

NATIONAL FINALISTS YEARBOOK



2012
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IN HISTORY**
NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

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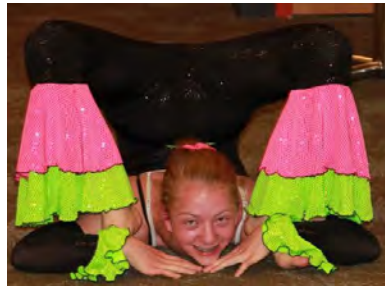
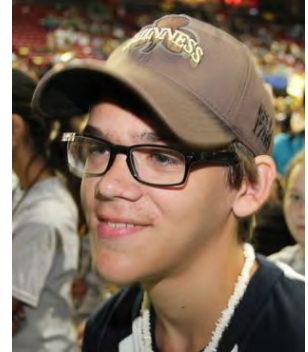
The Staff would like to say a big “thank you” to the parents, teachers and students who shared National History Day 2012 with us. We feel honored to have had a chance to get to know you. We had such a great group of talented kids, and we would like to congratulate all of you. You are all winners to us! Hope to see you back next year!



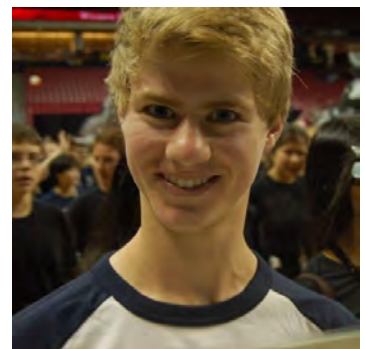
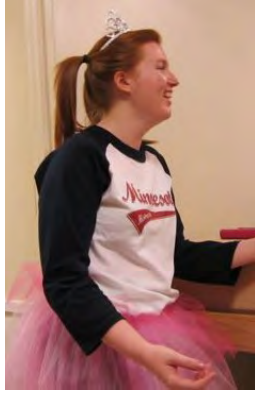
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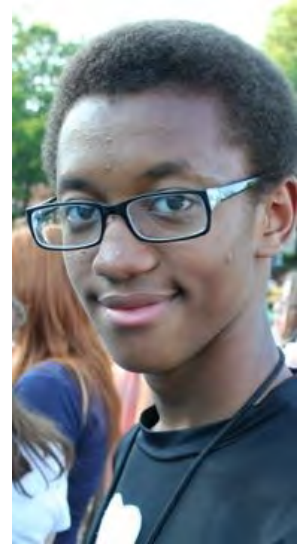
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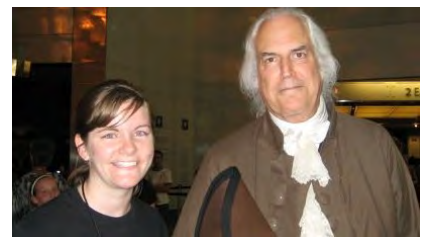
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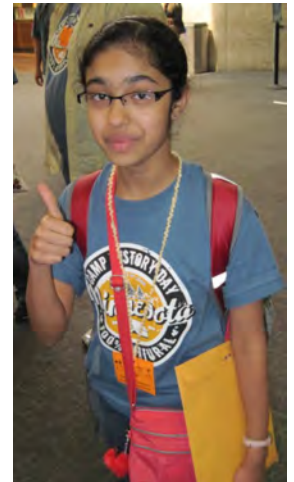
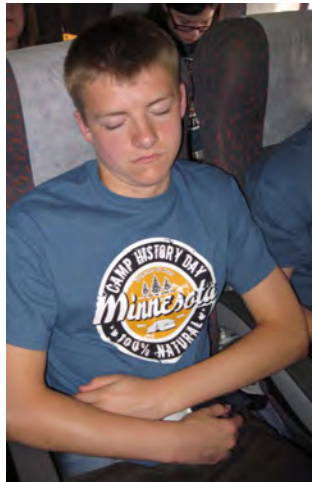
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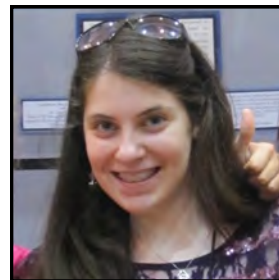
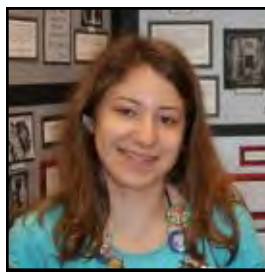
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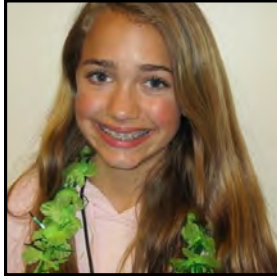
JUNIORS

The Junior Division arrived in Washington, D.C., this year ready to impress. Tackling topics such as Norman Borlaug, Title IX and Executive Order 9066, these smart, funny, talented youths took home seven top-finisher spots, including two gold medals and three silver medals! Overcoming sleep deprivation, performing in what was supposed to be an LSAT testing room, and adjusting to the hard-knock A/C dorm life, our young scholars made us proud every step of the way. Hailing from Willow Creek to Friedell, Minneapolis to St. Paul, these kiddos are sure to flourish in whatever they set their minds to. Look out, Senior Division, these Juniors have got something to prove!

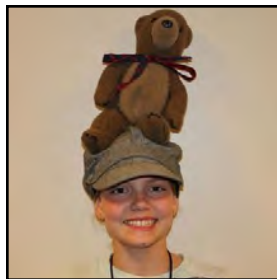
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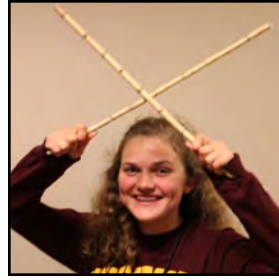
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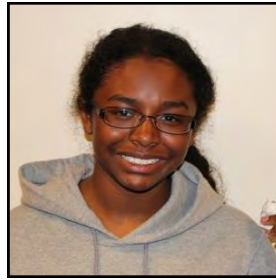


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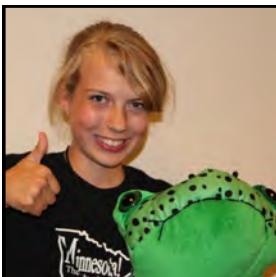


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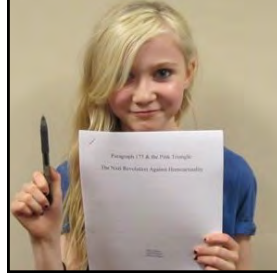
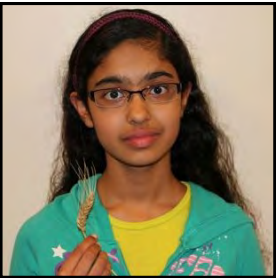
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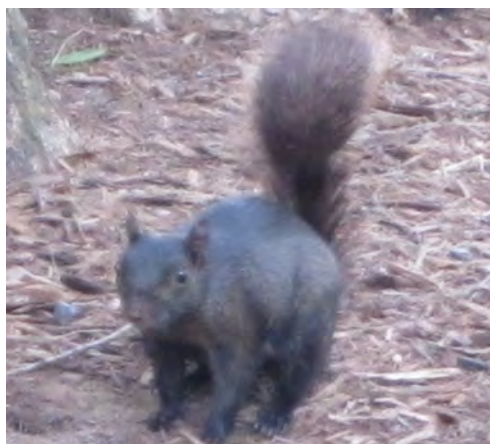
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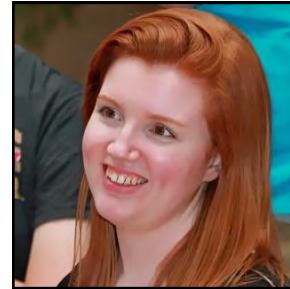
SENIORS

Not to be shown up by the younger half of the Minnesota delegation, the Senior Division brought home the Spam as well. Completing projects on the Armenian Genocide, Levittown, Leni Riefenstahl, and the Newsboys Strike, these experienced scholars claimed a whopping 10 top-finisher spots. Bringing home a gold, silver and bronze medal, their accomplishments did not stop there. Molly Nemer from Henry Sibley High School received a full academic scholarship, and Emma Weisner from St. Louis Park High School won the Salute to Freedom Award. Taking home any and all type of prizes, these seniors from Elk River to Chatfield, the Twin Cities and beyond, carried on the Minnesota tradition of success. Way to go, Seniors!

Gabe Bichinho
Neal Billig
Bessie Bulman
Jose Cisneros



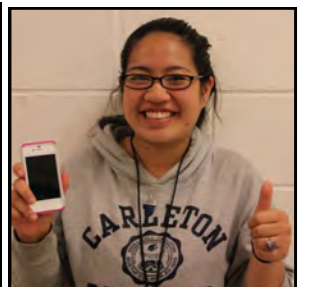
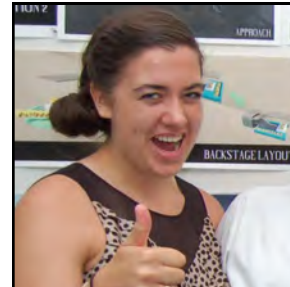
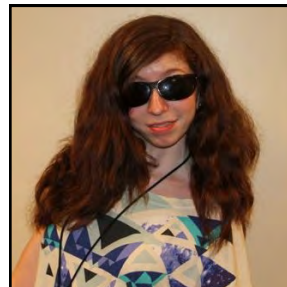
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Bridget Farrell
Josh Gearou



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Isaac Greenwood
John Haley
Caitlin Hansen



Tasha Holtman
Madeline Lee
Morgan Lieske
Jennifer Mailee Lor



Kennedy Maker
Frances Matejcek



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Billy Menor
Hannah Myers
Monica Nelson
Molly Nemer



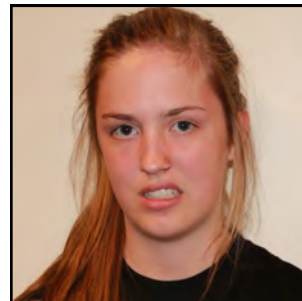
Grace Palmer
Kathleen Piepkorn
Abigail
Norling-Ruggles
Jonah Resnick



Becky
Norling-Ruggles
Ana Schaff
Autumn Scheeler
Maggie Schmidt



Joe Vitt
Luke Von Eschen
Emma Weisner
Brittany Woodke



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SUPPORT SQUAD

Let's face it, a History Day project would not get completed if weren't for the amazing support these kids are given. Thank you to the parents for late night Michael's runs to get supplies for exhibits, and to the teachers reading last-minute process papers and bibliographies, and to the History Day staff driving here and there to give feedback to our National qualifiers. Support is what makes the MNHD program what it is so, a big thank you to the parents, teachers and staff who braved the heat (well, not really) and endured sore feet and tired bodies to provide a system of support to these wonderful kids.



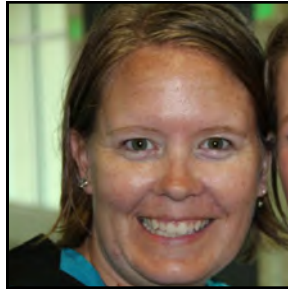
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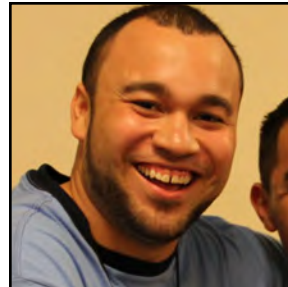
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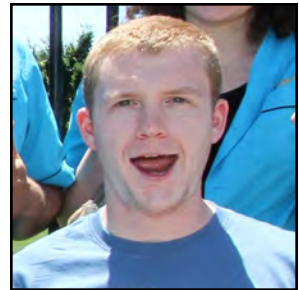
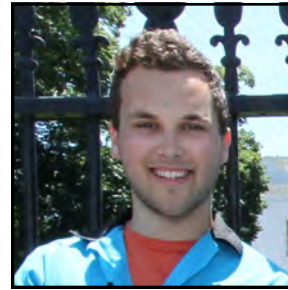
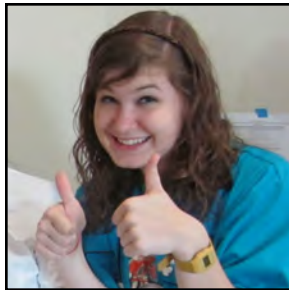


U of M Mentors

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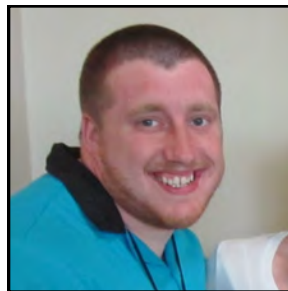
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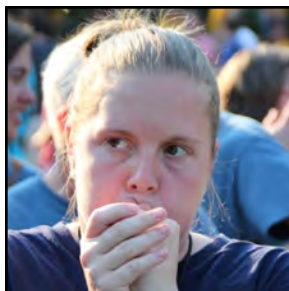
Cody Haro

August Spiegelberg

Liz Venditto



Jenny Monroe
2012 Travel Teacher



DRAMA CLUB

National History Day may be one of the only places where drama is not only accepted but encouraged! These outstanding performers from near and far wowed the judges with topics from Florence Nightingale to Bob Dylan, and important movements such as Title IX and reforming rights in France. Their expertise of costume design, blocking abilities, and accurate character portrayal had everyone from Minnesota lining up to catch a glimpse of our stellar performers. Taking us from Germany to London to Paris and back to the states, these authentic accent pros earned four top spots. The CHOF kiddos took home a silver medal for their witty, well blocked performance about underwear (I mean unmentionables), and Maggie Schmidt “blew away” the competition taking fourth for her solo performance on Ballistics. Cara Meyer and Amelia Heusinkveld entertained the judges with their performance on “The Talkies” to earn themselves sixth place, and quiet yet confident Hannah Myers gave an outstanding performance on Martin Luther to take tenth in the nation. Way to go, Drama Club!



A-V CLUB

In our eyes, there should be an Academy Award category for National History Day students, because winners would include members from our Minnesota A/V Club. Jennifer Lor from St. Paul really brought down the house when she won first place and \$5,000 for her Highlander Folk School documentary. Other notable documentaries included second place for the Seward girls' Romanian Revolution documentary. All of our future film-makers made us proud, even our honorary Minnesota citizen José Cisneros, from North Carolina, supported and got support in true "Minnesota Nice" fashion.



SHOP CLASS

Most amateur History Day students believe the exhibit category is “the easiest.” Little do they know what it takes to put one of those things together! Anselma Lopez and the team of Elena Berman and Brittany Blazar learned what it took to build their own wood-framed board, while Grace Gardner realized the difficulty of over-hauling an already-amazing board into a gold medal winner. Brittany Woodke represented the Land of 10,000 Lakes at the Smithsonian with her board, the Anesthesia group took home a silver, and Caitlin Hansen was overjoyed to take seventh in the nation for her lesser-known but impressive topic “The Flushing Remonstrance”. Not to be outdone by the gals, the Mankato boys and the Gearou twins from Elk River edited and re-edited their boards, mastering techniques only held by exhibit gurus. From small towns, to the big cities, the members of the 2012 Shop Class did an outstanding job!



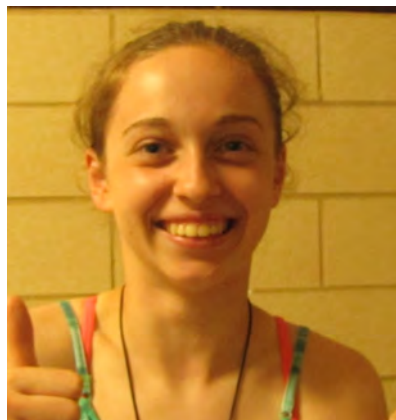
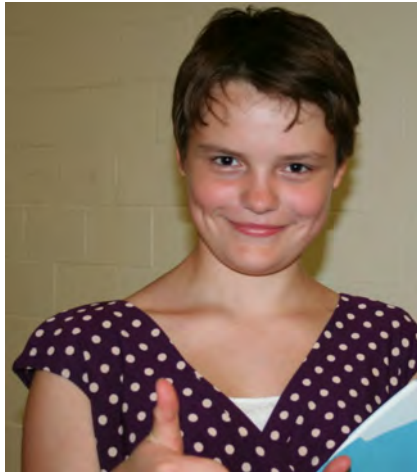
YOUNG WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The young women of the 2012 Young Writers' Workshop nearly dominated their competition. With three out of the four girls being national finalists, these wordsmiths are sure to write their way to the top! Veteran Nationals go-er Tasha Holtman picked up a bronze medal for her masterpiece on Child Protection, while fellow South High Tiger Abigail Norling-Ruggles placed seventh in the nation. Ruby Sutton was seen with a pen permanently attached to her hand as she perfects her prose in the hopes of making it to D.C. next year. and Kellie Frost from Friedell Middle School has her eye on the prize, placing tenth for her paper on the Estonian Singing Revolution. When you master the toughest part of any History Day project, the writing, the world is your metaphorical oyster. Congrats, ladies!



WEBSITE SQUAD

The 2012 Website Squad overcame several obstacles this year but came out unscathed. To the surprise of many website students, the judging process was open to the public (gasp!) and some students were even asked to “present” their website. Going with the flow, these brave students pushed through and impressed judges with tough topics such as the White Revolution, the May Fourth Movement, Russian Revolutions and more. One member of the Website Squad, Billy Menor, was unable to attend, but his partner Monica Nelson presented their project with him on a stick in true Minnesota State Fair form. Mairead Brooks, who took third at State, was able to attend Nationals because the first place qualifier was “unable to fulfill his duties.” She turned comedian when she asked the judges their thoughts on a famous mustache. The Lake Harriet Gals took home a silver medal for their “Operation Ajax” project, and Ana Schaff from website powerhouse, DeLaSalle High School took home the bronze for her website on the Freedom Riders. Congrats to all!



NATIONAL AWARD-WINNERS



Gold Medal
Jennifer Mailee Lor
Senior Individual Documentary



Gold Medal
Grace Gardner
Junior Individual Exhibit



Gold Medal
Cassidy Yueh, Melanie Blazar, Halcyon Brown
Junior Group Exhibit



Silver Medal
Nora Sylvestre, Anna Kleven,
Natalie Tufvesson
Junior Group Documentary



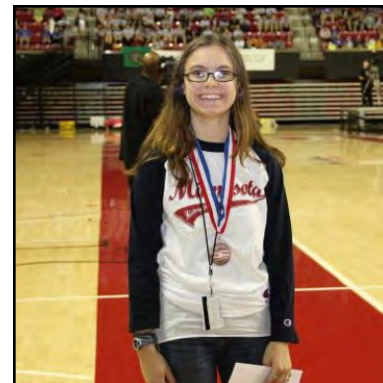
Silver Medal
Tomas Piepkorn, Kit Piepkorn
Hope Piepkorn, Austyn Otten
Junior Group Performance



Silver Medal
Alexis Ihrig, Anisa Carlson
Junior Group Website



Bronze Medal
Ana Schaff
Senior Individual Website



Bronze Medal
Tasha Holtman
Senior Paper



CONGRATULATIONS!

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4th Place

Maggie Schmidt
Senior Individual Performance



5th Place

Sam Gearou, Josh Gearou
Senior Group Exhibit
Outstanding State Entry Award



6th Place

Cara Meyer, Amelia Heusinkveld
Junior Group Performance
Outstanding State Entry Award



7th Place

Caitlin Hansen
Senior Individual Exhibit



7th Place

Abigail Norling-Ruggles
Senior Paper



10th Place

Kellie Frost
Junior Paper

10th Place

Hannah Myers
Senior Individual Performance



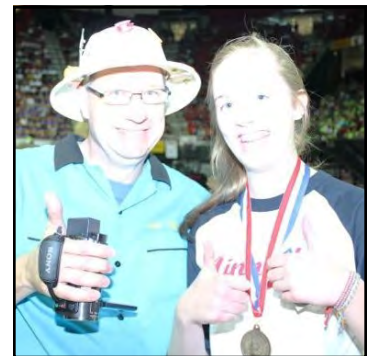
11th Place

Becky Norling-Ruggles, Frances Matejcek, Grace Palmer
Senior Group Documentary



12th Place

Morgan Lieske, Bridget Farrell,
Joe Vitt, Neal Billig
Senior Group Website



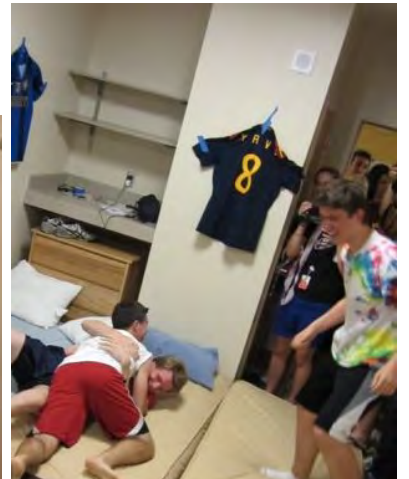
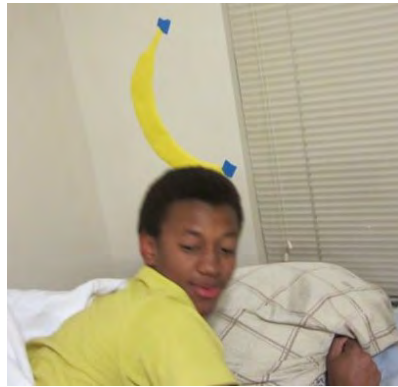
Emma Weisner
Salute to Freedom Award



Molly Nemer
Senior Individual Documentary
Full Academic Scholarship to
Case Western Reserve University



ROOM DECORATING



AUTOGRAPHS

