

2017 PENNSYLVANIA WINNERS AT THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

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Pennsylvania students included one national champion, one second-place champion, and one third-place champion among many others at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland in June 2017. The theme was “Taking a Stand in History.” Our congratulations to all students!

National History Day (NHD) is a nonprofit education organization in College Park, Maryland. Established in 1974 NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage over half a million middle and high school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest (<http://nhd.org>).

For more information on the Pennsylvania and regional competition go to <http://pa.nhd.org>. Judges are key to the success of the National History Day program. If interested in participating, contact Jeff Hawks, NHD in PA Coordinator, at eddirector@armyheritage.org or 717-258-1102.

National Champion and National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar—Senior Individual Website

Title: “Beyond the Cardigan.” *Student:* Joanna Harlacher; *Teacher:* Elizabeth Lewis; *School:* Donegal High School, Mount Joy, PA.

Second Place—Junior Individual Exhibit

Title: “Mary Beth Tinker: The Voice behind Student Free Speech.” *Student:* Brendan Hung; *Teacher:* Joseph Echternach; *School:* Radnor Middle School, Bryn Mawr, PA.

Third Place—Senior Group Exhibit

Title: “A Force of Nature: Wangari Maathai Fights for the Environment and the People.” *Students:* Sara Skwaryk, Rebecca Wahlenmayer, and Elizabeth Wahlenmayer; *Teacher:* Randy Styborski; *School:* Girard High School, Girard, PA.

The George Washington Leadership in History Award—Junior Individual Performance

Title: “Taking a Stand in the Shadows: The Culper Spy Ring during the Revolutionary War.” *Student:* Lilianna Hug; *Teacher:* Annelise Carleton-Hug; *School:* Salamander Meadows Homeschool, Ohiopyle, PA.

Outstanding Entry from Pennsylvania—Junior Group Website

Title: “Quietly Taking a Stand in Every Neighborhood: How Mr. Rogers Changed Children’s Television and Influenced Generations.” *Students:* Isabelle Meyers, Henry Meyers; *Teacher:* Josh Elders; *School:* Peters Township Middle School, McMurray, PA.

Outstanding Entry from Pennsylvania—Senior Individual Performance

Title: “Rosa Parks: Taking a Stand by Sitting Down.” *Student:* Sydney Altemose; *Teacher:* Eric Mark; *School:* Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA.

The following entries finished in the top ten:

Fifth Place—Junior Individual Performance

Title: “Taking a Stand in the Shadows: The Culper Spy Ring during the Revolutionary War.” *Student:* Lilianna Hug; *Teacher:* Annelise Carleton-Hug; *Category:* Junior Individual Performance; *School:* Salamander Meadows Homeschool Ohiopyle, PA.

Fifth Place—Junior Group Website

Title: “Quietly Taking a Stand in Every Neighborhood: How Mr. Rogers Changed Children’s Television and Influenced Generations.” *Students:* Isabelle Meyers, Henry Meyers; *Teacher:* Josh Elders; *School:* Peters Township Middle School; McMurray, PA.

Sixth Place—Junior Individual Website

Title: “Hernando de Soto Polar: An Economic Answer to Terrorism.”
Student: Margaret Atkins; *Teacher:* Helena Ryder; *School:* Academy of Notre Dame De Namur, Villanova, PA.

Seventh Place—Senior Individual Performance

Title: “Rosa Parks: Taking a Stand by Sitting Down.” *Student:* Sydney Altemose; *Teacher:* Eric Mark; *School:* Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg, PA.

Tenth Place—Senior Paper

Title: ““God Rewards Fools”- Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman’s Stand to Revolutionize Cryptography.” *Student:* Chloe Makdad; *Teacher:* Jessica Hetrick; *School:* Tyrone Area High School, Tyrone, PA.



FIGURE 1 Joanna Harlacher.

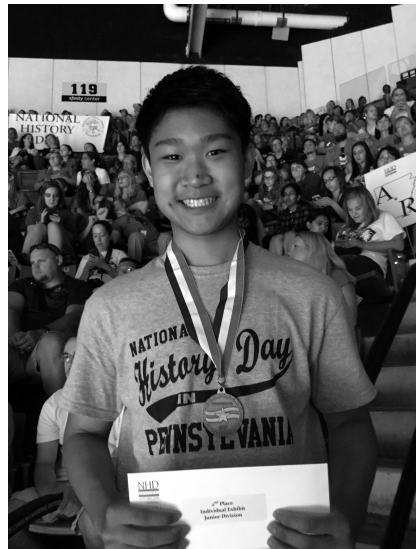


FIGURE 2 Brendan Hung.

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FIGURE 3 Sydney Altemose.



FIGURE 4 Sara Skwaryk, Rebecca Wahlenmayer, and Elizabeth Wahlenmayer.



FIGURE 5 Lilianna Hug.



FIGURE 6 Isabelle Meyers and Henry Meyers.

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FIGURE 7 Parade group photo.

NOTE

The editor thanks Jeff Hawks, Pennsylvania History Day coordinator, for his assistance with this article. All photos are courtesy of NHD in PA.