

Local girls win first place in WA state NHD contest

Contestants from Shahala Middle School took first place Saturday May 7th in Washington State's *National History Day* competition. The first place winners representing the state of Washington competing in the National History Day contest in Washington DC June 12-16, 2011 are: Seraphina Meacham, Alia Hidayat, Patricia Chen, and Amika Parr.

Half a million students participated in local NHD contests around the country, where they were judged by professional educators and historians.

As a winner at the state NHD contest, they are now eligible to attend the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park in June. This is where the best National History Day projects from across the United States, American Samoa, Guam, International Schools and Department of Defense Schools in Europe all meet and compete.

Students chose an historical topic related to the annual theme, and then conducted primary and secondary research. They looked through libraries, archives and museums, conducted oral history interviews, and visited historic sites. After they analyzed and interpreted the sources, and have drawn a conclusion about the significance of the topic, they were then able to present their work as a documentary.

7th grade contestants representing Washington State will perform "Little Rock Nine



Not only an historical event; but, still bringing attention to equal rights today and surrounding topics of racial discrimination, hate crimes and other events of significant national importance.

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The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest

The Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest is the final stage of a series of contests at local and state levels. The contest is named for Mr. Behring in recognition of his support of NHD.

Every year National History Day frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. This year's theme is **Debate & Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences**. The intentional selection of the theme for National History Day is to provide an opportunity for students to push past the antiquated view of history as mere facts and dates and drill down into historical content to develop perspective and understanding.

The NHD theme provides a focused way to increase student's historical understanding by developing a lens to read history, an organizational structure that helps students place information in the correct context and finally, the ability to see connections over time.

Seraphina Meacham, Alia Hidayat, Patricia Chen, and Amika Parr from Shahala Middle School wrote and designed a performance about "The Little Rock Nine." They first competed at the Regional Contest, and then took first place this weekend at the Washington State Contest held on Saturday, May 7th. During the State Contest, the girls had to perform their performance and then answer questions about their most valuable primary sources, the background about the "Little Rock Nine," and how this topic relates to the theme, **Debate & Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences**. The girls and their teacher, Nicole Garrio, are working on raising funds for the contest which costs \$1000 per person for airline travel, lodging, contest fees, and food.

Each year roughly 2,400 students and their parents and teachers gather at the University of Maryland, College Park for the week-long event. These enthusiastic groups come from all over the United States, Guam, American Samoa, Department of Defense Schools in Europe, and even Shanghai, China. The National History Day excitement can be felt across the campus. After spending months on research and preparing their projects, and competing at local and state contests, these students are eager to show their hard work at the national level.

The 2011 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest will be held June 12 - 16.

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