The Staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents, teachers and students who all shared National History Day 2007 with us. We feel honored to have had the chance to get to know you. We have such a great group of talented kids and we would like to congratulate all of you. You are all winners to us!

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MEMORIES

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Going Home
The 2007 Junior Division represented the land of 10,000 lakes with passion and poise this year at National History Day. Students from Minneapolis to White Bear Lake, Fergus Falls to Golden Valley made Minnesota proud. They chose topics that were local, like the Hinkley Fire and Washburn A. Mill, to national, like the great New York blizzard and statehood of Hawaii, and international, like the Battle of Trafalgar. Their research, their depth of knowledge, and their positive attitudes amazed us. We are so proud of you all!

Luke Balhorn
Justin Buhl
Paige Burgerson
Jared Burseth

Camara Butler
Sally Caruso
Nico Dregni
Andy Eerdmans

Billy Eerdmans
Kirstin Geerdes
Celeste Johnson
Josh Luger
Juniors

Kayla Mork
Stephanie Noonan
Erin Piepkorn
Tate Piepkorn

Adam Rohlf
Tory Sacarelos
Theresa Sarbacker
Mackenzie Schuett

Samantha Simonson
Ryan Solomon
Darian Warneke
Addison Weiler

Gracie White
Bryonna Wilken-Resman
The 2007 Minnesota Senior Division made our great state proud as they powered through the National contest. These upper classmen showed us what triumph really means by giving it their all. From home schools to private schools, Minneapolis to Fridley and even down to Mankato, these students made their mark on College Park. Topics ranged from WWII POW camps and the USO, to dialworkers and Norman Borlaug. Local topics included the Mount Sinai Hospital and the reserve mining controversy. Although the topics varied, their spirits never faltered. Every student competing in the Minnesota delegation gave us reason to celebrate!

Scout Allendorf
Elliot Althbaum
Ashley Bielinski
Grace Bratzel
Irena Bratzel
Sarah Douglass
Preterra Ferguson
Iris Fricke
Hilary Geerdes
Kelsey Geerdes
Joseph Gifford
Jenny Klejeski
Kiehlor Mack
Mikhail Mack
Rose Milavitz
Annie Murphy

Bekah Nelson
Jacob Nelson
Adrienne Otopalik
Sierra Plepkorn

Rachel Richman
Callie Sacarellos
Georgia Simons
Olivia Spitz

Mark Ulreich
Mr. History

Mr. 7

Jessica

Molls

Natty

Hanneman

Michelle

Hill

Mandy

Kwan

Franzibear

Ali

Joey
Whether you will admit it or not, we all love a little drama. If so many people throughout history did not have a flare for drama, how would we ever get through those social studies textbooks? And we had the students who made the drama of history come live at the 2007 competition. These HD students are in the limelight and never afraid of a challenge. With hours of rehearsals, endless script rewrites, and nerves of steel, these young actors showed their stuff. The Drama Club featured performances which required Irish accents, doing the "boogie-woogie," and even being in prison. There were environmental activists, factory works from New York and Minneapolis, and even Tokyo Rose. When you put them all together, we got a cast of characters that made MN History Day proud.
Tech geeks have historically had a rough time in adolescence, but as the 21st century dawns, the A-V club has become the new wave of cool. These students can film, edit, digitally enhance images, and not to mention do some amazing historical research. Documentaries let us see moving images that help to show just how triumphant and tragic the past can be. The soaring planes of the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo, Minneapolis conquering it’s anti-semitism from displaced persons and the building of Mount Sinai Hospital. The patriotism of the 442 regiment and the bravery of the POW’s in the great escape make for emotional and heartfelt films. Along with the tragedy of the Hinkley fire and horrible effects of radium poisoning of unsuspecting dial workers, these films showed that the MN A-V club was a force to be reckoned with. First NHV, then it’s onto the Academy Awards!
This year's HS students in shop class would have made Ty Pennington feel like an amateur. Instead of making the pop can lamp or the soapbox cars of the traditional shop class, these students took on the role of museum exhibit curator and brought it to a whole new level. Using wood, foam board, wall paper, taconite, curtains, and enough adhesive material to glue the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial, the MN shop class gave College park something to talk about. Singers and Syphilis studies, riots and snow blockades, mill explosions and sea battles, the range of topics was impressive. From the depths of the mines to the complexity of the Israel and Palestine conflict, MN proved that they could make history in the exhibit hall.
Realizing one of the most lessons in life, these young scholars proved that the pen truly is mightier than the sword. By taking it upon themselves to participate in the smallest, and yet perhaps the most competitive category at National History Day, these students put MN on par with the great writers of history like Howard Zinn and David McCullough. Our pint-sized junior paper writers looked at the history of the stone arch bridge and statehood of Hawaii. While our senior division looked at American Indians and Norman Borlaug’s Green Revolution. After hundreds of drafts, and lots of work with Franzibear, these young writers are now waiting patiently for the Pulitzer Prize nominations.
NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

National Champions

Senior Group Exhibit
Mikhail and Kiehlor Mack

2nd Place
Senior Group Performance
Callie Sacarellos, Hilary
Geerdes, Kelsey Geerdes,
Iris Fricke, Georgia
Simonson

Finalists

5th Place
Junior Group Documentary
Justin Buhl & Ryan Solomon

7th Place
Senior Paper
Jacob Nelson

7th Place
Senior Individual Documentary
Adriane Otopalik

8th Place
Junior Individual Performance
Brynna Wilken-Resman

9th Place
Junior Group Exhibit
Kalya Mork & PaigeBurgeson

10th Place
Junior Group Performance
Sally Caruso & Gracie White
BEST OF... STUDENTS

Best Smile: Hilary Geerdes

Best Dancers: Andy and Billy Eerdmans

Best Hair (female): Callie Sacarellos

Best Hair (male): Elliot Altbaum

Most Likely to be an HD Staffer: Jared Burseth

Best Laugh: Tory Sacarellos

Most Likely to be President: Josh Luger

Staffer Most Likely to Crush Your Dreams: Hanneman

Best Dancer on Staff: Franzibear

Most Likely to Spaz: Mr. History

Cutest Kid We Want on the Staff: Josh Nguyen