MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY





May 2

STATE HISTORY DAY COMPETITION YIELDS YOUNG HISTORIANS EXCITED TO ADVANCE TO NATIONAL LEVEL CONTEST

On May 2, hundreds of students in grades 6 to 12, along with legions of parents and supporters, descended on the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus, the site of the state History Day competition.



The students who were at the state competition already had advanced through spring History Day fairs held at the local and regional levels. They've analyzed their research and presented it creatively. That creativity took four forms. Students created papers, table-top exhibits, performances and media entries related to the 1998 theme, "Migrations in History: People, Cultures, Ideas."



State History Day winners were announced at a 4 p.m. awards ceremony at Willey Hall. They will go on to the national competition in Washington, D.C., in June.

The state winners are (name(s), title of entry, school, city):

HISTORY DAY

Exhibit Category

NEWS HOME Junior Individual Exhibit

¥ First Place: Emily Claypool, "From Romance to Reality," Home School, Bemidii

¥ Second Place: Cam Clark, "Rondo," Anthony Middle School,

Minneapolis

Senior Individual Exhibit

¥ First Place: Courtney Istre, "Acadians," South High School,

Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Jesse Dalbacka, "The Trans-Art-Lantic Movement,"

Marshall School, Duluth Junior Group Exhibit

¥ First Place: Molly Schuetzler and Julianna Beattie, "Migration from

Sweden," Anthony Middle School, Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Molly Bowen and Melanie Baker, "From China to

America," Willow Creek Middle School, Rochester

Senior Group Exhibit

¥ First Place: Dan Salzer and Jesse Atkins, "Irish Exodus," Totino Grace, Fridley

¥ Second Place: Caitlin Reid and Hilary Lundquist, "Bound for Success," South High School, Minneapolis

Media Category

Junior Individual Media

¥ First Place: Laura Zeccardi, "The Mennonites," Chosen Valley High

School, Chatfield

¥ Second Place: Nathan Otten, "Gangster Migration," Christ Household of

Faith School, St. Paul Senior Individual Media ¥ First Place: Abraham Godwin, "Migration of the Blues," Oak Grove

Academy, Bemidji

¥ Second Place: Erica Phillips, "Changing Chopsocky," South High

School, Minneapolis Junior Group Media

¥ First Place: Miriam Hadj-Moussa and Anna Marschalk-Burns, "Swedish

Immigrants," Ramsey Jr. High, St. Paul

¥ Second Place: Bria Walling and Leigh Shadko, "The Medieval

Holocaust," Breck School, Minneapolis

Senior Group Media

¥ First Place: Emily Robinson and Brett Wilcox, "The Peace Corps:

Piecing the World Together," South High School, Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Walter Warneke, Adella Alsbury, Charrissa Simonson, Joshua Fiscus and Benita Alleman, "There and Back," Christ Household of Faith School, St. Paul

Performance Category

Junior Individual Performance

¥ First Place: Jonathan Bluhm, "Dillon O'Brien," Christ Household of

Faith School, St. Paul

¥ Second Place: Laura Hammond, "Matanuska," Rosemount Middle

School, Rosemount

Senior Individual Performance

¥ First Place: Joshua Tanz, "A Red Guard's Migration," South High

School, Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Courtney Glenny, "This, Then is America," Robbinsdale Cooper High School, Minneapolis

Junior Group Performance

¥ First Place: Rachel Hopsicker, Alison Brazel, Zaneta Clark and Hannah

Appelbaum, "Anne Hutchinson," Ramsey Jr. High, St. Paul

¥ Second Place: Megan Moos, Rachel Douglass, Katie Krosschell, Holly Henrickson and Caitlin Cleary, "Mennonites to Minnesota," Washington

Tech. Magnet, St. Paul

Senior Group Performance

¥ First Place: Nathan Keepers, Emily Gunyou, Rachel Widen, Kathryn

Parker, "Northward Bound," South High School, Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Becca Stark, Nicole Swanson, Matt Sutterfield and

Hillary Field, "Escaping the Famine," McGuire Junior High, Maple Grove

Historical Paper Category (Individual Only)

Junior Paper

¥ First Place: Maureen Olesen, "The Fur Trade," Ramsey Jr. High, St.

Paul

¥ Second Place: Mark Thomson, "The Migration of Smallpox," Breck

School, Minneapolis

Senior Paper

¥ First Place: Lindsay Kuehn, "The Migration of Jazz," South High

School, Minneapolis

¥ Second Place: Tiffany Grunewald, "America's Revolution," Henry High

School, Minneapolis

Several teachers also were recognized at the awards ceremony. The 1998 Teaching Award Ñ a trip sponsored by Papa John's to the national contest in Washington, D.C. Ñ went to <u>Marcy Basco</u> from Johnson Senior High in St. Paul. Teacher of Merit Awards were given to Scott Ross of Calvin

Christian School in Edina and Huy Nguyen of Sunrise Park Middle in White Bear Lake.

Nationally, History Day is a highly regarded academic challenge D more than 500,000 students participate nationwide. Statewide, participation has grown from 125 students in 1987 to 23,000 this year. The program's goal is to promote the study of history by engaging students and teachers in the excitement of delving into primary resources and turning research into a creative presentation. This hands-on approach to history has led many teachers to use the program to meet the requirements of the new state graduation standards. History Day fairs reinforce classroom teaching by rewarding students of all abilities for their scholarship, individual initiative and cooperative learning.

National History Day in Minnesota is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota Department of History.

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