Congratulations to Our State Contest Winners!

Saturday, April 25, was the Kansas History Day State Contest at Washburn University in Topeka. Congratulations to our gold and silver medalists! They will be moving on to the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Students going on to nationals should carefully read the National Registration Booklet and follow the procedures outlined in it. The registration and historical paper deadline received by date is May 19. May 19 is also the day that websites are locked.

Contact Tracie Lamb at kansashistoryday@gmail.com if you need a KHD t-shirt or buttons.

List of state winners:

Junior Historical Papers
1st place
Katrina Mason
*Catherine the Great: Leadership and Legacy*
Derby Middle School; Derby, KS
Teacher: Tracey Anderson

2nd place
Adan Gutierrez
*The Legacy of the Last Queen of France*
Satanta Junior/Senior High School; Santanta, KS
Teacher: Destiny Lalicker

Senior Historical Papers
1st place
Kurtis Engel
*The 1972 China Summit: Leaders and Legacies in Cold War Diplomacy*
Blue Valley West High School; Overland Park, KS
Teacher: Paul Stuewe

2nd place
Paul Johnson
*Shermanâ€™s March to the Sea: Contributions to the Legacy of Total War*
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School; Wichita, KS
Teacher: Chris Jaax

Junior Individual Documentary
1st place
Sam Hubert
*Branch Rickey: A Vision of an Integrated Future*
Mill Creek Middle School; Lenexa, KS
Teacher: Joann Dunham

2nd place
Manmeet Pelia
*R. Buckminster Fuller: The Dymaxion Man Who Strived to Change the World*
Derby Middle School; Derby, KS
Teacher: Tracey Anderson

Senior Individual Documentary
1st place
Emily Stanley
*Fighting to Feed the World: Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution*
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Benjamin Fischer
*Three Strikes: An Unlikely Leader Leaves a Legacy*
Christian Learning Center; Fort Scott, KS
Teacher: Gloria Fischer

Junior Group Documentary
1st place
Olivia Rothrock, Jodi Gore, and Zoe Wohlford
*Gloria Steinem and Ms. Magazine: Women Fight for their Voices*
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School; Lawrence, KS
Teacher: Devin Heath

2nd place
Zuzu Melchor and Helena All
*Ya Basta! Subcomandante Marcos and the Zapatista Struggle for Indigenous Rights*
Liberty Memorial Central Middle School; Lawrence, KS
Teacher: Devin Heath

Senior Group Documentary
1st place
Bailey Bushnell and Kendall Leatherman
*A Champion of the Disabled: Senator Bob Dole’s Leadership Towards the Passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Its Historic Legacy*
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Hailey Reed and Andrea Sodergren
*Tran Ngoc “Harry” Hue: Steadfast Leader for Liberty*
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

Junior Individual Exhibit
1st place
Kadi Stithem
The Alex Project: How Dr. Irene Pepperberg and a Parrot Named Alex Helped a “Birdbrained” Idea Take Flight
St. Mary Parish Catholic School; Derby, KS
Teacher: Angie Gumm

Junior Individual Exhibit (continued)
2nd place
Jimin Park
The Halo of Freedom and Light: The Leadership and Legacy of Kim Dae Jung
Washburn Rural Middle School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Alice Bertels

Senior Individual Exhibit
1st place
Lanna Wagner
TPN: The Liquid Lifesaver
Goessel High School; Goessel, KS
Teacher: Sherri Sells

2nd place
Tori Mitchell
From Freedom Rides to Congress: John Lewis
Lawrence High School; Lawrence, KS
Teacher: Valerie Schrag

Junior Group Exhibit
1st place
Alex Andresen, Carlos Aguero, and Milton Hershey
Eisenhower Middle School; Manhattan, KD
Teacher: Terry Healy

2nd place
Kydee Barbee and Abigail Noyes
Corrie ten Boom: “The Measure of a Life is Not Its Duration, But Its Donation”
Seaman Middle School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Kyle Johnson

Senior Group Exhibit
1st place
Erin Boyd and Chelsea Lake
Philip K. Wrigley: Preserving Baseball One Pitch at a Time
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Claire Walsh, Calder Hollond, and Madison Bowers
Eisenhower Paves The Way
Basehor-Linwood High School; Basehor, KS
Teacher: Allison Gutierrez

Junior Individual Performance
1st place
Tierra Jones
The Judith Jamison Story: Carrying Ailey’s Legacy and Adding My Own
Jardine Middle School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Judy Pierson

2nd place
Taman Kanchanapalli
MLK Leadership through Legacy
Topeka Collegiate School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Gail Franklin

Senior Individual Performance
1st place
Daniel Mangiaracino
Genie Oblige: Franz Liszt’s Musical Leadership and Legacy
Bishop Seabury Academy; Lawrence, KS
Teacher: Sonja Czarnecki

2nd place
Jesse Belt
Woody Guthrie
Lawrence High School; Lawrence, KS
Teacher: Valerie Schrag

Junior Group Performance
1st place
Olivia Romig and Kale Michael
“The Children of Silence Must Be Taught to Sing Their Own Song”
Seaman Middle School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Kyle Johnson

2nd place
Zoe Self, Julia Kerr, and Drake Garcia
Leadership in Action: The Giver of Hope
Fort Scott Christian Heights School; Fort Scott, KS
Teacher: Karen Schellack

Senior Group Performance
1st place
Christin Guilfoyle, Mary Kerr, and Ben Self
The Letter “Q”
Fort Scott Christian Heights School; Fort Scott, KS
Teacher: Karen Schellack

2nd place
Marin Hodges, Donya Jahandar, Carly McDonald, and Frankie Skinner
A Discourse on Women’s Roles During the Roaring Twenties
Blue Valley West High School; Overland Park, KS
Teacher: Paul Stuewe

Junior Individual Website
1st place
Brent Thein
George C. Marshall and the Marshall Plan
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; Manhattan, KS
Teacher: Terry Healy

2nd place
Madeline Bachtold
Elizabeth Blackwell: Paving the Way for Working Women
Chisholm Trail Junior High School; Olathe, KS
Teacher: Rhonda McGraw
Senior Individual Website
1st place
Michael Navarro, Jr.
“And That's the Way It Is”: The Leadership and Legacy of Walter Cronkite
Washburn Rural Middle School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Alice Bertels

2nd place
Joseph Ginzel
Dr. Jonas Salk: The Father of Vaccination
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

Junior Group Websites
1st place
Levi Nutter and Noah Jayne
Ike and the Interstate
Eisenhower Middle School; Manhattan, KS
Teacher: Terry Healy

2nd place
Mason Reid, Jackson Harvey, Sean Hackenberg, Daniel Tamura, and Jakob Hagemeister
Robert Oppenheimer
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; Manhattan, KS
Teacher: Terry Healy

Senior Group Websites
1st place
Michelle Anderson and Marcy Anderson
Dr. Alfred Blalock: Healing the Blues
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

2nd place
Nathan Henderson, Katelyn Hersh, and Ray Newins
“Rabble Rouser”: Clair Cameron Patterson and the Fight Against Tetraethyl Lead
Seaman High School; Topeka, KS
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

Special Awards and Prize Winners
Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area
Avery Munns
Senior Individual Documentary
James Lane: Pioneering Patriot
Washburn Rural High School, Topeka
Teacher: Alice Bertels

Lowell Milken Center Unsung Hero Award
Erin Hebert and Maesey Meier
Junior Group Documentary
The Last of the Beautiful in Midwestern Psychology
Seaman Middle School, Topeka
Teacher: Kyle Johnson

Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City
Hunter Eisler
Senior Individual Documentary
Robert E. Eisler, Jr: Changing the Dynamic
Olathe North Sr High School, Olathe

Teacher: Matt Sorrels

Norman and Karen Conard Award for Diversity
Sam Hubert
Junior Individual Documentary
Branch Rickey: A Vision of an Integrated Future
Mill Creek Middle School, Lenexa
Teacher: Joann Dunham

Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize
1st Place:
Baily Bushnell and Kendall Leatherman
Senior Group Documentary
A Champion of the Disabled: Senator Bob Dole’s Leadership Towards the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Its Historic Legacy
Seaman High School, Topeka
Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

2nd Place:
Nicholas Navarro
Junior Individual Website
Harry Colmery and the ‘Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944’ (G.I. Bill of Rights)
Christ the King School, Topeka
Teacher: Kelly Kelley

3rd Place:
Richard Peterson
Junior Individual Documentary
The Antiquities Act: An Act of the Past for the Future
Seaman Middle School, Topeka
Teacher: Kyle Johnson

Congratulations to the Annual T-Shirt and Button Design Contest Winner
Congratulations to Rick Brown of Manhattan High School, this year’s winner of the t-shirt and button design contest.

State Contest Special Thanks
Our thanks go out to the contest judges and volunteers who helped the day run smoothly. Thanks also to the facilities staff at Washburn’s Memorial Union for doing a great job with the various room setups on Friday and Saturday.

Special thanks to this year’s sponsor, Attorneys Palmer, Leatherman, White, & Girard. Their generous donation provided breakfast and lunch for our judges and volunteers. We would also like to thank the sponsors of
our special awards and prizes and economic need scholarships:

- Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area (http://www.freedomsfrontier.org/)
- Lowell Milken Center Unsung Hero Award (http://www.lowellmilkencenter.org/)
- Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City (http://www.native-sons.org/)
- Norman and Karen Conard Award for Diversity
- Robert J. Dole Congressional History Prize (http://www.doleinstitute.org/)
- Kansas Association of Historians (KAH): http://kah.fhsu.edu/
- Kansas City Area Archivists (KCAA): http://www.umkc.edu/KCAA/

And finally, our thanks to Deb Goodrich, who announced the winners at the awards ceremony.

Behring Teacher Ambassadors Program

The Behring Teacher Ambassador Program is an effort to utilize the winners of the affiliate Behring Teachers of the Year Awards expertise to help spread the word about History Day and strengthen affiliate programs. Yearly, 28 teachers are selected for the program.

For 2014-2015 Kansas was fortunate to have two ambassadors: Kyle Johnson and Terry Healy. Kyle and Terry served as mentors to new teachers, represented the KHD at conferences, and developed ideas, such as the Just One Imitative, to encourage new teachers to get involved in NHD. The KHDF Board truly appreciates all their efforts on behalf of the Kansas History Day program.

Once again Kansas has two ambassadors for 2015-2016: Kyle Johnson (continuing) and Vicki Gallowy with the Reno County Education Co-op in Hutchinson. The KHDF Board looks forward to working with both of these teachers in the coming year.

Mentors and Teacher, Student, and Parent, Testimonials Sought for the KHD Website

We are still looking for teachers to serve as mentors to new NHD teachers, as well as teacher, students and parent testimonial for the website, please email Letha Johnson at letha_johnson@att.net.

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Calendar of Events

- May 19 – NHD Contest registration deadline. All registration material must be received by the NHD National Office by this date.
- June 14-19 – NHD Contest at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD.
- June 20 – Research for 2016 entries can begin.