The staff would like to say “thank you” to all participants, parents and teachers who made National History Day 2013 such a great year. It was our pleasure getting to know all of you and we hope you had as memorable of an experience as we did. You are all winners to us!

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THE 2013 NHD NATIONAL CONTEST IS DEDICATED TO
THE MEMORY OF LAURA ZECARDI

The Minnesota Historical Society tragically lost a dynamic young educator when Laura Zeccardi. She was born in Minneapolis, April 24, 2013. She was a dedicated and passionate historian. She was 20 years old. Laura was brokenhearted about history and education and used her passion to help thousands of students learn about Minnesota.

Laura grew up in Chisago, Minnesota, and began participating in History Day as a 4th grader. She was one of the few students who participated in the program every year she was eligible and went on to win both Minnesota and national competitions four times in the individual documentary category. As a student at Macalester College, Laura served as an intern for the History Day Program and eventually joined the Minnesota Historical Society staff after completing her undergraduate studies.

KEEP CALM AND NHD
The junior division arrived in D.C. as a force to be reckoned with. The junior team represented the Cities and surrounding areas and made everyone proud. With 9 projects finishing in the top 14, including 3 bronze medals, our juniors made it known that Minnesota was in the house! Such an awesome (town) group of kids. Solid friendships were made as buttons made trade. Way to show ‘em how it’s done, juniors!

Mara Brick
Elsa Cournoyer
Ethan Davenport
Olivia DiGiorno

Ruhi Doshi
Simon Dungan-Seaver
Seamus Flynn
Grace Gardner

Sovigne Gardner
Kirby Goodell
Jennie Hebaus
Bjorn Holm

Charlotte Hunsicker
Meghana Iyer
Grace Kellar-Long
Eric Lagos
Juniors

Mari Leland
Siena Leonne-Getten
Anselma Lopez
Soren Malm

Anna Mulhern
Eleanor O’Callaghan
Noah Rooze
Eli Sage-Martinson

Miranda Skinner
Anaïs Stordahl
Sarah Wheaton
Anna Weiland

Caledonia Wilson
Emily Zaborowski
Bringing their expertise on topics such as the Interstate Highway Act, marsh preservation, Title IX and Rachel Carson, the 2013 senior division proved they weren’t “too cool for school”. Representing DeLaSalle, Mankato, Highland Senior, and South High to name a few, this crew took “Turning Points” to new heights. With 4 national finalists and 5 medals, and who could forget the elusive “Double Minny” first and second place in the senior group performance category, these guys sure left their mark on Washington. Congrats to all of our seniors! Antlers up!

Sarah Becker
Lindsey Chambers
Audrey Dombo
Paul Esslinger

Maziere Flynn
Laura Gale
John Haley
Holly Hankins

Madeline Henschel
Bailey Hilgren
Luke Isensee
Allegra Jonas

Kira Leadholm
Kaitlynn Lindaman
Kennedy Maker
Frances Matejcek
Billy Menor
Becky Norling-Ruggles
Grace Palmer
Maddie Pavek

Nicholas Pemberton
Nick Reed
Jessica Reinhart
Kateri Schmidt

Maggie Schmidt
Mary Traxler
Kathleen Watson
Sarah Westad

Carly Zimmerman
History Day is challenging. Imagine trying to complete a project without the support from parents and teachers. From driving us to Hullabalooos to helping with glue, to proofreading scripts and editing video clips, parents and teachers deserve a high five, thumbs up, pat on the back thank you! Help your folks out with the dishes tonight, kids.
STAFF

Tim Hoogland
Sarah Aschbrenner
Katie Craven
Rachel Hernandez

Jill Hengstler
Kyle Parsons
Sammi Jo Coryell
Emily Klipp

Torrie White
Megan Brownell

[Images of staff members]
The class of 2013's Drama Club performed a variety of crowd pleasers. From the Compromise of 1877 to rights for juveniles, the Pope to Ida Tarbell, our actors and actresses wowed crowds all week long. Anna Mulhern and her braids acted her way to 6th place for her performance on the U.S.-Dakota War, Grace Kellar-Long amazed the audience and judges with her harrowing tale of the Little Rock Nine which earned herself 3rd place. Cyber Village Academy tackled "Red" topics such as the Estonian Singing Revolution by the all male cast group performance and Spartacus by the Gardner twins.
The future documentarians of Minnesota presented their knowledge on a wide variety of topics. From wetlands to the Dakota War, Ghandi to Title IX, our feature filmmakers impressed judges with their smooth transitions, special effects, knowledge of the Highway act, the Triangle Factory Fire and more. Taking home a bronze medal was Maddie Pavek from Rochester who taught us all a thing or two on the Mattachine Society while we learned about Silent Spring from Siena Leone-Getten. A wide range of topics and sources to amaze all audiences, indeed.
The power tool wielding 2013 Shop Class graduates glued, sawed and stapled their way to the top. A friendly rivalry grew amongst the two senior group Mankato boards only to have the girls rise to the top with a bronze medal for the board on the 1968 Democratic Convention. Veteran board maker Anselma Lopez taught us about a heart surgeon, Nick Reed and Kaitlyn Lindemann represented southern Minnesota with topics covering Morrill Hall and Rachel Carson respectively. Not to be left out, two projects from White Bear Lake (Go Bears!) showed judges what they knew about the CCC and Polio. The jet-setting trio from Wayzata West went back in the day and schooled us on the Roman Empire. Our future museum architects sure made the Minnesota delegation proud!
The 2013 Website Squad wins the award for most variety in topics. These HTML'ers taught us about subjects most know nothing about including Francois Vidoq and the Ambedkar Movement, while also taking chemotherapy, energy crisis and Stonewall to new heights. Perhaps the lesser known topic of Robert Smalls is what earned the L'Etoile du Nord boys 3rd place and the fact that Noah Rooze became a communist to get coveted interviews is what earned him 3rd place as well. We are proud of all of our page layout loving, font picky website gurus!
The talented young ladies of the Young Writers Workshop who took the old school approach to research impressed the Minnesota delegation with their beautifully written papers on the Triangle Fire, Cuban Missile Crisis, GI Bill and Watergate. These gals don't need fancy colors or transitions for their project, just pure prose on paper. Congrats to our national finalist authors, Sarah and Olivia!
Frances Matejcek, Grace Palmer
Becky Norling-Ruggles
Senior Group Documentary
5th Place

Anna Mulhern
Junior Individual Performance
6th Place

Audrey Dombro
Senior Individual Website
7th Place

Kathleen Watson, Maziere Flynn
Senior Group Website
8th Place

Miranda Skinner, Eleanor O’Callaghan
Junior Group Website
8th Place

Sarah Wheaton
Junior Paper
8th Place

Simon Dungan-Seaver,
Eli Sage-Martinson, Bjorn Holm
Junior Group Documentary
8th Place

Bailey Hilgren, Luke Isensee
Senior Group Documentary
11th Place

Olivia DiGiorno
Junior Paper
11th Place

Sovigne Gardner, Grace Gardner
Junior Group Performance
11th Place
NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Carly Zimmerman, Kateri Schmidt, Maggie Schmidt  
Senior Group Performance  
1st Place

Monica Nelson, Billy Menor, Sarah Becker  
Senior Group Performance  
2nd Place

Noah Rooze  
Junior Individual Website  
3rd Place

Eric Lagos, Soren Malm  
Junior Group Website  
3rd Place

Grace Kellar-Long  
Junior Individual Performance  
3rd Place

Sarah Westad  
Senior Individual Performance  
3rd Place

Maddie Pavek  
Senior Individual Documentary  
3rd Place

Lindsey Chambers, Holly Hanksins, Mary Traxler  
Senior Group Exhibit  
3rd Place

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