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2017 MICHIGAN HISTORY DAY® STATE CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

BAY CITY, Mich.—A total of 176 students received top honors at the State Finals competition of Michigan History Day® on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at Bay City Central High School in Bay City, Mich. More than 530 Michigan elementary, middle and high school students—a record-setting number—took part in this year’s Michigan History Day, which is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan. The finalists in the junior and senior divisions will now move on to the National History Day competition this June in College Park, Md.



The state champions for Michigan History



Day 2017 include students from Ada, Bay City, Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Brimley, Cassopolis, Fraser, Grand Rapids, Holland, Houghton, Howell, Kalamazoo, Kentwood, Lake Linden, Marshall, Montague, Owosso, Redford, Richland, Sault Ste. Marie, South Haven, St. Joseph, Traverse City, Troy, Village of Clarkston, Whitehall and Ypsilanti.

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they won.

“We were very impressed with this year’s projects,” said Amy Bradfield, Michigan History Day state coordinator. “The students took this year’s theme—**Taking a Stand in History**—to heart and created some very innovative and impassioned entries in all five of our categories—performances, exhibits, papers, websites and documentaries.”

Michigan History Day (National History Day in Michigan) offers a fascinating opportunity to move beyond routine learning. **Based on the annual theme, students choose to explore and research a local, national or international historical topic.** They then present their work through the disciplines of writing, art, literature, music, drama and/or visual communications.

Lead sponsors of Michigan History Day 2017 are Meijer, Amway and Bay City Public Schools.

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Editor’s Note: For high-resolution photos of the individual winners, please contact the Historical Society of Michigan at hsm@hsmichigan.org.

