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MICHIGAN STUDENTS HONORED AT 2016 NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Michigan students were among the thousands of participants from across the United States and several territories competing in the 2016 National History Day contest, which took place June 12-16, 2016, in College Park, Md. **Seven Michigan students received special honors at this year’s competition.**

“The History Day theme for 2016—Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History—allowed our students to investigate interesting topics and led them to produce very creative projects,” said Andrea Lorion, State Coordinator for Michigan History Day (National History Day in Michigan). “We are proud of all the hard work and accomplishments of all our students throughout the History Day program.”

Michigan students competing in the National History Day competition represented several cities, including Ada, Bay City, Bloomfield Hills, Cassopolis, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Holland, Houghton, Kalamazoo, Marshall, Midland, Muskegon, Richland, South Haven, Traverse City and Whitehall.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mackenzie Brandel from Whitehall High School in Whitehall was selected to represent Michigan at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History with her exhibit, “Encountering Change: Whitehall Girls’ Cross Country, The Glass Ceiling, and the Power of Sport.” Mackenzie was sponsored by coach Jan Klco.



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Graham, was the Special Award recipient for the Junior Division Latino-American History Award for Junior Paper with her entry, “Rosario Castellanos: A Journey to Equality Through Self-Expression – An Essay on Exploration, Encounter and Exchange.”

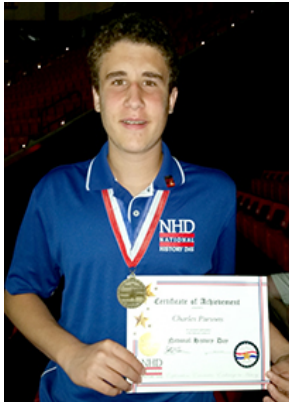
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Charles Parsons of Midland High School in Midland, teacher Valentina Woodcraft, placed fifth in the nation for Senior Individual Website with his entry “Bypass Odorizer: Stinky Sulfur Smell Saves Lives.” Charles also received the Senior Division Outstanding State Entry Award, designating him as best-in-state.



Charles Parsons of Midland High School placed fifth in the nation for Senior Individual Website and also received the Senior Division Outstanding State Entry Award.

Hannah Lane-Davies of Anne Lape Homeschool in Kalamazoo, teacher Anne Lape, placed fifth in the nation for Senior Individual Documentary with her entry “Instant Cure: The Encounter that Changed Psychology.”

Dorris Dagama of Forest Hills Central High School in Grand Rapids, teacher James Cross, placed tenth in the nation for Senior Individual Website with her entry “Mike Gorman: Exploration and Exchange in the People's Fight for the Mentally Ill.”

TEACHER AWARDS

The Patricia Behring Award recognizes two teachers from each state, one at the junior level and one at the senior level. **James Cross from Forest Hills Eastern Middle School in Ada, Mich.,** received the junior division award, and **Craig Windt from Bay City Central High School in Bay City, Mich.,** received the senior division award. The teachers selected have shown outstanding creativity, commitment and inspiration in developing student interest in history. Each teacher will receive a cash award of \$500 in honor of their contributions to history education through the National History Day program.

Michigan History Day is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan, the state's oldest cultural organization. Major sponsors of Michigan History Day are the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Meijer and Amway. Michigan History Day is an affiliate of National History Day, which was established in 1974 and offers yearlong academic programs that engage more than half a million middle- and high-school students around the world annually.

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For high-resolution photos of the individual winners, please contact the Historical Society of Michigan.