Here are ways to calm nerves, look cool, and dance freely.

**How to look cool:**
1. Wear sunglasses
2. Wear your flare (display those buttons!)
3. Put on your coolest winter hat

**How to cool the nerves:**
1. Be in the moment
2. Channel your inner Justin Timberlake
3. Strike a pose

**Dance moves to try:**
1. Banana dance
2. The floss
3. The chicken dance
4. Making a sandwich

Overall, being yourself is the best way to look cool and remain relaxed. Your dance moves will follow soon after.

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**EXHIBITS UNCOVERED!**

With a spring in their step and mummy-wrapped projects in their hands, Team Minnesota triumphed in their second Maryland task: setting up exhibits. When asked how they were able to accomplish the set-up so quickly, Gwen McMahon and Annabelle Niblett said, “All it took was a little glue spray, some careful balancing, a tiny hammer.”

Lily Johnson spent most of her time during set up hand-crafting roses, while Megan Schneider carefully wove the fishing net that sent her project over the top. But not all was as easy as these Minnesotans made it seem. “The hardest part?” said Chase Baumgarten was getting Mooster to take off the historic helmet!” Colin McShane nodded, looking exhausted from the effort.

Calvin Weier, Emily Brenner, Annika Schroeder and Amanda Montgomery and Hannah Jensen and Jaedyn Thoma just shook their heads. “We don’t know why they are complaining. Tiny elves came and set up ours. It was easy!"

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**HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE**

*Any and all funny jokes or comments heard from Sunday!*

“I have difficulty doing the number 2 in a communal bathroom.” - J Lor

“You should have told me last night, she could have warmed up my pizza.” - Ron Beck

“Why do people from Boston always wear their Khakis?”
“*Well, how else would they start their cars?*” - Ed

“This button is from Southeast Asia”
“*Oh thats cool! Where is it from? Like Singapore or something?”*
“*I already told you, its from Southeast Asia*”
“*But, like where specifically is it from?*”
“Southeast Asia!!”

“I’ll give you $20 for a pin?”
“*Not enough!*”

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**DINER HOURS**

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CONGRATULATIONS, JUNIORS!

Good luck, Phoebe!
Hope you’re having an awesome time! We love you, Mom, Dad, and Owen

Congratulations Annika & Amanda! We are so proud of you girls! Good luck! We love you! - Schroeder/Montgomery Families

Khayaal, Congratulations and well done! We’re all very proud of you, even your brother (and maybe Tycho, too). And no more revisions! Woo hoo! - Ruskin and Jigna

Emily, Congratulations on all your hard work and perseverance on your history day project. Enjoy Nationals and all the wonderful memories. We are proud of you! - Mom and Dad

Good luck Charlie and Keo!!!! We are so proud of you both and we know you are going to be great. Have fun!!! - Mom and Dad (Cullen)

Khayaal, You have worked so hard and at such a high level it isn’t a wonder you are in D.C.!!!! So proud of my “fake” eighth gradeer!!!!!!! Have a blast! - Chuck

Sydney and Aviva, You’ve worked so hard and we are so proud of you! Have fun and be confident! Mom and Dad (McGrath Family)

Ricky and Tara, I am so incredibly proud of your hard work. Best of luck and have fun! I will miss you both next year! - Erin Anderson

Alice and Kai, We’re so impressed with your commitment to your project and your effective collaboration! It’s fun to witness you grow as scholars. With love and pride, your parents. - Dana and Nat, Lisa and Andy

Sasha - You have created a phenomenal project and I am so excited that you get to compete at the National level! You have prodigious gifts and you know how to use them! Go get ‘em gir!!! - Karen Nelson

Alice and Kai, We like to pretend we had something to do with your getting this far but it was really your teamwork. Hoping you remember that history day is better with chocolate, your brothers and cats. - Miles and Soren

Sydney and Aviva, You two are ROCK STARS! We are so proud of you for all of the hard work that enabled you to reach this day. Go Windom, Go Anwatin, Go MPS, Go Minnesota, Go Girls!! - Aviva’s Mom and Dad, Dani and Alex

Keo and Charlie, Congratulations on going to Nationals and kudos to you both for your hard work!!! - Keo’s Mom, Lauren

Murray 7, You worked hard and ROCKED it this year! Way to go Pilots! - Mr. Beck

Annika, I am so proud of you for making nationals! You do such a great job in your presentation. Looking forward to a great week at the National History Day competition. Go for it and let your great energy come through to do great things! We are very proud of your hard work and dedication this entire year. We love you! - Mom and Dad

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Abby - First - a big CONGRATULATIONS on making it to Nationals!! We are soo proud of you! You’ve worked hard and now you get to show all your hard work. Good luck! Finally, have a great time at National History Day and sightseeing!! Love you so much! - Mom, Dad, Isabella & Olivia

Ellery and Julia, YOU ARE MAKING AIDS HISTORY! Your performance is a captivating work of research, writing, and advocacy that inspires us to support amfAR. #CureAIDS - The Tennisons
Many Fear Team Minnesota’s Dance Moves

Inspired the dance moves they saw on Sunday night, Team Minnesota cleared the dance floor. As the rest of the nation looked on in awe—from the sides of the armory—Minnesota met most of their marks—60% historically accurate and 20% funky. There was a push to change the last 20% (performed at airport), but as staff had been hoping for another delay this Friday, to allow for extended airport dance time, they were reluctant to change. Finally, overwhelmed by the Minnesota Spice-y dance moves, they agreed. The new criteria? 20% Use of floor space. Team Minnesota’s score? Superior! “We felt bad that the rest of the room was scared by our dance move,” said Maria Muller. “Yes!” agreed Laurel Kaufman. “It’s true we are Minnesota Spice-y. But we are also Minnesota Nice-y!”

Junior Finals and Schedule

Kevin Torstenson will be representing Team Minnesota in Junior Individual Performance finals! He’ll perform today in the Benjamin Banneker Room in Stamp Student Union at 6PM. Join Team Minnesota and Team Murray the Nerd Herd as we cheer him on! His performance features a couple of live ballads and a lot of emotion, so come prepared to be wowed. Speaking of wow - make sure you stop to congratulate all of our junior projects, who rocked their presentations and Q&A sessions. Staff, teachers, and especially parents are proud of all of your hard work.

SENIOR PERFORMANCE STUDENTS

8:30AM - Sammi Jo will be with the van outside of La Plata to load performance props for student who contacted her in advance! She will drive everything to SSU and meet you there. Please do not be late!

After results are posted (approx. 7:00 p.m.), talk to Sammi Jo about getting your props back onto the van to the dorm.

Rock On!
LOUNGE ACTIVITIES
YEARBOOK PHOTOS
JLor and Angie will be hanging out in the lounge with props you can use to take your Yearbook Photo! Everyone needs to take a picture! (Lounge 2)
CHILL NIGHT
Yoga and movies with Action! (Lounge3)

HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE
I didn't fly so I brought a knife. - Gwen's grandmother

Can we do the banana dance, it's stuck in my head? - Ella

“Let me tell you one more thing...” - Anonymous Murray student right after the judges were done asking questions

“I have a conspiracy theory. Ice cream tastes better with those little spoons, that's why they give you samples with them. Ice cream should only be eaten with those” - Action

“Oh….is that all?” - Annika, after her judges only asked her two questions

“I forgot I was once Betty Crocker.” - Aaron

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY
7AM    Breakfast, Diner
8-9:30AM   Late Registration: Seniors, SSU, 1st Floor Exhibit Set-Up: Seniors, SSU, Grand Ballroom
9AM-4PM   Teacher Workshops, see workshop flyer
10AM-4PM  Senior Judging
11:30AM  Lunch, Diner
5-10PM   Junior Performance and Documentary Final-Rounds, SSS, Various Locations
5PM     Dinner, Diner
7PM    Senior Documentary & Performance Final-Rounds Announced, SSU, Digital Signage
7-9PM   Public Viewing of Exhibits, SSU, Grand Ballroom & Atrium
9PM    Team MN Meeting, TBD FCAT Game 3, TBD

GO TEAM MINNESOTA!!!!!!!

NHD FORTUNE COOKIE HOROSCOPTES
Just add "@ National History Day" to the end to get your fortune cookie horoscope for Tuesday, June 11.

Capricorn
You will receive donations for a recent unexpected fee.

Aquarius
You will be gifted Wendy's spicy nuggets and a bag of flamin hot Cheetos by a magical UMD Turtle.

Pisces
Buttons: you will collect them all©.

Aries
You will tell a great story and then find $20.

Virgo
Love is on the horizon. The stars predict he/she will be tall, dark, and a moose.

Libra
You will find a golden fry. Then you will eat it.

Scorpio
Your smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

Sagittarius
A real Patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works.

Taurus
You will befriend a campus squirrel and it will make you the coolest moose at UMD.

Gemini
You will create a new yoga pose inspired by the UMD mascot, called the shell.

Cancer
You will soon eat a donut. Then poop butterflies.

Leo
I see buttons in your future, they aren't yours though...
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Hannah and Jaedyn - We are so proud of you girls! You’ve both worked so hard and done a wonderful job. We are all so proud of you. Hope it goes great in Washington DC! What a wonderful experience for all of you NLA kids so proud of you! Dana and Holly Jensen

Jaedyn and Hannah - We are very proud of you both. We are not surprised by your success because your hard work on this project has been amazing. Luv Ya! Brad & Janelle

Congratulations Jackson! Your friends and family members are so very proud of you! Sarah Hauss and Eric Fawcett

Bryn, Evyn, and Tess - I am so proud of your interest and effort with your topic and documentary! I hope you have a wonderful time at National History Day! It is such an honor to compete at this level! Mrs. Bonk

We are super proud of you and all of the work you have done. We love you very much. Stay calm, you’ll do great! Wish we could be there. Love you tons. Dad, Mom, Anna, Tara, Jena, Bela

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Tess, Bryn, and Evyn - So proud of you three!! Have a great time, enjoy yourselves. You have accomplished so much!! -Bryn’s Mom and Dad

Tana, we are an awesome duo. I am so proud of the both of you! - Mom (Syreeta)

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Congratulations, Lily! We love you and are so proud of you and all your hard work. Enjoy this fabulous opportunity! XO Mom, Dad, and Lisa

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Norah - I am so impressed at your work ethic! You deserve all the good things! Love you! Mom

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Congrats, Gwendolyn and Annabelle!!! You guys are rockstars and we love you -- so proud of all your hard work!!! Now, go have FUN! :) -Jen

Congrats to the Grube dream team! It’s been fun to watch your project, as well as your sibling bond, progress this year. You two make it look easy, but we know you make every word and sentence impactful. We’re excited to see where this journey will end! We love you!! Mom & Dad & Grandma & Vince & Erin & Jamie

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Davey, what a way to end your senior year! We have been so proud of your work from the day you warily accepted the challenge of a performance to the moment you medaled at State. Go get ‘em today! - Mr. Stewart & Mrs. Tucker

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ALL EXHIBIT KIDS
Exhibit removal is happening BEFORE Finals this morning. Have your exhibit packed and ready to load into the van at 9:30 am sharp, in the same place you unloaded them. If you aren’t ready at 9:30, you will have to walk your project back to the dorm.

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KEV KEV TOR TOR BRINGS “MN”-TIMIDATION TO FINALS

Kevin Torstenson delivered his Junior Individual Performance to a packed house, even garnering a few fans who clogged up the aisles. When people finally stopped climbing over each other for a seat, the room settled quietly just enough to hear him. He sang as if he were on the picket lines himself. After his performance, there was even an uproar of clapping and a standing ovation. “I’ve never experienced anything like this in my life,” said Kevin. “I felt like a celebrity.” If you missed it, you’ll be able to bring the same amount of fandom to Aaron and Tana’s final Senior Group Performance today at 10am in the Stamp Student Union’s Hoff Theater. As we were all waiting for results, it seemed that Aaron and Tana had also sneakily checked the website for senior final results, sending a short circuit through Stamp. “All of the TVs stopped working and all we heard were a wave of cries.” They’ll shut down the house later today, so you won’t want to miss it. Go Team Minnesota! A huge shout out to all of our awesome seniors who also knocked it out of the ballpark!

10 am - Hoff Theater (SSU) for Tana and Aaron's final Performance!

Aaron and Tana are all smiles and thumbs after making finals!
MYSTERIOUS BEHAVIOR NOTICED IN TEAM MN

Members of Team Minnesota have shown symptoms of a new and startling condition these past two days. Now known as "The Chills", it involves small, bump-like contractions of the skin ("goosebumps"), mostly in the arms, watering of eyes ("crying"), and uncontrollable hugging and high-fiving of students. The condition seems to begin after students present their projects, or when groups of adults reflect on the work of students. Luckily, the condition seems to be in effect for short periods of time, though recurrences are frequent.

Outbreaks are most severe after Minnesotans have been confined in what National History Day has termed “judging space”, and combinations of the symptoms have been observed in staff, students, parents and grandparents. "I found myself crying at a website," reported a bewildered Sarah Aschbrenner. "I looked around the audience and saw multiple people wiping their eyes," reported An Nguyen-Trinh. "It was frightening," Jackson Fawcett added. “I've never seen anything like it.”

NEW SIGHT TO SEE IN D.C.

Heading into D.C.? Add a new exhibit to your itinerary! Chase Baumgarten and Colin McShane will be showing their exhibit, “The Triumph of Mandatory Football Helmets Led to Tragic Brain Injuries in Football Players.” The project will be on view at the National Museum of American History, located on the Mall, from 10am to 5pm. Stop by and say hello to Colin and Chase!

KLOBUCHAR MEET AND GREET: 2 PM ON THE SENATE STEPS

We will be meeting as a full delegation with Amy Klobuchar at 2 pm today! We will not be traveling as a group. We are back on for the Capitol steps, Senate side. We recommend not wearing the same shirt you’ve had on for four days, look presentable. This is totally optional - don't feel like you need to come, but we'd love to have you there!

LOUNGE ACTIVITY

MISSING YEARBOOK PHOTOS
JLor will come and find you.

GAME NIGHT 2
Join Gretchen, David, and Dyani for Game Night 2 in the Lounge! Redemption!

HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

"Do you mind if we pull up chairs so we are all more comfortable?" -Sam and Grace on introductions

"This is a dream come true" -Davey

"That's awesome, I just heard the last part, but I think it was the most important." -Dyani

"If I ever start a feminist army, I'll invite you.” Unknown teacher, to Anna Rahkmanov

"When there's buffet meals, I think everyone could use a run.” -Kathleen Grube, to staff, on why they should play frisbee

"Has anyone seen a shoe? I think I should have kept them on my feet." -Aaron Ramsey

"I love tonic water. Every time I drink it I feel like Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman.” -Sarah Aschbrenner

"When are these games going to end? I am tired.” -Phoebe Finlay
**MN TAKES ON “THE HILL”**

Kai Sackreiter and Alice Wagner-Hemstad visited with Representative Betty McCollum in their time with the National Endowment for the Humanities “Day on the Hill” where they covered everything from the importance of History Day and project-based learning, to why St. Paul is the better “Twin” City (sorry, Minneapolis). Thanks for representing our state well, Kai and Alice!

Not everyone can say they had something displayed at a Smithsonian, but Colin McShane and Chase Baumgarten now can! Colin and Chase spent the day displaying their Exhibit board with other affiliates at the National Museum of American History. They did a great job! We had to force the curator to give us back the board at the end of the night, they were hoping to keep it permanently!

After more schedule changes than we can count —does she think she’s a presidential candidate or something?— most of our delegation met with Senator Klobuchar on the Capitol steps. She was excited to learn about NHD, but may have been more invested in making sure she got the moves to the Banana Dance and Secret Handshake juuuuuust right. (She did okay, according to Maria Muller.)

**“MN”-TIMIDATION, PART TWO**

Aaron and Tana raised the roof in Senior Group Performance Finals yesterday morning. Emmett Whinnery was spotted coming out of their performance saying, “Wow. I don’t even have anything funny to say, that was amazing!” Congratulations to both our performance projects in the finals - Team MN is behind you!

**SCHEDULE OF THE DAY**

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**AWARDS CEREMONY**

EAT BREAKFAST EARLY. It is an absolute zoo. Go in at 7 and be ready to meet on the back steps of LaPlata at 8 am for a group picture. **DO NOT BE LATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** We will then walk as a large group to the Xfinity Center.

Students will do the Parade of States on the floor while family and teachers take their seats. We are straight across from the stage and have labels on our seats. Students will have assigned seating, everyone else can sit in a general audience section. Awards usually ends around noon.
ROOM JUDGING TIPS AND TRICKS

There are many ways to be successful in the annual room decorating challenge. Some rooms challenge the judges to feats of strength or dexterity. Others are more intellectual - Jeopardy quizzes or art-based activities. Some choose more psychological challenges. All have their merits. Here are some of our recommendations for success!

**Bribery:** Judges are human, and humans like things. Things like candy and soda makes them feel better about themselves.

**Danger:** Be super dangerous. Kevin’s motto is always "It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye - then it is just fun!"

**Intelligence:** MN HD staff are the cream of the crop. Challenge our minds- play Tic-Tac-Toe with us.

**Brief:** Like a performance that runs 12 minutes, don’t overdo the time. Keep things brief but memorable.

**Challenges:** The judges love to compete (we are all a little jealous of you this week) at games of skill or chance. Ed may look sleepy 80% of the time, but he has a keen sense of competition and gamesmanship.

**FarcE:** If you can make JLor or any staff snort-laugh, you are halfway home to the big prize!

**IntimiDation:** Psychological and scary challenges are a sure-fire winner. Hint: Action gets creeped out by weird things he has to touch. Ed has no fear.

Be on the lookout for a bushy, tall, and unmoveable stranger during the competition tomorrow. If you find them, you will be given special knowledge of the competition and a special hint.

We hope these tips lead you to success tonight!

Great job performing today Aaron and Tana! You rock!!

FCAT FINALE: SOLUTION SCANDAL

We have been sitting at the edges of our seats with the FCAT finale. JLor and Action have been back and forth for the final win. In addition, Mother Nature has not enjoyed the bickering of our fellow coordinators, and decided to rain on at least half of our parades. But we are all so over it (insert eyeroll here) and always have additional tricks up our sleeves! We continued the anticipation of the game in the basement of our beloved dorm. Now that the journey has come to an end, with tears of joy, tears of pants, and some redo of games, we* have heard through the grapevine and excitement of those on the second floor.

Awesome Town “won**”.

*as in the lovely staff including Mooster History. Yes, he was there
** there might be some controversy ?????
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CONGRATS NATIONAL FINALISTS AND MEDALISTS

Abigail Peterson won a gold medal for her senior individual website on The Jungle, as well as a National History Academy scholarship. She'll be back at the end of July for a prestigious research camp!

Kevin Torstenson won second place for his junior individual performance on the 26th Amendment. If you didn't get a chance to watch his live performance, you can stream it on the NHD website.

Ella Hoch Robinson, who finished fourth for her senior individual website, and Calvin Weier, junior individual exhibit, won the Outstanding State Entry awards.

Tana Ososki and Aaron Ramsey finished fifth for their senior group performance on the Mississippi Freedom Summer.

Grace Philippon and Sam Skinner, who finished eighth for their senior group website, also won the Global Peace History topical prize!

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

3:30AM  Check-out
4:30AM  Board bus-JLor and Gretchen will check you in: board the same number bus as last Saturday
         Depart UMD
5:00AM  Arrive at BWI (Southwest Flight 1151)
         Check luggage
8:15AM  Depart for MSP
9:55AM  Arrive at MSP

This is the end of our History Day journey for 2018-19. You have been working on Triumph and Tragedy for 8 months or more, and we hope you are proud of everything you accomplished.

We got to celebrate six of you in a special way today!

We also celebrate the 26,000 Minnesotans who took on the challenge of digging deep into their topics and learning tons of history, research and life skills that will be with you for the rest of your lives. We (on staff) have heard all year from adults who learned from you and were overwhelmed by the depth of your knowledge and work.

Our time here has ended but it's not over--we love to hear from you all. Keep in touch!
MINNESOTA, WE’RE GOING TO MISS YOU

From all the Minnesota History Day staff, we’re gonna miss you tons. Thank you all for your enthusiastic button trading, lively banana dancing, and for your genuine interest in learning and nerding. We cried real tears watching you all support and uplift one another. There’s no doubt about it - we did our thannnng!

SHOUT OUT to our awesome and eclectic group of students. We were amazed by how poised and eloquent all of you were and enjoyed seeing all of you come out of your shell. Thank you for letting us be a part of your journey!

SHOUT OUT to all of the teachers. From hounding students about curfew, making sure they were well fed, touring all of Washington, D.C., and practicing questions and presentations until the late night hours, there just aren’t enough words to thank you! Thank you for taking care of the staff in so many ways. We could not have done this without you!

SHOUT OUT to all of the support crew - grandparents, parents, brothers, and sisters. We equally appreciated the joy and sunshine y’all contributed to this week. We’re gonna miss you just as much.

Join us also in giving a major SHOUT OUT to our fearless leaders, Sarah and Sammi Jo, for everything they’ve done behind the scenes to make this week what it was. You could not have had this much fun without them. Make sure to give them some hugs and high fives as they voyage back home with the cargo van.

HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

“Alright guys, now that it’s over....what’s your History Day topic for next year?” - half of the Minnesota kids

“Did you see that ______ project? It was amazing!” - everyone

“Are you ready to have diarrhea yet? Cause I am!” - Jennifer, Megan’s mom

“JLor and Action won’t tell us their real names so they won’t have to release their tax information.” - Ron Beck

“Skrrrrrrrt.” - Phoebe to all of the birds in her way

“Hi, do you have a Minnesota button?” - someone who never got a Minnesota button

Fun Fact: Penguins cannot walk backwards

Fun Fact: Gretchen’s fav Poptart flavor is brown sugar cinnamon (only if it is toasted!)

Fun Fact: UMD’s cheesy eggs were featured on Cupcake Wars!

Fun Fact: The “J” in JLor is for Jaunty!

Fun Fact: The Q in ACTIQN is for cool Q-cumber!

Across

3: What we are all collecting
5: The name of the animal on the red Minnesota History Day button
6: How many hours we waited in Atlanta
7: ______ Town
8: The Color of the buttons from the students from China
10: What we are all here for
13: The building are we staying in
14: Fun ______

Down

1: Where are we all from?
2: The Mysterious Stranger who will soon make an appearance
4: Triumph and ______
9: How many different types of Minnesota buttons there are
11: A topic a lot of minnesotans are doing this year!
12: The name of a History Day mentor.