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**Top students compete virtually to represent the Show-Me State**

[YOUR CITY], MO [Date], 2022 – Thousands of students in grades six through twelve participate in the National History Day in Missouri program each year. In April, over 400 students who advanced from regional competitions throughout the Show-Me State gathered virtually to showcase their exemplary work. The National History Day in Missouri program is sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri. The program challenges students to research and prepare projects that address an annual theme; the theme for this year’s contest was *Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences.*

Each National History Day in Missouri project is unique, a result of extensive research and creativity from an individual student or group. The program encourages young scholars to present their findings through documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, or websites.

This was the case with [Your Student’s Name] of [Student’s City], MO. [Student’s Last Name] is competing in the [category name] with a project on [name of project and a brief description of project]

“[Quote from your student participant about their experience with NHD],” [Student’s name/school/town/city] said.

A [student’s grade in school] at [Name of School], [Student’s Last Name] completed [a/an project type (ex. documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website)] about the impact of [topic] and advanced to the 2022 state competition after placing at regionals.

“[More on the student’s 2022 experience here],” [Student’s Last Name] said. “[Highlight what they most enjoyed learning or what the experience of making it to state felt like].”­­­

A national evaluation of National History Day found students who participate perform higher on state standardized tests; improve their writing skills; become critical thinkers and learn how to collaborate, manage their time and present their findings to an audience.

“The National History Day in Missouri program provides students with the opportunity to explore their interests and gain a stronger understanding of the world,” according to Gary Kremer, executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri. “The impact on students is tremendous: they build confidence, develop their critical thinking, and learn important communication skills.”

To get involved in National History Day in Missouri, visit NHDMO.org.

***About National History Day in Missouri***

*Launched in 1980, National History Day in Missouri is the state affiliate of the National History Day educational program, which has half a million participants. Thousands of students compete in the Missouri program, with 400 advancing to the state competition. National History Day in Missouri is sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri.* *Visit: nhdmo.org*

***About The State Historical Society of Missouri***

*Founded in 1898 and established as a trustee of the state a year later, SHSMO is the premier center for the study of Missouri state and local history. Through its education program, the Center for Missouri Studies, SHSMO collects, preserves, and publishes materials that enhance research and support learning opportunities in the study of the Midwest at six research centers around the state, with headquarters on the University of Missouri campus. Visit: shsmo.org*

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