

national historydayMN

YEARBOOK



2025

Wow! Team Minnesota, it was soooooo delightful to spend this week with you. We had so much fun flying ✈️ across the country, donning delightful eye masks, playing bingo, and making the most memorable friendship bracelets.

We are proud of you. From your projects to the way you made the most of the week - your enthusiasm, hard work, and optimism were infectious. Remember to stay in touch. We are all very excited to see what your futures hold - whatever it is, we know it will be fabulous. ❤️



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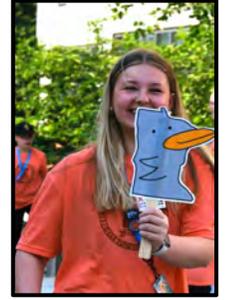
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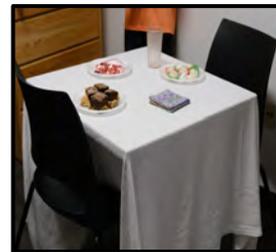
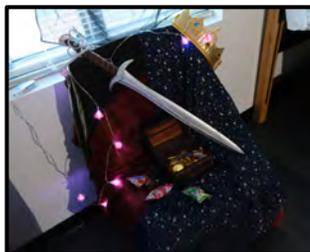
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FUN CITY-AWESOME TOWN



DORM DECORATING



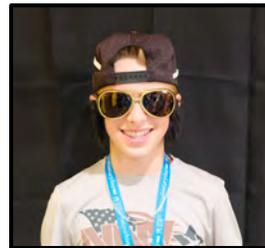
AWARDS CEREMONY



JUNIORS

Wow, juniors came in strong this year! We loved your smiles, and willingness to be a bit silly during FCAT games, team lounge nights, and well, just about anywhere. Your energy was contagious and it made it so much fun to celebrate all week with you. The way you showed up to support each other was incredible! You went head first into button trading, leading the way for Team Minnesota, getting to know students from around the world, and you also taught us so much from your projects along the way! Thanks for making this an awesome contest week!

Amelia Aguado
Oliver Berg
Winston Berg
Grace Berseth



Sonora Brandt
Helen Collins
Maddie Cowan
Evie Dammann



Jack Grauman
Milija Halvorson
Molly Hanson
Violet Hess



Riley Hopkins
Morgan Houser
Alexa Huotari
Theo Jodzio



JUNIORS

Anna Johnson
Elsie Jones
Sydney Larson
Zach Lau



Ava Moeding
Cullen Pilon
Theo Roark
Sara Rosenthal



Moira Sandri
Kara Spitael
Josef Schwehr
Lila Travis



Jacob Werth



SENIORS

The seniors this year set the bar high, not only with their amazing projects, but also with the way they came together to support each other. It was amazing to see how you shared tips, laughs, and support; you made it impossible to know what school you were from, you truly became Team Minnesota. Thank you for diving into each experience, from self-care night, to FCAT games, you brought energy and smiles everywhere you went. You were incredible leaders and we are so glad that you were a part of this year's National experience!

Karina Albrecht
Nico Allen
Indira Ambur
Sydney Bethune



Charley Cheatham
Bailey Carlson
June Corsac
Zoey Dahl



Henry Eldred
Alisha Enger
Anja Erickson
Celia Fay



Analise George
Dexter Haeg
Abby Horton
Hudson Isakson



SENIORS

Adam Jacobson
Phineas Jacox
Margaret Johnson
NJ Johnson Speed



Vivian Krocheski-
Meyer
Mason Kujawa
Shaunya Kumar
Clemence Lechevin



Jae Lind
Shauryaa Pathak
Evie Paschall
Amelie Richard



Averi Rohlf
Lyla Ronkainen



SUPPORT SQUAD

A key part of Team Minnesota is the incredible group of supporters that join us for this adventure. From siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends, we are lucky to have such amazing people to celebrate, support, and have fun with each day. The enthusiasm you have brought this year has helped make it a great experience for all of us. From the silent tunnel of high fives, to the whispered “Wheel of Destiny,” to the cheers at FCAT events, and smiles in the back of judging rooms, you are what makes us stand out from the crowd. On behalf of all the qualifiers, thank you for all the ways you have supported us!



TEACHERS

THANK YOU teachers for all you do to bring History Day alive in your classrooms! We cannot find the right words to express our appreciation for all you do each day to guide, advise, inspire, encourage, celebrate and coach your students on their educational journey, especially through countless hours editing "one more draft" of bibliographies, or watching one more performance rehearsal. Your words of encouragement have helped students get in their best headspace before judging, and your smiles have brought energy to each and every one of our staff throughout this trip. Thank you for taking the time to be here with us, we have loved our time with you!



Special Congratulations to Annmarie McConville from Nativity of our Lord on her RETIREMENT! We will miss you in the classroom - but can't wait to have you judge! ;)



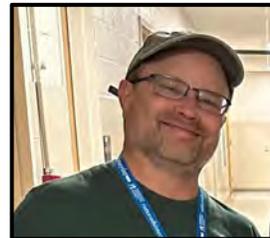
STAFF

Thank you for an amazing week, Team Minnesota. We enjoyed spending time with you, and celebrating your hard work. We cannot wait to see what incredible things you do next.

Sarah Aschbrenner
Maria Cardenas
Javeriah Chughtai
Ian Cunningham



Kyle Imdieke
Rebecca Lofgren
Kevin Majjala
August Mentch



Sammi Jo Papas
Natalie Polaschek
Cathy Richter
Kalea Yang



DRAMA CLUB

These amazing performers left it all on the stage as they shared their knowledge of the Sediton Act, Frank Kameny, the Clean Water Act of 1972, the Teletypewriter, Theodore Roosevelt, Jane Services, Hays Code and Women's Menus. Each one of you brought your own flare to the historic information as you demonstrated how each topic connected to rights and responsibilities. The audience was truly impressed with the characters you became, the props used and the stories brought to life. We hope to see you on another stage soon!



A-V CLUB

Lights, camera, action! This year's 2025 A-V Club blew us away with their productions that are ready for the Academy Awards. From the Japanese American incarceration, privacy and the media, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, the Stonewall Uprising, Spanish Civil War, Coogan Law, redlining, and community based mental health, these documentarians produced incredible films that shed light on important topics. We expect to see your names in the credits of future History Channel documentary series! Thanks for putting on a great show.



SHOP CLASS

This year's shop class shared about Lewis Hine, HeLa Cells, ADA, Love Canal, 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, Call Jane, the State v. Autonomy, and Margaret Sanger using beautiful images, interaction, and media to share their learning. Wow! We were blown away by the creativity shown on your boards, and how much information you shared using just 500 words! You showed us your creativity, with all of the aspects of your exhibits, and also your strength - those were some heavy boards! We see a lot of great things in your future, if you build it, Team Minnesota will come!



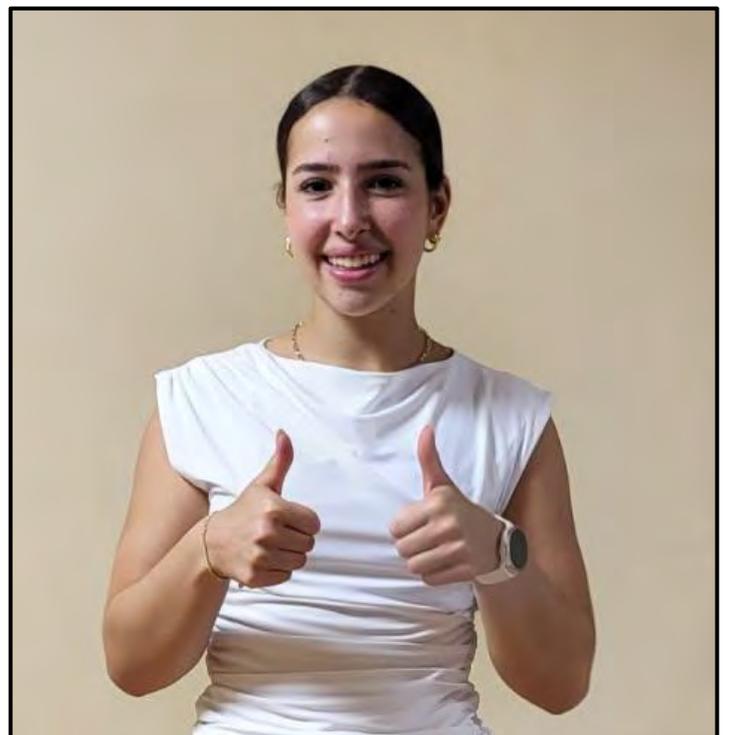
TECH SQUAD

Our tech squad is the best, and even know the difference between HDMI and Displayport cords! Our fabulous solo web designers covered the Federal Highway Act of 1956, Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act of 1978, and the Palmer Raids. Our trusty teams of group web designers covered Japanese American military translators during WWII, the Equal Rights Amendment, the Washburn A. Mill disaster, and the impact of Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* broadcast. Good luck with all future NHD Web Central and other coding endeavors Tech Squad!



YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP

Hot off the presses! Our authors in the making covered the 1946 St. Paul Teachers' Strike, the Love Canal Tragedy, the *Wisconsin v. Yoder* court case, and the rights of medical patients violated by J. Marion Sims. Our authors wrote a combined 12,000 words for their papers and process papers, and have over 50 combined pages for their annotated bibliographies alone! We cannot wait to read what these four write next, and hope to one day purchase their future work from a friendly local bookstore!



NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS



1st Place - Junior Paper

Lila Travis

*"The Strike for Better Schools:"
Fighting for Teachers' Rights, Taking
Responsibility for Public Education*



1st Place - Senior Individual Website

Nico Allen

*The Palmer Raids: Balancing
National Security Against Individual
Rights*



2nd Place - Junior Individual Performance

Morgan Houser

*The Sedition Act of 1798: The
Challenge to Free Speech*



2nd Place - Junior Group Documentary

Helen Collins & Sara Rosenthal
*Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty:
How the Right to Access News Fueled
the Responsibility to Provide It*



Equality in History Special Prize

Jack Grauman

Junior Individual Performance
*Action or Identity: How Frank
Kameny Fought for Gay Rights to
Ensure the Responsibility to
Federally Serve*



Outstanding Affiliate Entries

Alexa Huotari
Junior Individual Website
*The Right to Revolt: Common
Sense's Impact on Government*



Shaunya Kumar
Senior Individual
Documentary
*1936-1939: The Spanish Civil War and
the Failure of Global Responsibilities*

