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National History Day Awards to local schools announced March 1, 2024

Achievements by the community's young historians are recognized with awards through the National History Day competition. The theme was "Turning Points in History"

Each year, the Kansas District 6 competition is hosted by Friends University and supported by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum. Honors have been awarded to students in nine area schools: Derby North Middle & High Schools, Wichita East High School, Robinson Middle School, Saint Mary's Parish Catholic School, Derby Middle & High Schools, and Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and Wichita Collegiate School. The District 6 National History Awards Ceremony was held at Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum on Sunday, March 3rd.

Area schools joined more than half a million students globally who completed projects in one of five categories: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website.

After completing their project, students compete at the local level. The top students from all 50 states, D.C., U.S. territories, and international schools are invited to compete in the National Contest. The critical thinking and research skills students learn through competing in NHD will serve them and provide a solid foundation for success throughout their academic and professional careers.

More than 400 historians and education professionals served as judges for the students' work, Students were awarded prizes and recognition for their work. Topics based on local history will be featured and further celebrated at the Historical Museum at its Young Historians' Award ceremony at 2pm on Sunday, April 27.

About National History Day[®] (NHD)

NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland that seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in 1974 and currently engages more than half a million students every year in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY[®], the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, the Bezos Family Foundation, the Patricia Behring Foundation, the World Education Foundation, and the African American History Commission. For more information, visit <u>nhd.org</u>.

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