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The American Heritage Center Announces the Winners of Wyoming History Day 2022

The annual Wyoming History Day competition was held on Monday, April 25, 2022, in Laramie, WY at the University of Wyoming. Wyoming History Day (WHD), a proud affiliate of National History Day (NHD), is a year-long educational program that culminates into the national contest every June. WHD, administered by the American Heritage Center (AHC) in partnership with the Wyoming State Historical Society, occurs every year in late April or early May.

National History Day engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and informative papers based on research related to an annual theme. The projects are then presented and evaluated at the local, state, and national competitions!

Cameron Green, Wyoming State History Day Coordinator, said, "Wyoming History Day is a program that encourages students to explore and experience topics in history that they usually would not have the ability to study. The program provides students the ability to make choices in their education, while teaching them lifelong critical thinking and analytical skills."

Over 100 students from across the state of Wyoming came to participate in the in-person return of Wyoming History Day. Students in Wyoming History Day participated in yearlong research projects based on the annual National History Day theme -- *Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, and Consequences*. First and second place winners from Wyoming History Day move on to the National History Day competition.

Additionally, Wyoming History Day gave away **\$11,800.00** in cash prizes and sponsorships that were generously sponsored by the American Heritage Center, Wyoming State Historical Society, the Stepan Family, Wyoming Humanities, Wyoming State Bar, Wyoming State Library, Wyoming Archaeology Society, Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologist, the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum, UW American Studies Department, Jacques Laramie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Colonial Dames in Wyoming, Wyoming Outdoor Council, UW Modern and Classical Languages Department, Brigida Blasi, Elizabeth Kuntz, and Ginny Kilander.

Placement Winners

Junior Division

Category	Place	Title	Student(s)	School
Group Documentary	First	The Roots of the Civil War	Bradin Ewen, Charles Fink, and Jack Pharaoh	Greybull Middle School

	Second	Cesar Chavez	Camila Acuna, Sherlyn Diaz-Rios, and Imelda Mendez	Greybull Middle School
	Third	Not A Drop To Spare	Maggie Hicks and Halle Malle Mickelsen	Wheatland Middle School
Group Exhibits	First	The Diplomatic Journey to Freedom	Isabella Keller, Xyla Rehling, and Addison Gustaf	Upton Middle School
	Second	The Chain Reaction That Led to the Creation of the Atomic Bomb	Anna Baxter and Maddie Krasula	Jackson Hole Middle School
Group Performance	First	Wichowayake	Lily Anderson, Carly Robertson, and Haidyn Sisson	Wheatland Middle School
	Second	Title IX	Rylee Donner, Lilly Jackson, and Caden Simianer	Upton Middle School
Group Websites	First	The Treaty of Versailles and the First World War: A Delve Into the German Disaster	Shayne Cheatham and Lucian Hoffman	Greybull Middle School
	Second	"Have You No Sense of Decency?"	Karley Adams and Halle Huston	Wheatland Middle School
	Third	Matthew Shepard	Kylie Benaski and Gatlin Good	Greybull Middle School
Junior Individual Documentaries	First	Wolves: Bloodthirsty Menaces or Stewards of the Land?	Lachlan Gebhart	Lander Middle School
	Second	The Dirty War	Kamryn Good	Greybull Middle School
Individual Exhibit	First	Triangle Shirtwaist Fire	Charlie Irrgang	Pinedale Middle School
	Second	The Controversies and Negotiations of	Kristian Ruch	Pinedale Middle School

		The League of Nations		
Individual Websites	First	"I PLEDGE MYSELF" - The Debate & Diplomacy of the Roosevelts	Kaidyn Kasun	Wheatland Middle School
	Second	Oskar Schindler's Quest to Save Lives Through Diplomacy	Alexa Johnston	Powell Middle School
	Third	Louisiana Purchase	Tace Frank	Shoshoni Elementary School
Historical Paper	First	The Five Year Plan of Cold, Hard, Steel: The Debate Over Soviet Industrialization	Zoe Szymanski	Lander Middle School
	Second	The Constitution: Who Are The People in America	Ash Carlson	Lander Middle School
	Third	History of Child Labor Laws	Gwendalyn Murray	Upton Middle School

Senior Division

Category	Place	Title	Student(s)	School
Group Documentary	First	How Wyoming Women's Suffrage Paved the Way to the Nineteenth Amendment	Gabriella Ward and Gracilynn Ward	Powell High School
Group Exhibit	First	Iranian Hostage Crisis: Downfall of Diplomacy	Patrick McGrath, Hayden Pindell, and Landon Speiser	Kelly Walsh High School
	Second	How Ping-Pong Diplomacy Helped Thaw the Cold War -	Samuel Houck, Bradyen Johnson, and Ethan Morrison	Kelly Walsh High School

		US China Relations		
	Third	Jackie Robinson's Strive Toward Diplomacy	Aaron Larsen and Jesse Larsen	Jackson Hole High School
Group Website	First	The Impact of The Chicano Movement	Travis Davis and Maliyah Porras	Greybull High School
Individual Documentary	First	A Debate Over Freedom and Cultural Diplomacy: How the Beatles Inspired a Generation to Make Change Back in the U.S.S.R	Ruby Homer-Wambeam	Laramie Home School
	Second	National Women's Party	Abigail Doering	Jackson Hole High School
	Third	The Rise and Fall Of The Fort Laramie Treaty	Edith Aguilar	Greybull High School
Individual Exhibits	First	The Cuban Missile Crisis: How Diplomacy Averted Nuclear War	Tavia Ossa	Kelly Walsh High School
	Second	The Delicate Fall of the Berlin Wall	Wyatt Griffin	Pinedale High School
	Third	Chicano Moratorium	Michelle Montalvo-Hernandez	Cody High School
Individual Website	First	Rock Springs Masacare	Joe Ornowski	Jackson Hole High School
	Second	Katherine Johnson: Fighting Structural Racism at NASA	Colette Danby	Jackson Hole High School
	Third	The Peace Corps: Humanitarian Diplomacy	Lily Reed	Kelly Walsh High School

Historical Paper	First	Coal Slurry Competes in the Coal Market Against the Railroads' Monopoly	Josefina Blain	Cody High School
	Second	Rock Springs Massacre	Kate Mann	Jackson Hole High School
	Third	Debate and Diplomacy on the Latin American Drug War: The United States Involvement Failed Mankind	Jose Atilano	Greybull High School

Award Winners

Award Name	Title	Winner	School
Clara Jensen Award	Nellie Tayloe Ross	Natalie Gilbertson	Shoshoni Elementary
Oration Award	Wichowayake	Carly Robertson, Haidyn Sisson, and Lily Andersson.	Wheatland Middle School
Excellence in Exhibits	How Ping-Pong Diplomacy Helped Thaw the Cold War - US China Relations	Brayden Johnson, Ethan Morrison, and Samuel Houck.	Kelly Walsh High School
Documentarian Award	The Roots of the Civil War	Bradin Ewen, Charles Fink, and Jack Pharaoh	Greybull Middle School
Grace Raymond Hebard Historian Award	The Five Year Plan of Cold, Hard, Steel: The Debate Over Soviet Industrialization	Zoe Szymanski	Lander Middle School
Family History Award	The Original Marlboro Man	Eckley Winfield and Kanin Walters	Shoshoni Elementary
Liz Byrd Cultural Diversity Award	Cesar Chavez	Camila Acuna, Imelda Mendez, and Sherlyn Diaz-Rios	Greybull Middle School
DAR Award	Title IX	Caden Simianer, Lilly Jackson, and Rylee Donner	Upton Middle School
Women in History Award	Katherine Johnson: Fighting Structural Racism at NASA	Colette Danby	Jackson Hole High School
William H. Barton Award	Not A Drop To Spare	Halle Mickelsen and Maggie Hicks	Wheatland Middle School
Native American Heritage Award	The Rise and Fall Of The Fort Laramie Treaty	Edith Aguilar	Greybull High School

Tom Bell Environmental History Award	Wind Turbines	Cameron Brown	Shoshoni Elementary
Wyoming Archaeology Award	Hanging Gardens of Babylon	Aly Morrow	Powell Middle School
Jim Gatchell History of Science Award	The Chain Reaction That Led to the Creation of the Atomic Bomb	Anna Baxter and Maddie Krasula	Jackson Hole Middle School
Caroline Lockhart Historic Newspaper Award	Chicano Moratorium	Michelle Montalvo-Hernandez	Cody High School
Creativity Award	A Debate Over Freedom and Cultural Diplomacy: How the Beatles Inspired a Generation to Make Change Back in the U.S.S.R.	Ruby Homer-Wambeam	Laramie Homeschool
Jurisprudence Award	History of Child Labor Laws	Gwendalyn Murray	Upton Middle School
Jurisprudence Award	Celia v. The State of Missouri	Liz Boyer	Greybull High School
Mark A. Greene Excellence Award	The Delicate Fall of the Berlin Wall	Wyatt Griffin	Pinedale High School
Dr. Joseph Stepans Award	A Time in History: Black 14 Wyoming	Caden Hunt, Caiden Sorenson, and Yandel Hernandez	Greybull Middle School
Sissy Goodwin Award	The Constitution: Who Are The People in America	Ash Carlson	Lander Middle School
Gerald & Jessie F. Chambers Award	Wolves: Bloodthirsty Menaces or Stewards of the Land?	Lachlan Gebhart	Lander Middle School
Gerald & Jessie F. Chambers Award	Iranian Hostage Crisis: Downfall of Diplomacy	Hayden Pindell, Landon Speiser, and Patrick McGrath	Kelly Walsh High School
Dr. Joseph Stepans Award	Rock Springs Massacre	Kate Mann	Jackson Hole High School
Dr. Robert Campbell Teacher Award		Michelle Stebner	Greybull Middle School
AHC Gerald & Jessie Chambers Scholarship	A Debate Over Freedom and Cultural Diplomacy: How the Beatles Inspired a Generation to Make Change Back in the U.S.S.R	Ruby Homer-Wambeam	Laramie Homeschool
Wyoming State Historical Society Scholarship	The Cuban Missile Crisis: How Diplomacy Averted Nuclear War	Tavia Ossa	Kelly Walsh High School
George and Linda LaBarre Scholarship	The Impact Of The Chicano Movement	Maliyah Porras and Travis Davis	Greybull High School

