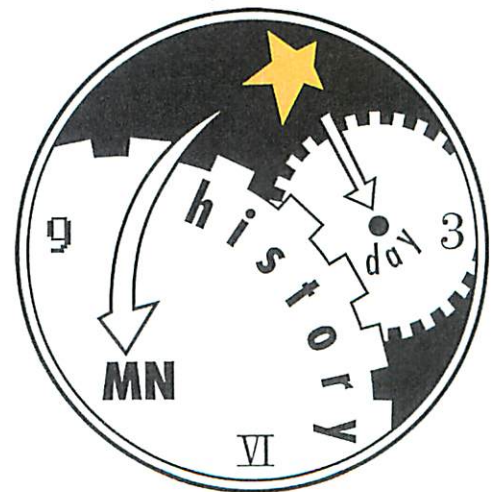


# MINNESOTA NATIONAL FINALIST YEARBOOK

## THE INDIVIDUAL IN HISTORY

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2009

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The Staff would like to say a big “thank you” to the parents, teachers and students who shared National History Day 2009 with us. We feel honored to have had a 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!



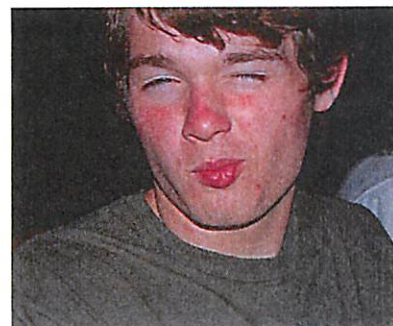
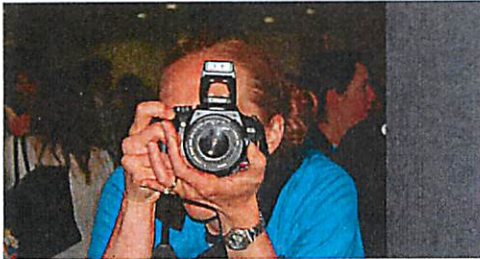
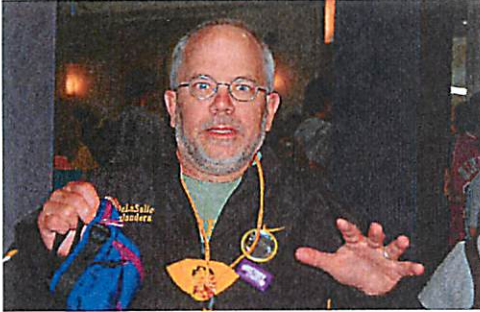
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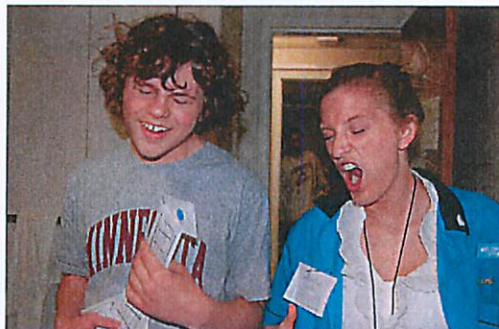
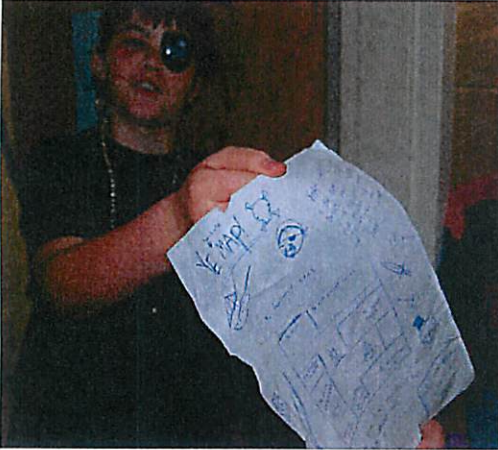
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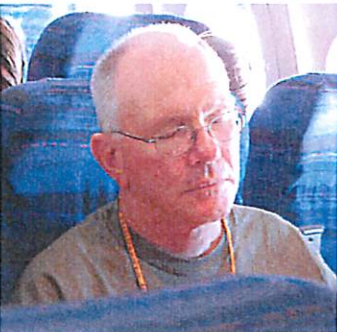
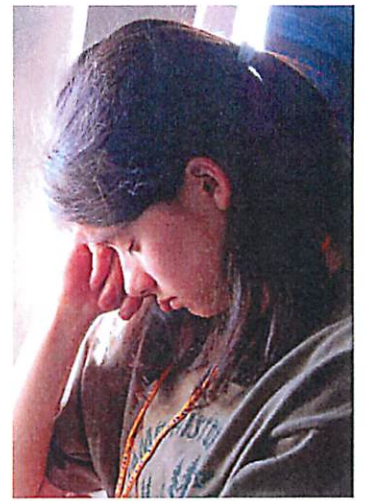
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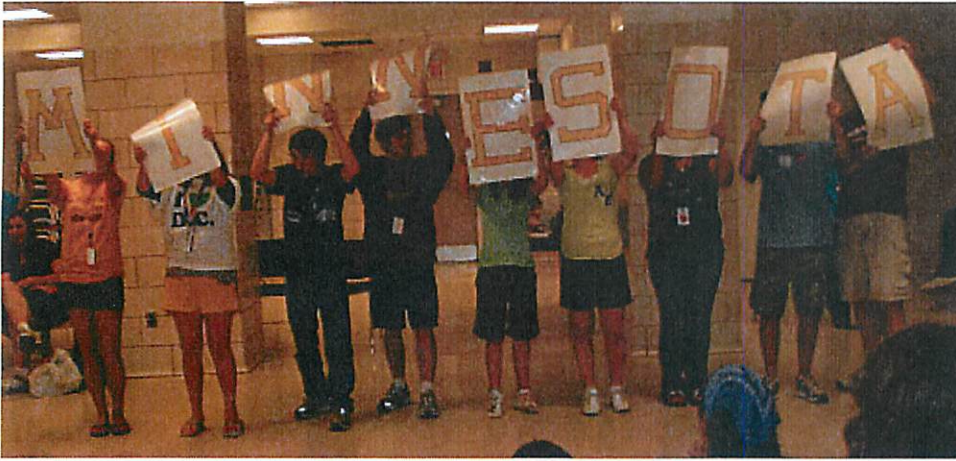
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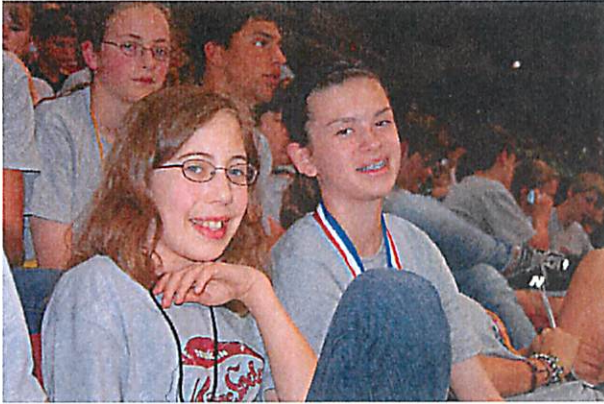
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# JUNIORS



The 2009 Junior Division represented the Land of 10,000 Lakes with passion and poise this year at National History Day. Students from Roseville to St. Paul, Wayzata to Rochester made Minnesota proud. They chose topics that were local, like Hubert H. Humphrey and Frances Densmore, and national like Jane Addams' Hull House, and international like Rigoberta Menchu's protest for equality in Guatemala. We were amazed by their research, their depth of knowledge, and their incredible attitude. We are so proud of you.

Kiana Alleman



Daniel Bergerson



Sophie Burton



Laura Cattaneo



Hannah Davis



Francesca Dawis



Carl-Lars Engen



Emma Erler



Aaron Hathaway



Tasha Holtman



Andrea Jorissen



Katie Kostohris





# JUNIORS



Haley Larsen

Alayna O'Bryan

Shayne Okerstrom

Elise Olsen



Hutton Phillips

William Naylor

Henry Sanborn

Ana Schaff

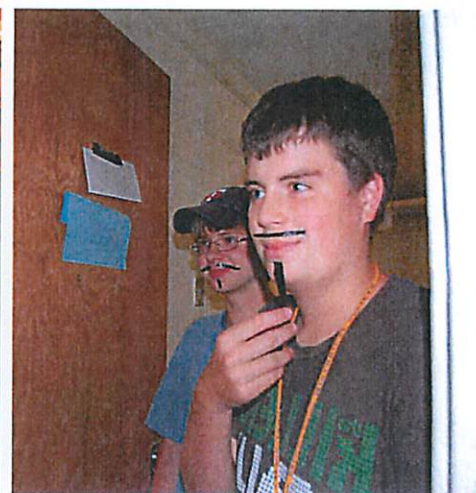


Kateri Schmidt

Maggie Schmidt

Anders Strandlund

Nicholas Thyr



# SENIORS



The Minnesota Senior Division was not to be outdone. They too brought their cards to the table, making some outstanding HD projects with their Minnesota flair. From St. Louis Park to the Twin Cities, Rochester to Fergus Falls, these upperclassmen set their nose to the grindstone and showed up with the goods. Projects spanned a variety of topics, including: Katharine Graham, Thaddeus Stevens, Xang Vang, and Denis Diderot. We commend the senior scholars for their diligent research, thoughtful analysis, and dynamic portrayal of their individuals in history. And you know, the senior kids are pretty cool too.

Jill Bachelder



Emily Brown



Katie Caron



Hanna Cody



Dena Coffman



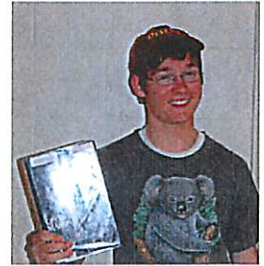
Taylor Delaney



Erica Dombro



Andrew Eerdmans



William Eerdmans



Candice Fuller



Ben Gibbs



Max Johnson



# SENIORS



Jennifer Lor  
Madeleine Marrin  
Maria McGlinch  
Joshua Pfitzer



Sergio Portesan  
Hannah Powers  
Robin Purman  
DJ Sass



Jack Schnettler  
Carrie Schweyen  
Charlie Shapiro  
Alex Stitt

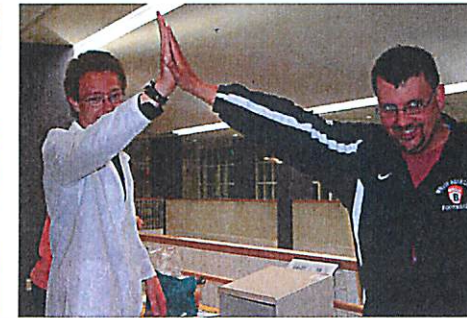
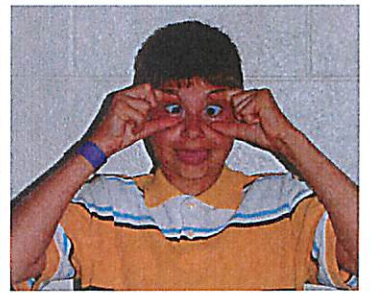
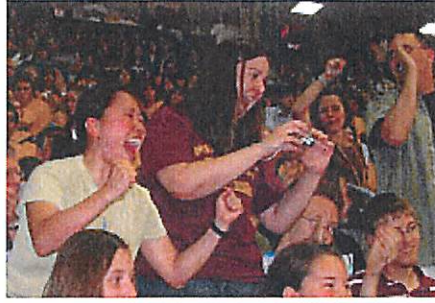


Ruby Uribe  
Megan VanDeVoorde  
Alex Westad  
Sarah Yang

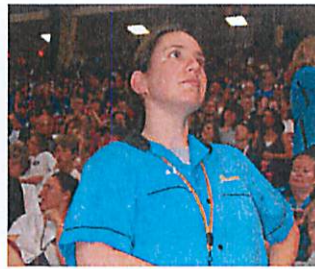


# SUPPORT SQUAD

Where would History Day rock stars be without their adoring posse of fans? They carry the props, run out for copies, liven the crowd, and cheer for the home team. Their connections are biological, academic, or born from sheer adoration and envy, but regardless they are loyal.



# STAFF



Tim "Mr. History" Hoogland

Naomi "The Torch" Peuse

Jessica "Fun Jessica" Ellison



Chris "Mr. 7" Taylor

Ali "Ali Kat" Kappes

Katie "Road Warrior" Craven



Matt "Capitol Hill" Hill

Maren "Like Karen" McMartin

Mandy "CGP" Kritzeck



Michelle "Kwan" Kwan

Dan "Shotgun" Ott

Andy "Tiger" Wilhide



Tania "Knelman" Roos

Emily "Sconnie" Sass

Tamra "50 is the new 30" Wallner

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# DRAMA CLUB

Unlike the somewhat more reticent group of essayists, the drama queens and kings of the world never fail to make their presence known, to extend their dramatics beyond the borders of their performances, and generally increase the volume of any gathering. This year's Drama Club portrayed chemists, revolutionaries, doctors, European expansionists, and journalists with the dramatic flair that often characterizes the Minnesota delegation. Each of the thespians, whether tackling a monologue or a dialogue performed with a certain aplomb that brought chills to our spines, laughter to our thoughts, and tears to our eyes. Such is the quality of this year's drama club that future generations can be certain to see their performances over and over again at a variety of workshops, receptions, rallies and educational meetings.



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# A-V CLUB

Although long relegated to a stereotypical status as the über-nerds of any educational institution, the Minnesota A-V Club has quashed that stereotype with not only their lack of pocket protectors but also their stunning advancements in the world of movie-making. They have made life in the audio-visual world fun again, and in true Minnesota style have accurately informed audiences of transportation advancements, environmental movements, protest singers, culinary icons, school builders, revolutionaries, and the enlightened. Liberal use of the Ken Burns effect and smooth photo transitions elevated the A-V club's movies to a professional standard far beyond the slide-show demonstrations of their predecessors of a decade before. These movies, clearly destined for future slots on the History Channel, demonstrate the great power that comes with a mouse and a microphone.

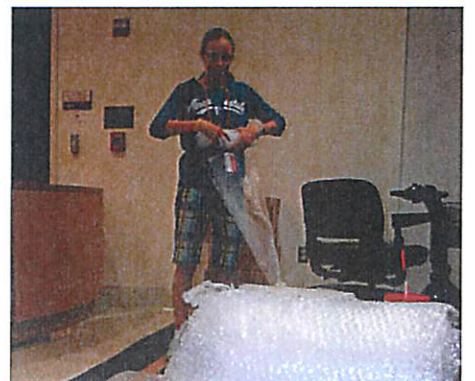


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# SHOP CLASS

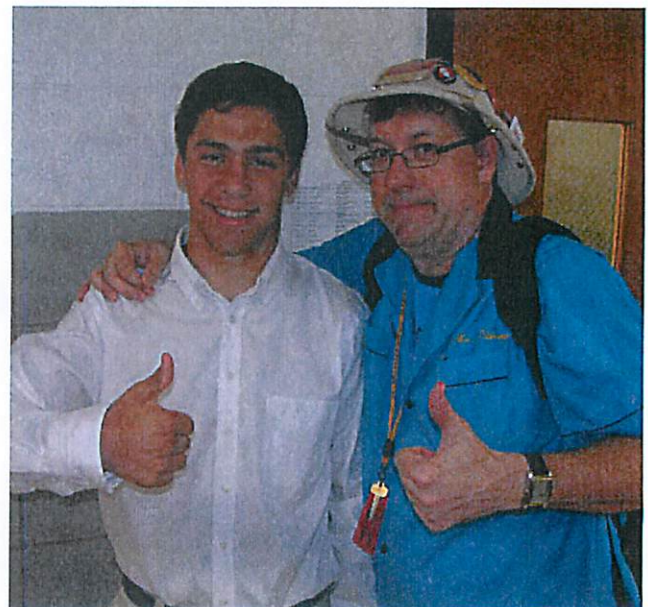
Far from the traditional creations of shelves and magazine racks, the handiwork of the shop class stretched the boundaries of the power-tool universe. Foam board, cloth and wood frames formed the foundation for each student's exhibit magnum opus, embellished by high-quality adhesive products. Shop class innovations explained the nuances of progressive doctors, civil rights advocates, post-war recovery, and social workers, always carefully intertwining information with exhibition. The projects of the Shop Class were well-cut, well-glued and well-organized, demonstrating the class's unique ability to rise above the allure of rubber cement and into the space-age world of positional mounting adhesive. Surely these designers will be approached by museum staff to put their cutting abilities to work, making the museums of the world more cohesive, adhesive places.





# YOUNG WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Realizing early the strength of the written word, students channeled the spirits of Frederick Jackson Turner and David McCullough in historical research papers, ten pages in length and many months in the making. Students burrowed in the dark corners of public libraries and university stacks, and fashioned, out of information scribbled on note cards and notebook pages, literary masterpieces. A variety of topics such as progressive politicians, revolutionary doctors, community workers, and labor journalists, emerged to inspire students' creative juices and historical talents. Undaunted by the task of formulating thesis statements and typesetting endnotes, these young writers, emboldened by the power of their pens, transformed the world of dreadful essay-writing to a world of influence and historical expression.



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## WEBSITE SQUAD

Blazing the trail of a young, exotic History Day category, our Website Squad took Minnesota into a technological frontier with their well-crafted web pages. No early 1990s models were sufficient for these champions of cyberspace; instead, the future Google CEOs looked to the up-to-the-minute web designs and built sites that were not only pretty but intelligent and useful. These students, undaunted by the difficulties of html coding and stealthy internet viruses, created interactive wonders on subjects as diverse as righteous gentiles, old-fashioned but new-fashioned doctors, community builders, and food-conscience politicians. These website scholars, through their countless electronic discoveries and quick mastery of this young category, will go down in history as the squad that pushed us further from our technologically inferior stupor and into the 21st century.



# NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



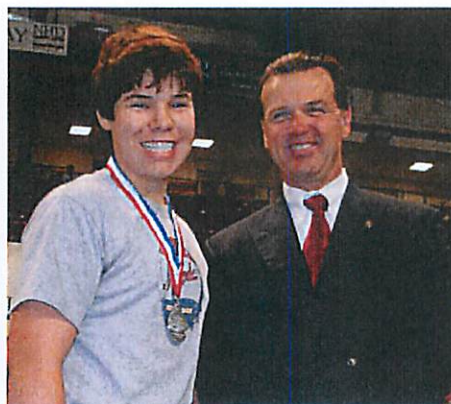
Huy Nguyen  
Sunrise Park Middle School, White Bear Lake  
Teacher of Merit, Finalist



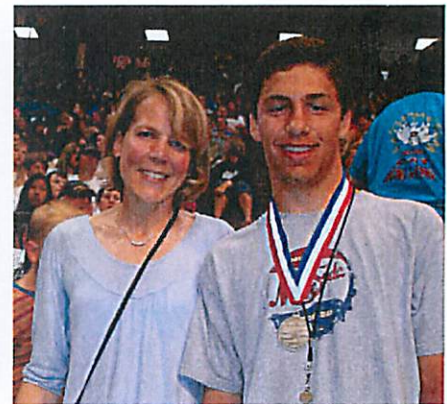
Dena Coffman, Erica Dombro, Hannah Powers  
Senior Group Documentary  
National Champions, History Channel Award Winners



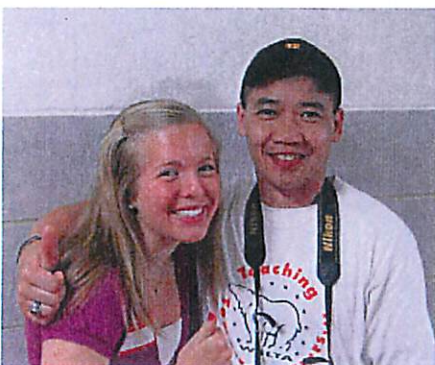
Katie Caron  
Senior Individual Exhibit  
2nd Place



Max Johnson  
Senior Individual Performance  
2nd Place



Jack Schnettler  
Senior Paper  
2nd Place



Emily Brown  
Senior Paper  
3rd Place



Sophie Burton, Hutton Phillips  
Junior Group Exhibit  
3rd Place



Maggie Schmidt, Kateri Schmidt, Katie Kostohris  
Junior Group Performance  
3rd Place

# NATIONAL FINALISTS

Ana Schaff  
Junior Paper  
4th Place, Outstanding State Entry Winner

Carrie Schweyen, Hanna Cody,  
Megan VanDeVoorde, Maria McGlinch  
Senior Group Performance  
5th Place, Outstanding State Entry Winner

Andrew Eerdmans, William Eerdmans  
Senior Group Exhibit  
5th Place

Josh Pfitzer  
Senior Individual Exhibit  
5th Place

Alayna O'Bryan  
Junior Individual Exhibit  
6th Place

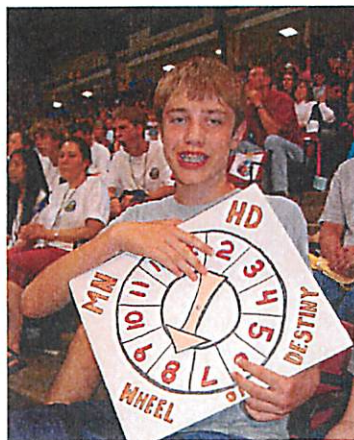
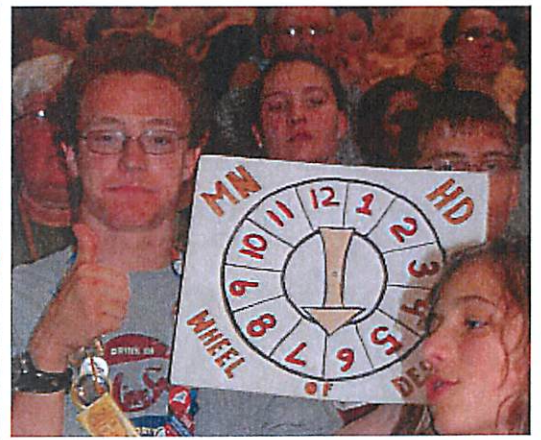
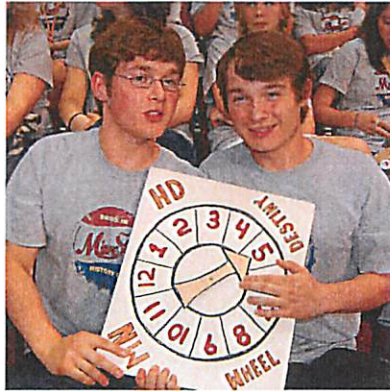
Francesca Dawis  
Junior Individual Performance  
7th Place

Alex Westad  
Senior Individual Performance  
7th Place

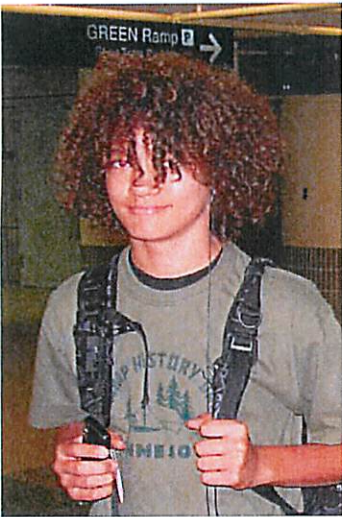
Carl-Lars Engen  
Junior Individual Documentary  
8th Place

Aaron Hathaway  
Junior Website  
11th Place

Candice Fuller, DJ Sass,  
Jennifer Lor, Ruby Uribe  
Senior Group Exhibit  
11th Place



# HO BEST OF...



**Best Hair**  
DJ Sass



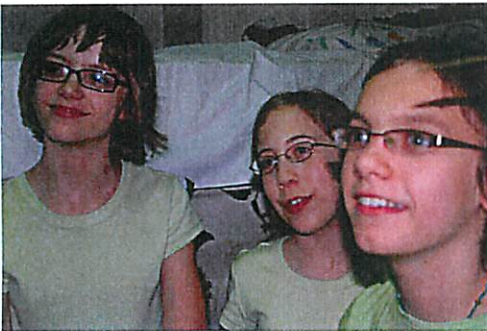
**Best Smile**  
Emma Erler



**Most Likely to Become a  
Member of Congress**  
Carl-Lars Engen



**Best Dancer**  
Candice Fuller



**Most Ambitious Room Decorators**  
Becca Krasky, Hannah Davis, Tasha Holtman



**Most History Day Spirit**  
Billy Eerdmans, Andy Eerdmans



**Best Arcade Gamer**  
Alex Westad



**Most Likely to be Seen  
Using Technology**  
Matt Hill



**Best Bowling-  
Shirted Dancer**  
Maren McMartin



**Most Likely to  
Spaz Out**  
Michelle Kwan



**Most Likely to be Working for  
History Day in their 60s**  
Mr. History



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# AUTOGRAPHS