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Introduction and Background

National History Day (NHD) is a federally approved national educational program for students in grades six through twelve. The Kansas History Day Program was started in 1982 by the Kansas State Historical Society, Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Fort Hays State University, Washburn University, and Wichita State University among others. Over the years, the following are some of the institutions that have supported the program by hosting district competitions: Johnson County Community College, Garden City Public Schools, Reno County Historical Society, Franklin County Historical Society, and Fort Scott Community College.

In June 2009, the Kansas History Day Foundation (KHDF) was formed to take over sponsorship of the Kansas program when the Kansas Historical Society was unable to continue as the sponsor. The top priorities of KHDF were to work with the District Coordinators to maintain the district contests; create a website and email listserv to distribute information to teachers, students, parents, and supporters; and to hold a state contest.

District partnerships were continued with Fort Hays State University, Fort Scott Community College, and Washburn University. New partnerships were formed with Johnson County Community College for District 1 and Friends University and the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Society for District 6. Without these partnerships, volunteers, and overwhelming support from the National History Day office, KHDF would not have been able to continue the Kansas History Program for the 2009-2010 school year.

National History Day

History Day is a yearlong educational process. Students select an historical topic that relates to a broad theme, and then learn how to research their topic using primary and
secondary sources. Working individually or in groups of two to five students, students then analyze and interpret their findings by developing an historical paper, exhibit, dramatic performance, or documentary. Students present their projects to audiences at school history fairs and district competitions. Beginning this year, the top three junior and senior division entries in each category from each district contest qualify to compete at the Kansas History Day Contest. The top two entries at the state level may go on to enter the National History Day Contest, held every June at the University of Maryland. The theme for 2010 was “Innovation in History: Impact and Change.”

**Kansas History Day Foundation**

The Kansas History Day Foundation, a non-profit volunteer organization, was formed in June 2009 by Norman Conard, Letha Johnson, Travis Lamb, and Susan Sittenauer in an effort to keep the NHD program going in Kansas. Tracie Lamb was joined the group in July 2009 to share State Coordinator duties with Letha Johnson. KHDF registered as a non-profit organization with the Kansas Office of the Secretary of State and as a 501 c 3 with the Internal Revenue Service.

Our mission is the promotion of interest among elementary and secondary school students in history and historical research by providing the students an opportunity to compete and display publicly the results of their historical research and by rewarding them for their efforts and interests. Kansas students have a long history of success in History Day at all levels, including the national level. KHDF’s aim is make sure that other Kansas students have the opportunity to continue this successful and winning tradition. The members of the 2009-2010 KHDF Board of Directors were:

- Letha E. Johnson, Executive Director and State Co-coordinator
- Norman Conard, President
- Tracie Lamb, Secretary/Treasurer and State Co-coordinator
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To promote the program an email listserv and Kansas History Day website were created. Since KHDF took over the Kansas Historical Society’s contract for the online registration system through NHD, the website was furnished at no cost to KHDF. Given the limited funding available to KHDF, the listserv and website were used to promote the annual theme and the Kansas Topics List and Bibliography.

Travis Lamb and Susan Sittenauer conducted a History Day session at the annual conference of the Kansas Association for Gifted Talented and Creative in Lawrence. Tracie Lamb and Letha Johnson served as District Coordinators for Districts 1 and 4. Thanks to the help of Terry Healy (District 4) and Jim Lieker and Vince Clark (District 1), locations for the contests were secured.

KHDF was able to keep the Kansas History Day Program going thanks to the support of a dedicated group of people who generous volunteered their time, efforts, and money throughout the year. Volunteers included Megan Felt, Kirsten Goodman, Terry Healy, Bobby Athon, Sjobar Hammer, and Jim Lieker.

Appendix A shows the budget the board worked within for the year. A complete list of sponsors and volunteers is in Appendix B.

Kansas History Day District Programs

Kansas is divided into six History Day districts. Educational and historical institutions sponsor the program at the district level for the counties in their district (see map below). Thanks to the dedicated work of the District Coordinators and their host institutions, this program provided competitive history experiences for students in every region of the state.
The District Coordinators and host institutions/contest locations for 2010 were:

District 1: Letha Johnson and Tracie Lamb, Johnson County Community College  
District 2: John Seal, Fort Scott Community College  
District 3: Rachel Goossen, Washburn University History Department in Topeka  
District 4: Letha Johnson and Tracie Lamb, Dwight D Eisenhower Middle School  
District 5: David Bovee and Rhonda Baker, Fort Hays State University History Department  
District 6: Friends University and Erick Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum

In 2010, a total of 614 students entered district competitions in Kansas. This was a decrease in participation of 167 students from 2009, but still a good showing given the transition the program was undergoing. District 5 was the only district to experience an increases in participation (see chart below).
Once again Exhibits was the dominant category with 227 students entered in the category. This was the last year that the website category was a combined category with individuals and groups competing against each other. Districts 1, 3, and 4 had strong participation in the Website category. See the chart below for the total number of students entered in each category by district.
We are grateful for the support of the District Coordinators who work year-round to promote, staff, organize, and fund the district contest in their regions. Several individuals helped to secure facilities for the state and district contests. Among them were:

- Terry Healy
- Jim Lieker
- Vincent Clark
- Robin Shrimpman
- Rachel Goossen

Their efforts contribute to the success and the unparalleled educational experiences that the History Day program provides for students and teachers alike.

Several organizations contributed to making the district contests possible. The Seaman High School History Day Club donated $1000 for district contest supplies. The following is a list of additional contributors to Kansas History Day at the district contest level:

**District 1 (Bonner Springs):**
- Johnson County Community College History Department
- Reiner Center, Johnson County Community College

**District 2 (Fort Scott):**
- Fort Scott Community College
- Fort Scott Community College History Department
- Fort Scott Community College History Club
- Fort Scott Community College President’s Ambassadors
- Fort Scott Community College Cheer and Dance team

**District 3 (Topeka):**
- Alpha Beta Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta
- Shawnee County Historical Society
- Washburn University History Department
- Washburn University Memorial Student Union

**District 4 (Manhattan):**
- Dwight D Eisenhower Middle School
- Terry Healy

**District 5 (Hays):**
- Fort Hays State University History Department
- Fort Hays State University Memorial Union

**District 6 (Wichita):**
- Friends University
- Friends University History Department
Kansas History Day State Contest

Thanks to the KHDF partnership with the Washburn University History Department, the state contest was once again held at Washburn’s Memorial Union in Topeka on April 17, 2010. This year’s contest featured 209 students from 47 Kansas schools. The contest was made possible through an Affiliate Improvement Contract with NHD, which provided $5,000 from the NHD Federal Earmark. Additional support for the state contest was received from Washburn University’s Memorial Student Union Scheduling, Facilities, and Catering. It was through the efforts of Rachel Goossen and Robin Shipman that the partnership with Washburn University was possible.

The following organizations sponsored scholarships and awards for students at this year’s contest:

♦ Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
♦ Kansas City Area Archivists
♦ Kansas Association of Historians
♦ Native Sons of Greater Kansas City

Once again, the high quality of entries made the job of determining which ones would advance to the National History Day Contest a difficult one. The lists of State Contest results and Special Awards and Prizes are in Appendix C.

Each year a teacher is selected as the Kansas History Day Teacher of the Year from nominations submitted by students, parents, fellow teachers, and administrators. Nominated for the award this year was: Lynette Wescott from Pittsburg Community Middle School. Lynette was described as a teacher who is always upbeat and uses creative teaching methods, such as Hip Hop/Rap, to make learning fun for her students. She gives generously of
her free time to help those students who need the extra help or are working on special projects, such as History Day entries.

This year special recognition was given to two teachers for their dedication to History Day. Mary Courtney, Rolla Junior/Senior High, is History Day for students in Rolla. She gladly spends hours outside of the classroom helping her students find the resources they need for their History Day projects and arranges field trips to further their learning. Terry Healy, USD 383 Manhattan, really came through for her students this year by arranging a location for the Kansas History Day Foundation to hold the District 4 contest. What’s even more remarkable about this is the fact that the only students (over 50) competing at the district contest were her students. This did not stop Terry from making sure that each student had a good experience at the contest.

**National History Day Contest**

Kansas had 47 students entered in the National History Day competition held at the University of Maryland, in College Park, Maryland, June 13-17, 2010. Thanks to a second Affiliate Improvement Contract with NHS, Letha Johnson was able to the national contest.

This year, Kansas had two entries win first place:

**Junior Web Site**
Entry Title: Polio Pioneer: Jonas Salk  
Student(s): Ida Hirsch, Ella Hirsch, & Andrea Miller  
City, School: Manhattan, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School  
Teacher(s): Terry Healy

**Senior Group Exhibit**
Entry Title: Upton Sinclair: Escaping The Jungle Through Social Reform  
Student(s): Lindsay Frank & Anna Stone  
City, School: Ottawa Senior High School  
Teacher(s): Candie Campbell

Winners of the Outstanding State Entries for were:
See Appendix D for a complete list of national finialists.

**Plans for the Future**

For the upcoming fiscal year, KHDF plans to continue to promote the use of History Day in the classroom through teacher workshops and presentations at professional conferences. Currently the Curriculum Coordinators are developing a beginner’s teacher workshop that can be a stand-alone event or an in-service, for which we hope to secure Continuing Education Credits. Additionally, the State Coordinators will continue to work towards stabilizing the districts and search for new coordinators and locations for the Districts 1 and District 4 contests. It is hoped that these efforts will increase participation in the Kansas History Day program in these areas. In an effort to achieve the overall goals of KHDF, the State Coordinators will be attending the NHD funded State Coordinators Conference in Washington, D.C., in October 2010.
## Appendix A: KHDF 2009-2010 Budget

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| Total Surplus (Overage)                                       | $ 7,284.40 |
Appendix B: KHDF 2010 Sponsors, Supporters, and Volunteers

Sponsors
National History Day
Seaman High School History Day Club

Volunteers and Supporters
Sarah Boyle, Johnson County Community College
Shelly Cline, Lawrence
Jim Leiker, Johnson County Community College
Dr. Janet Rider, Johnson County Community College
Sally Utech, Lawrence
Judith Lacey, Oxford Middle School
Barbara Brotton, Wilbur Middle School
Ann Jones, Mater Dei School
Bill Wagnon, Topeka
George Bernheimer, Allstate Insurance Co/Allstate Financial Services LLC
Amy Broome, USD 345
Andrea Burton, Kansas Historical Society
Maria Butler, Lawrence
Dan Carey-Whalen, Kansas Humanities Council
Robert Casper, Topeka
Christine Conner, USD497
Beth Day, Smoke Signal
Wendy Donaldson, USD 259
Molly Easley, University of Kansas
Paul Fecteau, Rossville
Joanna Fewins, Kansas Public Radio
Russell French, R&R Communications
Rachel Goossen, Washburn University
Kimberly Hett, Lawrence Virtual School
Dezeree Hodish, University of Kansas
Robert Hohn, Lawrence
Ron Keefover, Kansas Supreme Court
Brian Miller, Emporia State University
Donna Sanders, USD 450
Kris Sandwell, Adams Elementary
Kate Sims, Wichita
Monica Swift, USD 260
Matthew Thompson, Eisenhower Presidential Museum
Lisa Upshaw, Smoky Hill Museum
David Weed, Washburn University
Marcella Wiget, Kansas State Historical Society
Blanche Wulfekoetter, USD 340
Christy Ziegler, USD 231
Travis Lamb, Hayden High School
Shanna Butel
Ashley Spaeny
Dr. Raymond Wilson, Fort Hays State University
Dr. Norman Caulfield, Fort Hays State University
Dr. Steven Kite, Fort Hays State University
Eric Quaidoo, Fort Hays State University
Dr. David Bovee, Fort Hays State University
Carol Johnson, Fort Hays State University
Brian Gribben, Fort Hays State University
Dr. David Goodlett, Fort Hays State University
Gary Younger, Fort Hays State University
Hyrum Somers, Fort Hays State University
Dr. Kim Perez, Fort Hays State University
Mr. Ray Nolan, Fort Hays State University
Chris Dinkel, Fort Hays State University
Appendix C: State Contest Results

Junior Historical Paper

3rd place
Andrew Doan
_Anime Controversy in the East_
Dodge City, KS, Dodge City Middle School; Teacher(s): Brian Steib

2nd place
Rachel Myers
_The Innovation of the Polio Vaccine: How It Changed the World_
Topeka, KS, Cair Paravel Latin School; Teacher(s): Michael Haberkorn

1st place
Teacher(s): Arnav Das
_Innovation of ENIAC: First Electrical General Programmable Computer Opening the Digital Age_
Manhattan, KS, Marlatt Elementary; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

Junior Individual Exhibits

3rd place
Sarah Shapiro
_Jonas Salk’s Innovation: The Polio Vaccine_
Topeka, KS, Topeka Collegiate; Teacher(s): Sonja Czarnecki, Patti Cross, John MacDonald, Lanny Moyer

2nd place
Neha Tripathi
_The Artificial Heart: Beating the Odds_
Topeka, KS, Topeka Collegiate; Teacher(s): Sonja Czarnecki, Patti Cross, John MacDonald, Lanny Moyer

1st place
Austin Day
_White Castle_
Wichita, KS, Wilbur Middle School; Teacher(s): Barbara Brotton

Junior Group Exhibit

3rd place
Angelica Soria, Bridgette Befort, Brooke Anderson, Ashlie Anderson
_B–29 Superfortress_
Topeka, KS, Mater Dei Catholic School; Teacher(s): Ann Jones

2nd place
Carly Rasmussen, Emily Casteen,
_Windmills: A Turn for the Future_
Topeka, KS, Washburn Rural Middle School; Teacher(s): Alice Bertels

1st place
Julia Blasdel, Amber Davis, Katie Marceau,
_The Brownie Camera_
Wichita, KS, Wilbur Middle School; Teacher(s): Barbara Brotton
**Junior Individual Performance**

2nd place
Libby Hastings
*Title IX*
Wichita, KS, Robinson Middle School; Teacher(s): Kate Sims

1st place
Sarah Lilley
*Percy Spencer and the Innovation of the Microwave: Changing How The World Cooks*
Manhattan, KS, Woodrow Wilson Elementary; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

**Junior Group Performance**

3rd place
Clara Smith, Piper Robb
*The Child Labor Movement and the Rise of Teen Culture in America*
Topeka, KS, Cair Paravel Latin; Teacher(s): William Barron, Brett Martin

2nd place
Rebecca Young, Mary Fischer
*From Suffering to Suffragette*
Fort Scott, KS, Christian Learning Center; Teacher(s): Gloria Fischer

1st place
Ashlynn Hamm, Alexandra Glann, Bryan Brison, Hannah Carlgren
*Dockum Drug: Paving a New Road for Desegregation*
Newton, KS, Santa Fe Middle; Teacher(s): Monty Graber, Marcia Neal

**Junior Individual Documentary**

3rd place
Josh Greene
*Painting the World Yellow: The Innovation of the Simpsons*
Topeka, KS, Topeka Collegiate; Teacher(s): Sonja Czarnecki, Patti Cross, John MacDonald, Lanny Moyer

2nd place
Logan S. Nelson
*The Telegraph*
Wichita, KS, Robinson Middle School; Teacher(s): Molly S. Lavacek

1st place
John Donaldson
*The Evolution and Innovation of the Assembly Line*
Wichita, KS, Maize South Middle School; Teacher(s): A.C. Poynter

**Junior Group Documentary**

3rd place
Shelby Hutchison, Marley Davis, Lauren Stark, Noah Fischer
*E W Caldwell: Rays of Hope*
Fort Scott, KS, Christian Learning Center; Teacher(s): Gloria Fischer

2nd place
Marcela Cuestas, Tina Langley
*Insulin—A medical Phenomenon*
Wichita, KS, Maize South Middle School; Teacher(s): A.C. Poynter
1st place
Sahil Rattan, David Gernon
*Menninger: Pioneers In the Field of Psychiatry*
Topeka, KS, Topeka Collegiate; Teacher(s): Sonja Czarnecki, Patti Cross, John MacDonald, Lanny Moyer

**Junior Individual and Group Website**
3rd place
Maddie Taylor, Emma Brase
*Jack Kilby: Innovator of Electronics*
Manhattan, KS, Woodrow Wilson Elementary; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

2nd place
Brandon Religa, Tanner Knapp, Ty Ruckert
*Hyman Rickover and the Innovation of Nautilus*
Manhattan, KS, Woodrow Wilson Elementary; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

1st place
Ida Hirsch, Ella Hirsch, Andrea Miller
*Polio Pioneer: Jonas Salk*
Manhattan, KS, Woodrow Wilson Elementary; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

**Senior Historical Paper**
3rd place
Abra Pittman
*The Lobotomy: Revolutionizing Treatment for the Mentally ill*
Topeka, KS, Seaman High; Teacher(s): Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Austin Armstrong
*Changing Warfare: The Gatling Gun*
Wichita, KS, Bishop Carroll Catholic High; Teacher(s): Janet Berry

1st place
Chloe Weston
*Dear Leonardo Da Vinci: Letters to the Man Who Transformed The World*
Manhattan, KS, Manhattan High School; Teacher(s): Terry Healy

**Senior Individual Exhibit**
3rd place
Sarah Grimm
*The Indian and His Pony: The Impact of the Horse on a People*
Wichita, KS, Bishop Carroll Catholic High; Teacher(s): Janet Berry

2nd place
Margaret Seiler
*The Cutting Edge*
Wichita, KS, Bishop Carroll Catholic High; Teacher(s): Janet Berry

1st place
James Doyle
*Moving West with Barbed Wire*
Topeka, KS, Hayden High School; Teacher(s): Mike Zeleznak
Senior Group Exhibit
3rd place
Aaron Neely, Isaac Burns
John Deere: Reinventing the American Farm
Topeka, KS, Seaman High School; Teacher(s): Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Scott Brackey, Jesse Nadeau
Nikola Tesla: The Wizard of Volts
Topeka, KS, Seaman High School; Teacher(s): Susan Sittenauer

1st place
Lindsay Frank, Anna Stone
Upton Sinclair: Escaping The Jungle Through Social Reform
Ottawa, KS, Ottawa Sr High School; Teacher(s): Candie Campbell

Senior Individual Performance
3rd place
Amanda Pierson
To Over-rate and Under-value: The Innovation of Ada’s Essay
Topeka, KS, Washburn Rural High; Teacher(s): Susan Raby

2nd place
Chrycka Harper
The One and Only NAACP
Wichita, KS, East High School; Teacher(s): Russ Best

1st place
Theresa Schafer
Amos Bronson: Inventor of Ideas
Fort Scott, KS, Fort Scott Christian Heights; Teacher(s): Maria Bahr

Senior Group Performance
2nd place
Keenan Gregory, Megan Midkiff, Kaitlyn Russell
From Leadbelly to Lil Wayne: John Lomax and the American Sound
Fort Scott, KS, Fort Scott Sr High School; Teacher(s): Megan Felt

1st place
Patricia Schafer, Marcus Page
Camera Trails in Africa: Martin & Osa’s Innovation
Fort Scott, KS, Fort Scott Christian Heights; Teacher(s): Maria Bahr

Senior Individual Documentary
3rd place
Madison Schoen
The GPS: Tracking An Historical Innovation
Fort Leavenworth, KS, Patton Jr High School; Teacher(s): Pam Jordan

2nd place
Liza Farr
An integral part of the eye: The 35mm Leica’s influence and awareness
Lawrence, KS, Lawrence Free State High School; Teacher(s): Jason Springer
1st place
Zoey Hearn Feldman
*The Baruch Plan: Regulations and Innovations During the Cold War Era*
Lawrence, KS, Lawrence High School; Teacher(s): Mike Ortmann

**Senior Group Documentary**
3rd place
Ella Gore, Lidia Strecker, Gaia Morgan, Werner Forssmann
Lawrence, KS, Central Junior High School; Teacher(s): Christine Conner

2nd place
Grace Bova, Phebe Myers
*What Every Girl Should Know: The Impact and Change of Margaret Sanger.*
Lawrence, KS, Lawrence High School; Teacher(s): Mike Ortmann

1st place
Haley Davis, Madelyn Stark, Joseph Fischer
*The Rats Say Yes*
Fort Scott, KS, Christian Learning Center; Teacher(s): Gloria Fischer

**Senior Individual and Group Website**
3rd place
Krista Akers, Ashley Miller
*The Emancipation Proclamation: An Innovation Inspiring a Nation*
Topeka, KS, Seaman High School; Teacher(s): Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Jared Bahr
*Higgins: The Forgotten Man*
Fort Scott, KS, Fort Scott Christian Heights; Teacher(s): Maria Bahr

1st place
Maria Watson
*Soviet Innovations in the Space Race*
Lawrence, KS, Lawrence High School; Teacher(s): Mike Ortmann

**Special Awards and Prizes Winners**

**Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area Award**
Olivia Parrish, Wamego Middle School, Wamego; Junior Historical Paper: "John Brown Takes A Stand"
Appendix D: National History Day Finalists

Junior Group Documentary
Rank: 4
Entry Title: Menninger: Pioneers In the Field of Psychiatry
Student(s): Sahil Rattan & David Gernon
City, School: Topeka Collegiate School
Teacher(s): Lanny Moyer, John Macdonald, Patti Cross, & Sonja Czarnecki

Senior Group Documentary
Rank: 9
Entry Title: The Rats Say Yes: How One Man Enriched the World
Student(s): Haley Davis, Madelyn Stark, & Joseph Fischer
City, School: Fort Scott, Christian Learning Center
Teacher(s): Gloria Fischer

Senior Individual Documentary
Rank: 9
Title: The Baruch Plan: Regulations and Innovations During the Cold War Era
Student(s): Zoey Hearn Feldman
City, School: Lawrence High School
Teacher(s): Mike Ortmann

Senior Individual Performance
Rank: 8
Entry Title: Amos Bronson: Inventor of Ideas
Student(s): Theresa Schafer
City, School: Fort Scott Christian Heights
Teacher(s): Maria Bahr

Senior Group Performance
Rank: 7
Entry Title: Camera Trails in Africa: Martin & Osa’s Innovation
Student(s): Patricia Schafer & Marcus Page
City, School: Fort Scott Christian Heights
Teacher(s): Maria Bahr

Rank: 11
Entry Title: From Leadbelly to Lil Wayne: John Lomax and the American Sound
Student(s): Keenan Gregory, Megan Midkiff, & Kaitlyn Russell
City, School: Fort Scott Senior High School
Teacher(s): Megan Felt & Norm Conard
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