The Staff would like to say a big “thank you” to the parents, teachers and students who shared National History Day 2010 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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The Minnesota Junior Division represented the Land of 10,000 Lakes with knowledge, poise and enthusiasm this year at National History Day. Students from Duluth to St. Paul, White Bear Lake to Minneapolis, made the entire delegation proud. They chose topics that were local, like the Southdale Mall and the Minneapolis Park System, and national like Child Welfare, and international like China’s One-Child Policy. We were amazed by their research, their depth of knowledge, and their positive attitude. Hats off to you, juniors!

Sarah Becker
Chloe Boehm
Eliza Edwards
Guanani Gomez–van Cortright

Alexa Groenke
Tasha Holtman
Olivia Heusinkveld
Anna Jacobs

Joey Keiski
Grace Kirkpatrick
Adam Kneepkens
Katie Kostohris
Juniors

Kelly Lee
Franny Miller
Liza Miller
Billy Menor

Monica Nelson
Lydia Newman-Heggie
Liam Plambeck
Abigail Remiarz

Nikita Salovich
Kateri Schmidt
Maggie Schmidt
Kayla Schneider

Mindy Viavattine
Katherine Wald
The Senior Division of the Minnesota delegation was not to be outdone. They too put their best efforts forward, making some outstanding History Day projects and not forgetting their Minnesota flair. From Chatfield to the Twin Cities, Chisago Lakes to Fergus Falls, these upperclassmen made their presence known. Projects spanned a variety of topics, including Betty Crocker, the Guthrie Theater, the Interstate Highway System, and the Soo Locks. We couldn’t be more proud of our senior scholars for their diligent research and thoughtful analysis on unique innovations in history. The comradery between the juniors and seniors was exceptionally magical this year.

Jaime Carreno Moran
Andrew Eerdmans
Billy Eerdmans
Joseph Gifford

Austin Gromatzky
Bailey Hilgren
Megan Howell
Amanda Jenkins

Ashley Jorgenson
Jenny Klejeski
Clara Linehan
Jennifer Lor
SENIORS

Bekah Nelson
Molly Nemer
Jeanna Nesbitt
Elizabeth Nussbaum
Ariel O’Neill
Lisa Otto
Norma Romero-Rodriguez
Kate Wageman
Emma Weber
Kyle Young
Where would History Day scholars be without their adoring groupies? They schlep props, run out for last-minute copies, get nervous, and cheer for their rock stars. Their loyal connections hold up in the D.C. heat, and though they may be pouring sweat, the support squad does their job.
Tim “Mr. History” Hoogland
Naomi “The Torch” Peuse
Ali “Ali Kat” Kappes
Chris “Mr. 7” Taylor
Laura “LZ” Zeccardi
Katie “Sconnie” Craven
Matt “Capitol Hill” Hill
Rachel “Bulldog” Hernandez
Alex “Camera Man” Palmer
Liz “Lizard” Venditto
Dan “Thunder” Ott
Mary “Cash Box Mary” Ecker
Victoria “Dutcher” Dutcher
Ron “Ronnie” Hustvedt
Get ready, Minnesota, it’s show time! This year’s Drama Club made their presence known at National History Day by practicing, rehearsing, and racing to the stage for medals. The drama kings and queens covered topics such as the American Indian Movement, the March of Dimes, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Special Olympics and Title IX. Whether they were tackling Vice President Nixon’s accent Eunice Shriver’s poise or Betty Crocker’s cooking tips, each of our brilliant, talented, and fearless actors, performed with historical accuracy and believability that brought chills to our spines, laughter to our hearts, and tears to our eyes. Such was the quality of performances that two of our performances were invited to perform at such events as the Special Olympics and at General Mills!
You better fasten your seatbelts, because the A/V club Explore-atoriumed the limits of their medium and put the competition on refrigerated ice. There was no need for non-violent protest or localized theatrics. This year’s documentaries displayed iron-clad dominance. The rest of the competition had to be put to sleep so they could dream of green, independent parks. Congratulations to all of the club members who pushed “play” and let the magic happen on the big screens.
You may have noticed that some of your fellow scholars had a propensity for “righting” things. Maybe you caught one of them fixing a crooked picture during a White House tour or placing post-it notes at perfect Right Angles on their dorm walls. These are the kids of Shop Class. Other telltale signs of Shop Class students include their sticky hands or the utility knife stuck in their back pocket. This year’s class of Shop students showed up at Nationals with carefully designed and masterfully engineered works that would make the Smithsonian proud. Innovative Shop Class creations include the Hormel Sit-Down Strike, Joseph Lister, China’s One Child Policy, Southdale Mall, Balloon Angioplasty, Braille, Soo Locks and Dorothea Dix. You never know what kind of things these handy individuals might create in the future...
“Catch the Orphan Train through Norman Borlaug’s enhanced wheat fields across Sesame Street to Southdale Mall.” That sentence captures the breadth of the topics our essayists studied to create their 10-page masterpieces of historical prose. Creativity aside, our essayists sought out sources in the deepest, darkest and most secretive archives to bring to light long-lost manuscripts to answer age-old questions such as, “Does Southdale Mall represent the end of main street America?” or “Is producing cheaper, more productive wheat creating a market vacuum in third world countries making it impossible for local farmers to compete?” or “Isn’t it cruel to charge train fare to orphans?” or “What was Cookie Monster’s life like before cookies and what was his name?... perhaps Stewart or Douglas?” Our steadfast paper writers tackled these questions and other mysteries of history with pluck and perseverance and occasional outbursts of allegorical alliteration.
Still a young category in 2010, the website finalists made it look easy. Undaunted by the limitations of Weebly, these students created interactive websites on an array of subjects including shell-shock, management theories, Sister Kenny, and The New Hollywood Movement. These scholars will go down in history as the squad who put the mundane process of HTML coding in their rearview mirror and squeezed out every bit of magic from Weebly to present their historical content with profound clarity. When these scholars are on the information superhighway, it’s best to pull over and let them by.
NATIONAL AWARD-WINNERS

Andrew Eerdmans, Billy Eerdmans
Senior Group Performance
National Champions

Jennifer Mailee Lor, Norma Romero-Rodriguez
Senior Group Documentary
2nd Place, History Channel Award,
Outstanding Entry on an International Theme

Adam Kneepkens, Billy Menor
Junior Group Exhibit
2nd Place

Tasha Holtman
Junior Paper
2nd Place

Chloe Boehm
Junior Website
2nd Place

Joe Gifford, Jenni Klejeski, Bekah Nelson
Senior Group Performance
2nd Place
Monica Nelson, Sarah Becker
Junior Group Performance
5th Place,
Outstanding State Entry Award

Katie Kostohris, Anna Jacobs,
Kateri Schmidt, Maggie Schmidt
Junior Group Performance
6th Place

Austin Gromatzky
Senior Paper
6th Place

Abigail Remiarz, Kelly Lee
Kayla Schneider
Junior Group Documentary
7th Place

Bailey Hilgren
Senior Individual Documentary
10th Place,
Outstanding State Entry Award

Elizabeth Nussbaum
Senior Individual Exhibit
12th Place

Lisa Otto
Senior Group Exhibit
12th Place
Best “I Just Won!” Face
Tasha Holtman

Best Camera-Dodger
Ariel O’Neill

Best Button Traders
Liam Plambeck,
Billy Eerdmans

Best Multitasker
Josh Nguyen

Junk-food Junkies
Staff

Best Dancers
Jaime Carreno-Moran, Kyle Young
Jeanna Nesbitt, Andy Eerdmans

Best Student Impersonation
of a Staffer
Nikita Salovich (Naomi Peuse)

Most likely to become a
History Day staffer
Jennifer Mailee Lor

Scariest Room Decoration
Lydia Newman-Heggie,
Guanani Gomez-van Cortright

Best Parade of States Robots
Red Rocker, Blue Bomber