



History Day Good News Item

Four Central High School students, two Simmons Middle School, and three Holgate Middle School students have earned honors at the State History Day Competition in Brookings on April 14th. They have been selected to represent our state at National History Day on June 11-14, 2012 at the University of Maryland.

Students involved in the National History Day Program research topics of local, state, national, or world history that relate to a theme. This year's theme is "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History". Students spend much of the year conducting extensive primary and secondary research on their topic. They present their findings through papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries or web pages.

- **Michael Marmorstein** and **Jack Seitz** created a documentary titled "Tesla – BZZZZZ . . . "
- **Elizabeth Wensmann** gave a performance titled "Sound: The Reformation of Movies"
- **Gilbert West** created a website titled "The Hatian Revolution"
- **Thomas Krueger** gave a performance called "Lawlessness of the Nation" on prohibition.
- **Maggie Fouberg** gave a performance on "Jane Goodall"
- **Natalie Bollinger** created a documentary on "Louis Armstrong: The Revolution in Jazz"
- **Omar Elkhader** created an exhibit titled "The President of Egypt: Gamal Abdel Nassar"
- **Sophie Wieland** created a website on "Mercury 13: The Unseen Side of the Space Race"

Other honors received at the State Competition, which include cash prizes:

- **Logan Carlson, Emma Johnson, and Samantha Scepaniak** received the Rural/Agricultural History Award for their exhibit titled "Railroads Revolutionizing the Hub City"
- **Logan Carlson, Emma Johnson and Samantha Scepaniak** received the Senior Local or State History Emphasis Project Award for their exhibit titled "Railroads Revolutionizing the Hub City"
- **Gilbert West** received the Military History Award for his website on "The Haitian Revolution"
- **Eden Schanzenbach** received the Best Native American Award for her exhibit on "The Revolution of the God Rush"
- **Maggie Fouberg** received the Best Women's History Award for her project on "Jane Goodall".
- **Thomas Krueger** received the Best Legal History Award for his performance titled "Lawlessness of the Nation".

Teachers Jane Perman and Barb Gehrts incorporate the History Day projects into their AP United States History and AP English Language and Composition course. Barb Gehrts also includes NHD in her AP European History class. At Holgate and Simmons Middle Schools, Rose Des Camps works with students as an independent study. This year, one hundred students from Central High, Simmons Middle and Holgate Middle School participated in the Regional History Day at NSU on March 21st. Thirty seven students qualified to compete at the State Competition on April 14th at South Dakota State University in Brookings.