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**Local Student(s) Earn(s) Honors at National History Day Contest**

 **City, Wis. -** After months of intensive research and success at district \_\_\_\_\_regional- and the Wisconsin State Contest, STUDENT OR STUDENTS NAMES, a student(s) at SCHOOL NAME in CITY presented their project at the annual National History Day competition, held at the University of Maryland College Park Campus in the Washington, D.C. area June9-13.

“QUOTE FROM STUDENT OR TEACHER. TALK ABOUT THE PROJECT SPECIFICS HOW PROUD YOU ARE OF STUDENT WORK. OR ANYTING ELSE,” said NAME OF PERSON QUOTED.

Each fall more than half a million students nationwide begin the year-long National History Day program, competing in a series of history contests in their local districts and states.  The top students in each category are selected for participation in the national contest. Over 16,000 students complete a project statewide and just over fifty students represent Wisconsin annually at the national contest.

Participating students choose their own topics of study and research from original sources based on the theme, Triumph & Tragedy in History. National History Day student’s research historic documents and artifacts, conduct oral histories, search the Internet for information on their topics, and travel to historic sites.  They present their work in a variety of ways, by creating museum-type exhibits, video documentaries, creative websites, original performances, or traditional research papers.

More than 300 historians and other education professionals evaluate the students work at the national competition. More than $150,000 worth of scholarships are awarded at the national awards ceremony to select students, and approximately 100 students took home cash prizes between $250 and $5,000 for superior work in a particular category of judging.

For more information visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD).

**About National History Day**

The Wisconsin Historical Society is the state’s sponsor institution for National History Day. The annual, year-long academic enrichment program helps more than 10,000 students in grades six through twelve learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/NHD).

**About Wisconsin Historical Society**
The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/).

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