

2011 National History Day results

This past week, 62 Ohio students with 36 projects competed at National History Day at the University of Maryland in College Park. This week was a culmination of a year's worth of research, discovery, and analysis for these students. This year's theme was "Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences" and the Ohio projects ranged from performances on Kent State to exhibits about the Suez Crisis. The students represented Ohio well and all did an outstanding job at nationals.

Out of the 36 projects, 9 placed in the top 15 in the country in their category:

12th place: Junior Individual Performance by Samantha Achauer from Kirtland Middle School titled "Calamity at Kent State"

11th place: Junior Group Performance by Max Freyberger and Danny Felton from the Mercy Montessori Center titled "Prohibition: The Alcohol Debate."

10th place: Senior Individual Performance by Hannah McCandless from Shaker Heights High School titled "Podiums for Passion and Peace: The Story of Bernadette Devlin and Betty Williams."

8th place: Senior Individual Performance by Jonah Weinstein from Shaker Heights High School titled "The Paternalistic Problem: Great Britain's New Imperialism Debate"

7th place: Senior Paper by Erik Bao from Sycamore High School titled "Ping Pong Diplomacy: The Historic Opening of Sino-American Relations During the Nixon Administration."

6th place: Junior Group Website by Joan Colleran and Sachi Gosain from Birchwood School titled "The Cuyahoga River Fire: How the Smallest Fire Sparked a National Debate on Clean Water"

<http://55724581.nhd.weebly.com/>

2nd place: Senior Paper by Joan Thompson from Shaker Heights High School titled "The Emperor Has No Clothes: How Hubris, Economics, Bad Timing, and Slavery Sank King Cotton Diplomacy with England"

2nd place: Senior Individual Website by Anirudh Dasarathy from the Hawken School titled "The Kansas-Nebraska Act: The Debate Over the Expansion of Slavery"

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1st Place: Senior Individual Website by Lukun Zhang from Shaker Heights High School titled "Kennedy's Kiddie Korps: Diplomacy by the Best and the Brightest"

<http://75103799.nhd.weebly.com/>

The Outstanding State Entry awards are given to one junior and one senior project from each state. Ohio's winners were:

Junior: Max Freyberger and Danny Felton from the Mercy Montessori Center for their junior group performance titled "Prohibition: The Alcohol Debate."

Senior: Claire Lo from Shaker Heights High School for her individual exhibit titled "Cutting the Lion's Tail: The Diplomatic Lessons of the Suez Crisis"

One very special award was given to an Ohio student. Jonah Weinstein, from Shaker Heights High School, was awarded the scholarship from the University of Maryland. Jonah created an exceptional performance titled "The Paternalistic Problem: Great Britain's New Imperialism Debate."