



## District Contest Dates

Registration for district contests begins January 1, 2016! Below are important dates for each district. Remember to check the [KHD website](#) for updated information.

### District 1

**Contest Date:** March 5, 2016

Registration deadline: February 19, 2016

Paper deadline: February 19, 2016

Website deadline: February 21, 2016

Contest location: Blue Valley West High School, Overland Park

Entry fee per student: \$10.00 (payable to Kansas History Day Foundation)

### District 2

Coordinator: John Seal

620.223.2700, ext. 320

Email: [johns@fortscott.edu](mailto:johns@fortscott.edu)

**Contest date:**

Registration deadline:

Paper deadline:

Website deadline:

Contest location: Fort Scott Community College

Entry fee per student: \$10.00 (payable to FSCC History Club)

### District 3

[District 3 website](#)

**Contest date:** February 27, 2016

Registration deadline: January 26, 2016

Paper and website deadline: January 26, 2016

Contest location: Washburn University

Entry fee per student: \$10.00 (payable to Washburn University)

### District 4

**Contest date:** February 27, 2016

Registration deadline: February 12, 2016

Paper deadline: February 12, 2016

Website deadline: February 14, 2016

Contest location: Eisenhower Middle School, Manhattan

Entry fee per student: \$10.00 (payable to Kansas History Day Foundation)

### District 5

Coordinator: Anita Palmer,

Email: [apalmer@gckschools.com](mailto:apalmer@gckschools.com)

**Contest date:**

Registration deadline:

Paper, process paper and website deadline:

Contest location: Bernadine Sitts Intermediate Center

Entry fee per student: \$10

### District 6

**Contest date:** February 26, 2016

Registration deadline:

Paper and website deadline:

Contest location: Friends University

Entry fee per student: \$10.00 (Payable to Friends University)

## Contest Volunteers Needed

If you're interested in volunteering at a district contest, judges and others are needed, please send an email to [kansashistoryday@gmail.com](mailto:kansashistoryday@gmail.com).

## KHD Seeking Sponsors

Know of an individual or organization who might be interested in helping to sponsor KHD or its contests?

Please email us at [kansashistoryday@gmail.com](mailto:kansashistoryday@gmail.com).

Sponsorship opportunities include student awards, food for judges and volunteers, and general KHD program expenses.

## Signup for the KHD Listserv

You can now signup for the KHD Listserv via our website. Just complete the [online form](#) and you'll receive the latest updates from both KHD and NHD.

## Congratulations to the 2015 Lowell Milken Center Award Winners!

Seaman High School graduates Andrea Sodergren and Hailey Reed won the \$10,000 grand prize for their History Day documentary on Tran Ngoc Hue, a South Vietnamese soldier who fought in the Vietnam War and endured years of imprisonment, first as a prisoner of war and later in a communist re-education camp. Their teacher is Susan Sittenauer.

Avery Stratton, Lexi Balaun, Sarah Erickson and Haley Swedlund, Washburn Rural High School graduates, won at \$2,500 prize for their project on Alice Seeley Harris, a British missionary and photographer whose work in the Congo in the early 1900s, exposed mass murder and other atrocities committed by the Belgians against the Congolese.

Read more about both groups in the [Topeka Capital Journal](#).

## **Congratulations also go out to Susan Sittenauer!**

Seaman High School's Susan Sittenauer was named the high school division winner of the Judy Cromwell Excellence in Teaching Award as determined by the Kansas Council for the Social Studies. The organization honors a teacher each year in three different grade levels — elementary, middle and high school. Each winner receives a \$500 cash reward and is nominated by the KCSS for the national Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award.

## **Teachers and Students Making News in Your Area?**

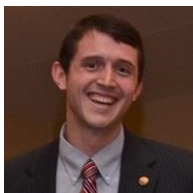
If you know any news regarding History Day teachers and students in your area, please email the information to Letha Johnson at [kansashistoryday2@gmail.com](mailto:kansashistoryday2@gmail.com) for inclusion in the newsletters and website.

## **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 Galloway 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.



## **Seeking Nominations for the Kansas History Day Teachers of the**

This award recognizes innovative history teaching within and outside the classroom. To be eligible, the teacher must be a participant in the Kansas History Day program and meet the qualifications for the *Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award*. An award will be given to one teacher in the Junior Division and a teacher in the Senior Division. The winners will each be nominated for

the national *Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award*. Submit nominations electronically, by March 14, 2016, to [kansashistoryday@gmail.com](mailto:kansashistoryday@gmail.com).

## **History Day Workshops in Kansas**

The Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art in Manhattan, Kansas, will be holding a workshop on constructing an exhibit how to go beyond just retelling the story, and do a museum type History Day exhibit on December 21, 9:30-11:00. The workshop, and a tour, will be conducted and tour by Kathrine Schlageck. She has wide experience with National History Day as a participant, judge, program assistant, and parent. She will share her expertise on exhibit construction and design. Please RSVP to [klwalk@ksu.edu](mailto:klwalk@ksu.edu) or [tgealy1@gmail.com](mailto:tgealy1@gmail.com) by December 15, 2015.

The Dole Institute of Politics and KU Libraries will host a research open house on variety of topics for your History Day project on January 9, 10:00-1:00. Appointment times also available for in-depth research assistance with the Dole Archives material. [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, Dec. 16.

## **NHD Tech Talks**

**Need some ideas on using new primary sources in your classroom?** Current events tend to pique student interest. Last month we had a great webinar with the Library of Congress about immigration on November 19 ([click here to see the highlights](#)).

**Are your students thinking about conducting interviews for their NHD 2016 projects?** On Tuesday, November 10, NHD hosted a Google+ Hangout to dispel the myth that interviews are essential to a strong project. Missed it? [No problem - we have it posted.](#)

## **More From NHD**

### **Design the New NHD Shirt!**

We're looking for two shirt designs, one for the National History Day shirt and one for the 2016 theme, *Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History*. Think you have a great idea? [Submit your design today!](#)

### **Resources for Teaching Antebellum America**

In this [EDSITEment](#) unit, [Alexis de Tocqueville on the Tyranny of the Majority](#), introduces students to three major arguments from the classic book and considers the impact of these questions on our world today. Check it out!

Looking for more ways to bring NHD into your world history classroom? [Check out this blog post](#) from the EDSITEment team.

### **Looking for a new student resource for women's suffrage topics?**

The [National Women's History Museum](#) just released a new website, [Crusade for the Vote](#), which includes sources for teachers and students studying this topic. This is a must-see for students studying this movement

as part of their *Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History* projects!

### Looking for an interesting summer opportunity?

The [Museum Teacher Fellowship Program](#) at the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#) seeks to train leaders in the field of Holocaust education. The fellows are a national corps of skilled educators who assist the Museum's efforts to promote quality Holocaust education that is rooted in accurate history and responsible pedagogy. The Museum's teacher training programs ensure that learning how and why the Holocaust happened is an important component of education in America and strengthens students' critical thinking about their roles in society.

Teaching about the history of India? Check out this workshop, [Teach India](#), running from July 25-29 at California State University, Long Beach.

Consider these summer institutes for teachers from the [NEH Summer Programs in the Humanities](#).

### 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](mailto:letha_johnson@att.net).

### Kansas History Day Alumni Sought

Are you a former student who participated in the Kansas History Day Program? Do you know former Kansas History Day students? KHD is looking for former participants and would like to know what they're doing now. Kansas History Day Alumni can sign-up at <http://www.kansashistoryday.org/alumni.html>. We would like to feature alumni in future editions of the newsletter.

### Congratulations to Our National Contest Finalists and Outstanding State Entries!

#### Junior Individual Documentaries

*Outstanding State Entry*

*Finals Rank: 4*

First Round Rank: 2

Title: R. Buckminster Fuller: The Dymaxion Man Who Strived to Change the World

Award: *Outstanding State Entry*

Student: Manmeet Pelia, Derby Middle School, Derby

Teacher: Tracey Anderson

#### Junior Individual Exhibit

*Finals Rank: 13*

First Round Rank: 1

Title: The Alex Project: How Dr. Irene Pepperberg and a Parrot Named Alex Helped a "Birdbrained" Idea Take Flight  
Student: Kadi Stithem St. Mary Parish Catholic School, Derby

Teacher: Angie Gumm

#### Junior Group Website

*Finals Rank: 9*

First Round Rank: 1

Title: Robert Oppenheimer

Students: Mason Reid, Jackson Harvey, Sean Hackenberg, Daniel Tamura, and Jakob Hagemeister, Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Manhattan, KS

Teacher: Terry Healy

#### Senior Group Exhibit

*Outstanding State Entry*

*Finals Rank: 7*

First Round Rank: 2

Title: Eisenhower Paves The Way

Students: Claire Walsh, Calder Hollond, and Madison Bowers, Basehor-Linwood High School, Basehor, KS

Teacher: Allison Gutierrez

#### Senior Individual Website

*Finals Rank: 9*

First Round Rank: 2

Title: "And That's the Way It Is": The Leadership and Legacy of Walter Cronkite

Student: Michael Navarro, Jr., Washburn Rural Middle School, Topeka, KS

Title: Alice Bertels

#### Senior Group Website

*Finals Rank: 11*

First Round Rank: 2

Title: Dr. Alfred Blalock: Healing the Blues

Students: Michelle Anderson and Marcy Anderson, Seaman High School, Topeka, KS

Teacher: Susan Sittenauer

For a list of how all the Kansas entries did at the national contest, visit the [winners](#) page on KHD website.

### 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

#### Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

Hunter Eisler

Senior Individual Documentary

Robert E. Eisler, Jr: Changing the Dynamic

Olathe North Senior High School, Olathe

Teacher: Matt Sorrels

## **Thanks to the Kansas History Day Foundation Board Members and District Coordinators for Another Successful Year!**

As the so called "Executive Directory" of the KHDF Board, I would like to thank all of my fellow board members for all the ways, big and small, that they have contributed to the KHD program this year.

- Norman Conard, President
- Tracie Lamb, Secretary/Treasurer and State Co-coordinator
- Kris Sandwell, Curriculum and Outreach
- Travis Lamb, Outreach
- Susan Sittenauer, Outreach

My thanks also all of the District Coordinators who help keep the KHD program running across the state.

- District 1, Overland Park: Letha Johnson, Tracie Lamb, and Paul Steuwe
- District 2, Fort Scott: John Seal
- District 3, Topeka: Rachel Goosen, Robin Shrimplin, and Kim Moore
- District 4, Manhattan: Tracie Lamb, Letha Johnson, Jim Bach, and Terry Healy
- District 5, Garden City: Anita Palmer
- District 6, Wichita: Gretchen Eick, Barbara Brotton, Eric Cale, Angela Lentino, Wendy Donaldson, John Rhodes, Guangqiu Xu, Russell Arben Fox, Abby Miller, and Erin Haneberg

Additionally, the District and State Contests would not happen without all the volunteers who gave of their time to judge. A special thank you to all the judges, and local teachers, in District 4 (Manhattan) who braved the snow storm so that the local students could have their entries evaluated.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- December 10, 2015, 7pm ET - Ask the Expert Google+ Hangout: Websites  
Get tips from an expert on building your NHD website.  
[Click here to register](#)
- December 15, 2015, 7pm ET - Ask the Expert Google+ Hangout: Papers  
Get tips from an expert on writing your NHD paper.  
[Click here to register](#)
- December 21 – Beach Museum of Art Exhibit Workshop, Manhattan ([RSVP](#) by December 15)
- January 9 – The Dole Institute of Politics and KU Libraries research open house (RSVP by December 16)
- January 12, 2016, 7pm ET - Ask the Expert Google+ Hangout: Performances  
Get tips from an expert on developing your NHD performance.  
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- January 19, 2016, 7pm ET - Ask the Expert Google+ Hangout: Exhibits  
Get tips from an expert on building your NHD exhibit.  
[Click here to register](#)
- January 26, 2016, 7pm ET - Ask the Expert Google+ Hangout: Documentaries  
Get tips from an expert on developing your NHD documentary.  
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