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National History Day Concludes with More than 50 Students Competing at the National Competition

Boise, ID – The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) is pleased to announce that the 2022 National History Day (NHD) competition has concluded its 39th season, with 52 Idaho contestants earning national recognition.

Four students qualified as Outstanding Affiliate Entry winners, and one Idaho student's project was selected as part of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History [virtual showcase](#).

Mikayla Jensen and Molly White from Mountain View Middle School in Blackfoot received the Outstanding Affiliate Entry award for their group performance, *From the Ashes of War: How Eglantyne Jebb and Dorothy Buxton Helped Nations Prioritize Children's Needs*, in the Junior category. Sophia Payvar and Sina Heineck from Riverstone International School in Boise also received recognition in the Outstanding Affiliate Entry division for their group website, *Global Health Diplomacy and Cooperation*, in the Senior division.

Maria Gimenez-Tena from Renaissance High School in Meridian submitted an exhibit on the Spanish Civil War that will be exclusively featured at the Smithsonian Learning Lab from June 13-June 27.

ISHS Executive Director Janet Gallimore also announced that this year, five NHD students have been awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships from the College of Idaho and an additional \$2,500 from the ISHS.

"Each of the students who worked so hard during the year to research, analyze and produce their own unique expressions of history deserve credit for their efforts," Gallimore said. "Credit also goes to the countless history teachers across the state who motivated and guided students and shared their passion for history and the important role it plays in our society. National History Day is without a doubt an experience that can change lives and prepare students to be successful adults."

This year's contest season once again transitioned to virtual format as students built their projects around the theme of "Debate and Diplomacy in History." The 2022 contest featured more than 1,170 competitors statewide, involving 65 teachers and 47 different schools. The state-level contest drew 345 contestants, with 53 moving on to the national contest. Despite contest challenges caused by the pandemic, NHD in Idaho retained almost half its usual participation because of the tenacity and diligence of teachers and students and the generous support of donors, including the Nagel Foundation, Bates Family Foundation, Joyce Barnier and Bonnie Krupp, and the College of Idaho.



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NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland, which 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.

For more information about National History Day in Idaho, visit:
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