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Arizona Students Win Top Prizes at the 45th Annual National History Day Contest
Congratulations to all Arizona Students who competed June 9-13 at the University of Maryland

PHOENIX, AZ — The Arizona Historical Society (AHS) congratulates the 56 Arizona students who competed at the National History Day® (NHD) Contest June 9-13, 2019 at the University of Maryland. Over 3,000 middle school and high school students from 57 states, affiliates, and international schools competed at this annual event. Students addressed this year's theme, *Triumph & Tragedy in History*, through the creation of documentary films, exhibits, papers, performances, and websites.

Stacey Trepanier, National History Day in Arizona-State Coordinator shared, "Arizona's NHD national team enthusiastically represented the Grand Canyon state at the University of Maryland at College Park. Students interacted with thousands of students, scholars, and history educators from around the world. Our team enjoyed exploring the nation's Capitol, walking among memorials and monuments and seeing democracy in action. This is a fantastic program that helps develop our state's best and brightest young historians!"

Several Arizona students and teams received top prizes in the following categories:

First Place

Title: Radium Girls: From Jaw-Dropping Tragedy to Glowing Triumph
Student(s): Zia Rice-Bensch, Keona Wallen, Sean Choudhry, and Elias Rice-Bensch
School: Accelerated Learning Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona

Fourth Place

Title: Vanquishing Segregation in the Valley of the Sun: The Triumph and Tragedy of Carver High
Student: Senou Kounouho
Category: Senior Paper
School: Basis Peoria, Peoria, Arizona

Seventh Place

Title: Excelsior!
Student: Maya Bickel
Category: Junior Individual Exhibit

School: New Vistas Center for Education, Chandler, Arizona

Best Entry on African American History

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Title: Vanquishing Segregation in the Valley of the Sun: The Triumph and Tragedy of Carver High

Student(s): Senou Kounouho

Category: Senior Paper

School: BASIS Peoria, Peoria, Arizona

The NHD program is an important part of the AHS mission to connect people through the power of Arizona's history. Bill Peterson, AHS Vice President of Collections and Education shared, "National History Day is an amazing program that allows the Arizona Historical Society to engage students across the state to the extraordinary possibilities found in Arizona History. We could not be more pleased to be the home partner with Arizona's teachers and students for this wonderful history competition."

National History Day in Arizona is a year-long program that begins each fall in local schools across the state and culminates in the state competition in March. If your school is interested in the program, contact Stacey Trepanier, National History Day in Arizona-State Coordinator, at 480-234-9192 or strepanier@nhdaz.org.

AHS would like to thank our NHD AZ sponsors - Arizona Council for the Social Studies, Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation, Salt River Project, and the School of Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies at Arizona State University.

Developed for middle and high school students, National History Day Arizona makes history come alive by engaging them in the discovery of the historical, cultural, scientific, and social experiences of the past. Through in-depth research, project-based learning, hands-on experiences, and presentations; Arizona students become better prepared to inform the present and shape the future. NHD AZ inspires teachers and students through challenging classroom activities, after-school clubs, weekend workshops, and exciting competitions transforming history education and instruction. For more information, visit arizonahistoricalsociety.org.

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About Arizona Historical Society

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

Founded in 1864, the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) is the state's oldest and most prestigious historical organization, dedicated to collecting, preserving and sharing Arizona's rich history. The stories of the people, places and events that have shaped Arizona – are told through museum exhibits, programs, events and outreach. The Arizona Historical Society is proud to serve as the steward of Arizona's history. Our collections, housed in AHS museum facilities throughout the

state, number in excess of three million objects. Our artifact and manuscript holdings offer opportunities for public programming, educational outreach, and exhibitions, as well as academic and community-based research. AHS is a proud sponsor of National History Day in Arizona, a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation and creative expression for middle school and high school students.

For additional information, visit www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org
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About National History Day® (NHD):

NHD is a non-profit education organization headquartered in College Park, MD. Established in 1974, NHD promotes an appreciation for historical research among middle and high school students through multiple annual programs. More than half a million students participate in the annual National History Day Contest. These research-based projects are entered into contests at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD provides professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators of all levels. NHD is sponsored in part by HISTORY®, Jostens, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, Southwest Airlines, the Joe Weider Foundation, and the WEM 2000 Foundation of the Dorsey & Whitney Foundation. For more information, visit nhd.org.

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