Team Minnesota, how can we thank you for such an incredible week? From airport poker to late nights in the lounge watching *The Avengers*, intense FCAT games and Four Square battles, smooth Junior and Senior presentations, as well as a nice run at the Awards Ceremony, we know we’ll be missing you long time and can’t wait to see you all again! THANK YOU to participants, teachers, mentors, parents, grandparents, siblings, and fans: you all made this trip worthwhile. We hope you enjoy this flip through of our memories and enjoy the rest of your summer! Until next time, we love you 3000!

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Team Minnesota’s junior historians traveled to Washington, D.C. from all corners of the state, with a vast array of projects ranging from environmental policy to financial systems to health cures and space. A Performance on the 26th Amendment even made it to Final Round and came out with a silver medal, while the rest of the squad cheered him on. Thank you juniors for smiling as bright as your future’s. We’ll miss all of your rigorous bartering skills during button trading to lock and secure Shanghai swag. We will think of you each time a Shawn Mendes or Ariana Grande song plays on the radio!

Sasha Allen
Chase Baumgarten
Emily Brenner
Charlie Cullen

Khayaal Desai-Hunt
Phoebe Finlay
Aviva Fisher
Laurel Kaufman

Sydney McGrath
Colin McShane
Amanda Montgomery
Maria Muller

Abigail Peters
Julia Plect
Kai Sackreiter
Annika Schroeder
Juniors

Keo Sena
Ashley Steffes
Ellery Tennison
Tara Thomsen

Kevin Torstenson
Annika Veurink
Alice Wagner-Hemstad
Ricardo Wang-Polendo

Calvin Weier
Emmett Whinnery
The old folks home called the Minnesota staff to report they were missing some of their seniors. Fortunately for us, all of our seniors were accounted for and having the time of their lives in the nation's capital. Your projects on resistance, health practices, effects of war, and creative marketing led to two special prizes, four projects in the Final Round, and one gold medal. Thank you for spearheading the love and support that brought life to MN-timidation heard ‘round the world. We’ll miss playing cards in random, obscure places and cry a little when we lace up our tennies for an early morning run.

Norah Austin
Bryn Farmer
Jackson Fawcett
Sofia Fish

Kathleen Grube
Neil Grube
Tess Grundhoefer
Ella Hoch Robinson

Hannah Jensen
Lily Johnson
Sam Kellar-Long
Gus LaFave

Calvin Mattson
Gwen McMahon
An Nguyen-Trinh
Annabelle Niblett
Evyn Olmstead
Tana Ososki
Abigail Peterson
Grace Philippon

David Povolny
Anna Rakhmanov
Aaron Ramsey
Azalea Rohr

Megan Schneider
Sam Skinner
Jaedyn Thoma
Mae Wrigley

Norah/Jackson
Parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, mentors, and fans - we always get a little teary eyed watching the support squad. History Day would not be what it is today without you. Thank you for all of the late nights spent proofreading paragraphs and process papers, allowing your beloved furniture to become performance props, sitting through multiple documentary screenings, carrying boards and handling all of the electrical equipment, but most importantly for celebrating personal and individual successes. Now kick up those feet and enjoy your time off. We'll see you again next year!
Teachers, can we just be honest for a second? Truth is, you’ve seen all of these projects since day one. It’ll take a million and one thank you’s before we can come close to recognizing the work you’ve put into this program. Thank you for nurturing this group of eclectic young scholars and challenging their minds. Thank you for comforting them, supporting them, and helping them grow! And how could we forget - thank you for taking care of us! Thank you for carrying boards and boxes, for blow drying our wet bowling shirts under hand dryers, and for helping us demolish boxes and boxes of cold pizza. You all are the GOATs!
Team Minnesota, we loved spending the week with you. Thank you for the memories. Don’t be afraid to say hi when you see us doing regular people things, living regular lives! Although let’s be real, you probably won’t recognize us without our bowling shirts on.

Dyani Acosta
Ed Adams
Sarah Aschbrenner
Angie Drehmel

Gretchen Hovan
Actiqn Jackson
JLor
Kevin Maijala

Sarah Martin
Sammi Jo Papas
David Safranski
You better get these young actors’ autographs before they hit the big stage! The 2019 Drama Club put on amazing Performances this year with topics such as the Siege of Leningrad, the 26th Amendment, amFAR’s AIDS research impact, Amelia Earhart, the Battle of the Bulge, Jean-Eugene Robert-Houdin, cigarette advertising, and the Voting Rights Act. Your projects left the crowd in tears, overcome with emotion and goosebumps! We’ll be singing protest songs, pitching our own marketing schemes, taking flight lessons, and attempting our own magic tricks all summer long! Clearly, you guys will be missed!
Having written and directed their own 10 minute Documentaries, our Minnesotan Ken Burns' executed awe-inspiring projects with topics ranging from Alexander Hamilton, Glen Lake's triumph over tuberculosis, the Bosnian Genocide, China’s One Child Policy, Comfort Women, Apollo 1, the Challenger Space disaster, and Dr. Martha Ripley’s Maternity Hospital. We were taken aback by the scope of knowledge and research presented on screen, and amazed with your cinematography. When you sell out movie theatres, we'll shed tears knowing it all started here.
Who knew that the Maryland humidity was bad for tape? From heat waves to air conditioning failures, these kids arrived with a bounty of adhesives. No amount of last minute taping or the need for electric wire holes can stop these pros! Glued to their boards were topics like Griswold v. Connecticut, the Los Angeles Riots, tragic football brain injuries, the Challenger Space disaster, the White Rose, fishing wars in the Atlantic, the Space Race during the Cold War, and Mao Zedong’s dinner party resistance. To that, we cheer and say thanks for not boarding us! Don’t forget to tell us when your first exhibitions are being installed in national museums. We’ll be first in line.
Though you didn’t have to carry a single thing, you saved a couple hundred trees and triumphed through an early deadline. Congrats, Website Squad! Someday, you’re gonna rule the interwebs! You rocked your interviews and seriously wowed with projects on the American Indian Movement and boarding schools, the triumph of thalidomide and smallpox vaccine, the demilitarization of Japan, *The Jungle*, civil liberties in Skokie, and the Reserve Mining Company v. United States. Rock on and keep the Internet safe!
Don’t sleep on these young writers - they’re going to be published authors someday. The staff were overwhelmed with the amount of knowledge and careful prose that went into each paper. We are incredibly proud of your intricate and articulately crafted arguments with topics ranging from the conservation of bald eagles and the ethics of the atomic bomb to the tragedies of douching and triumphs of Cambodian refugees’ experiences. Way to knock the socks off of your judges with footnotes and properly cited appendices, too. We can’t wait to stand in the lines of a bookstore for your autographs or to attend your many book readings someday!
1st Place
Abigail Peterson
Senior Individual Website
Stomaching America: Triumphs and Tragedies of “The Jungle”

2nd Place
Kevin Torstenson
Junior Individual Performance
The 26th Amendment: A Triumphant Alliance

4th Place
Ella Hoch Robinson
Senior Individual Website
The Risks of Freedom: The Triumph and Tragedy of Civil Liberties in Skokie

5th Place
Aaron Ramsey, Tana Osaski
Senior Group Performance
Mississippi Freedom Summer

8th Place
Grace Philippon, Sam Skinner
Senior Group Website
Finding Honor in Defeat: The Demilitarization of Japan

Scholarship to the National History Academy
Abigail Peterson
Senior Individual Website
Stomaching America: Triumphs and Tragedies of “The Jungle”

Global Peace Prize
Grace Philippon, Sam Skinner
Senior Group Website
Finding Honor in Defeat: The Demilitarization of Japan

Outstanding State Entries
Calvin Weier
Junior Individual Exhibit
Ella Hoch Robinson
Senior Individual Website
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