The History Day staff would like to say a HUGE thank you to all participants, parents, families, and teachers who made National History Day 2014 such a great year! It was a blast getting to know each of you and we hope you had as memorable of an experience as we did. You are all winners to us! We hope to see you participating next year!

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This year's junior division came ready to represent Minnesota. The junior team consisted of Twin Cities kids, a smattering of outstate reps, newbies and veterans! Five of our projects made the final round of the competition, showing just how awesome (town) our kids are. Roommates who were strangers became friends and buttons were always in high demand. What a fun (city) group of juniors!

Allison Ackerknecht
Emily Albert-Stauning
Ben Anderson
Cassidy Bins

Kari Breuer
Sabrina Brown
Yaneira Calderon Rodas
Jocie Coffler

Sam Dale-Gau
Mary Jo Dalsin
Carolina Gomez Diaz
Bjorn Holm

Anna Lee
Elisa Lopez
Jordan McGinty
Sarah Merkling
 Gabriel Mersy
 Jana Miller
 Sydney Mischke
 Emma Nelson

 Jenna Olawsky
 Luke Peichel
 Maggie Philippi
 Jacqueline Roueche

 Elizabeth Rumreich
 Eli Sage-Martinson
 Terra Sikorski
 Madhav Singh

 Noah Solomon
 Maren Viker
Seniors this year must have thought it was their “responsibility” to make sure everyone had a good time, for all the laughs they provided! Between the crazy amount of touring, judging, and state supporting these students did, we doubt they slept the whole week. Plus, who could forget the awesome (town) room decorations by some of these groups—cute cat overload, birthday treats, and toddler day care just to name a few. Congrats to all of our seniors!

Kiana Alleman
Shelby Benson
Yan Zhou Chen
Allison Cramer

Katelynn Dorschner
Summer Eckman
Alli Hanson
Iasha Holtman

Megan Holub
Molly Hynes
Nathanial Johnston
Grace Kellar-Long

Samara Kroeger
Courtney Laine
Ariana Lopez
Billy Menor
Mercedes Moffett
Monica Nelson
Tessa Newman-Heggie
Shayne Okerstrom

Maddie Pavek
Kit Piepborn
Erica Pfeitz
Nick Reed

Toviya Slager
Cedar Thomas
Nhi Tran
Joseph Vo

Emily Voigt
Kashia Yang
Did History Day ever make you miss your bedtime? Did it maybe bring tears to your eyes? What if your parents and teachers weren't there to help you push through the stress? These people are awesome! They drove you to Hullaballos and feedback sessions, edited scripts, and gave critical feedback, all while helping you keep some level of sanity. These folks deserve a huge thank you, a thousand Banana Awards, and big thumbs up for all their help. Do something nice for them today, kids!
This year’s drama club didn’t disappoint. With projects on the 19th Amendment, the death penalty, Boundary Waters, and Lewis Hine, our juniors brought the crowds to their feet. Our seniors also wowed audiences with topics on prohibition, Louisa May Alcott, Reverend John Ryan, and Abington School District. Three of these projects even made the final round! With such a wide range of topics, it was a blast to see our students perform and show off all of their hard work!
With such a talented young group of documentarians, we’re expecting to see someone on the Academy Awards in the future! Topics ranged from the Triangle Fire, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the Pure Food and Drug Act, and the Church Committee, to Eugenics, Japanese Internment, Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and Surgery Sterilization. Whew. Try saying those topics ten times fast. These students amazed judges with their strong narration, great research, and overall enthusiasm. Mary Jo Dalsin even took home the bronze medal in the Junior Individual category!
In a funny turn of events, this year’s graduating shop class was also the female brigade. They used their strength to glue and staple their final projects together—to amazing results! Terra Sikorski’s project on Ryan White took third in the nation! Other exhibit topics ranged across U.S. History—with the Pure Food and Drug Act/FDA, Arthur Miller in Minneapolis, Los Angeles Race Riots, Freedom Riders, Michael J. Dowling, 4th Amendment Rights, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. These exhibits looked professional, clean cut, and full of information. Way to make Minnesota proud, ladies!
Our 2014 Website Squad came ready to roll. These technology gurus spent hours staring at their computer screens to try and cram everything they learned into 1,200 words. Maren Viker's website started things off in early American History about the First Amendment while Emma Nelson spoke more recently on Helen Keller. The Barton Boys showed their passion for world history by focusing on Ghandi’s Salt March while Anna Lee and Sabrina Brown focused on Japanese Internment and Korematsu. In an almost-unheard of twist of events, all of our senior websites made final round! Cedar and Allison’s topic on Lewis Hine earned them rave reviews, as did Kashia’s website on Japanese Internment. Special should out to Samara on taking home the silver with her project on the Love Canal and the Mankato girls, Nhi, Megan, and Ariana, for the bronze medal on Eugenics and Sterilization! We are so proud of our fantastic website squad!
Our talented students of the Young Writers Workshop dazzled crowds with their old school approach to History Day by writing fantastic papers on Yahweh in Ancient Israel, Indian Removal Act, the Dutch helping Jews during WWII, and Kindertransport. Congrats to Tasha on taking first in the nation!
Allison Ackerknecht, Kari Breuer, Margaret Philippi
Junior Group Exhibit
4th Place

Cedar Thomas, Allison Cramer
Senior Group Website
4th Place

Sam Dale-Gau, Bjorn Holm, Eli Sage-Martinson
Junior Group Documentary
5th Place

Nick Reed
Senior Individual Performance
5th Place

Sabrina Brown, Anna Lee
Junior Group Website
6th Place

Jocie Coffler
Junior Individual Performance
7th Place

Madhav Singh, Ben Anderson, Luke Peichel
Junior Group Website
8th Place

Yaneira Calderon Rodas, Carolina Gomez Diaz
Junior Group Performance
9th Place

Jordan McGinty, Sydney Mischke
Junior Group Documentary
10th Place

Kashia Yang
Senior Individual Website
10th Place
NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Tasha Holtman
Senior Paper
1st Place

Samara Kroeger
Senior Individual Website
2nd Place

Mary Jo Dalsin
Junior Individual Documentary
3rd Place

Ariana Lopez, Megan Holub, Nhi Tran
Senior Group Website
3rd Place

Terra Sikorski
Junior Individual Exhibit
3rd Place