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Standing Up For History ***2017 History Fair Results Announced***

Pensacola, FL: Taking A Stand in History is the theme for the 2017 National History Fair competition. Students from all over Escambia County stood their ground this past week to explain why they chose their topics for this year's exhibits, documentaries, essays and web pages. Then, during a ceremony held Feb. 7 at Booker T. Washington High School, many got to stand up again to accept their awards for their hard work and newly gained knowledge. The first and second place winners in the junior and senior categories will advance to state history fair competing this May. Special awards were given out by various community organizations including Fiesta of Five Flags, Fort Pickens Chapter, NSDAR, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., the Pensacola Heritage Foundation, Escambia PTAs/PTSAs, Santa Rosa Creek Indian Tribe, League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area, West Florida Genealogy Society, and Pensacola Historic Preservation Society.

The projects covered individual people like Sojourner Truth, Florence Nightingale and Genghis Khan, to groups such as the Freedom Riders and the Harlem Hellfighters of World War I. The awards ceremony was "the celebration of a journey which has included hours of research, interviews, writing and preparation. The students who competed in the district history fair represent the best of their schools and proved themselves equal to the task of historians," said Cherie Arnette, Escambia County School District's Social Studies Curriculum Specialist.

Judges were volunteers from the community, retired teachers, school district staff members, college students from the PSC History Club.

"One of the wonderful things about History Fair is that student research leads to discovery. Sometimes we veterans say, not another project on ... but to the students it's brand new and their enthusiasm reignites our love of history. Every year student research brings out a lesser known topic, and teaches us." said Arnette.

The Junior League sponsors the J. Earle Bowden Young Historian Award for Outstanding Senior Entry which was presented to Parker Beverly, Pensacola High School, for her Senior Documentary, "Senator Margaret Chase Smith: Speaking for America's Conscience." The Katherine Pomeroy Memorial Award for Best Junior Entry in 2017 was awarded to Loryn Smith, JH Workman for her exhibit entry entitled, "John Muir: Nature's Advocate".

The results are listed below (place, student's name, project title, school and instructor) and an asterisk (*) indicates projects invited to be put on display at the T.T. Wentworth Museum, along with a variety of others. "DAR" by an entry indicates the project was also selected for recognition by the Fort Pickens Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. This year's Florida's State History Fair is set for May 7-9, 2017, on the campus of Tallahassee Community College.

Individual Exhibits

Elementary (Grades 4 & 5)

- 1st - Emily Downey, "Florence Nightingale," Blue Angels Elementary School, Rose * DAR
- 2nd - Beatrice Bunnell, "The Underground Railroad," McArthur Elementary School, Blackman *
- 3rd - Trenton Schroeder, "I Have A Dream," Blue Angels Elementary, Rose

Junior (Grades 6-8)

- 1st – Loryn Smith, “John Muir: Nature’s Advocate,” J.H. Workman Middle School, Riutta *
- 2nd – Meredith McGee, “Bullets and Braids: AIMs Takes A Stand in 1973 at Wounded Knee,” Ernest Ward Middle School, Chavers *
- 3rd – G. Thomas Prettyman, “Gideon vs. Wainwright: Taking A Stand for Equal Justice,” J.H. Workman Middle School, Riutta DAR

Senior (Grades 9-12)

- 1st – Anna Huggins, “The Freedom Riders: A Stand for Equality,” Pensacola High School, Jones & Rehwinkel
- 2nd – John Jutras, “Floridians Take A Bite! Dr. Porter Leads in the War Against Mosquitoes,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson *
- 3rd – Madisyn Mitchell, “Shirin Ebadi: Subversionary for Women’s Rights,” J.M. Tate High School, Pamela Killebrew *

Group Exhibits

Elementary (Grades 4 & 5)

- 1st – Daniel Edgett & Theodore Kirby, “Double Victory: They Fought Two Wars,” McArthur Elementary School, Blackman *
- 2nd – Emelyn Carlson & Lorena Gonzalez, “The Grimke Sisters,” Blue Angels Elementary School, Rose, DAR
- 3rd – Camry People & Caroline Campbell, “Harriett Tubman,” Blue Angels Elementary School, Rose

Junior (Grades 6-8)

- 1st – Amara Schoppmann & Chloe Cate, “Stonewall Riots,” J.H. Workman Middle School, Riutta *
- 2nd – Alex Summersell & Kaden Millsap-Whitehead, “Operation Overlord – WWII,” East Hill Christian School, Smith *
- 3rd – Luke Seelman & JT Grizzard, “Falkland’s War,” East Hill Christian School, Smith *

Senior (Grades 9-12)

- 1st – Bryce Cox & Myles Herren, “Out of Mind, Out of Sight – America’s Movement Toward Making Cruel the Unusual by Reforming Asylum-Based Mental Health Care,” East Hill Christian School, Emond *
- 2nd – Cassandra Driscoll & Erykah Mohler, “Witches in War,” Pensacola High School, Jones & Rehwinkel *
- 3rd – Lexi Grizzard & Claire Miller, “Salem Witch Trials,” East Hill Christian School, Emond

Websites

Junior (Grades 6-8) Individual Websites

- 1st – Michael Keyes, “Nelson Mandela,” East Hill Christian School, Smith *
- 2nd – Tori DeBord, “Taking A Stand: George Stout and the Monuments Men,” Episcopal Day School, Russell * DAR
- 3rd – Dana Amin, “Alan Turing: Breaking the Enigma,” St. Paul Catholic School, Oswald *

Junior (Grades 6-8) Group Websites

- 1st – Nik Howell and Sam Rice, “Carl Von Ossietzky: Exposing Germany,” Episcopal Day School, Russell *
- 2nd – Cal Neuhaus and Emma Beasley, “Taking A Stand for Animals: Henry Bergh and the ASPCA,” Creative Learning Academy, Richards

Senior (Grades 9-12) Individual Website

- 3rd – Samuel Duong, “A Stand Against the Vietnam War: An Uprising in the U.S.,” Pensacola High School, Rehwinkel *

Senior (Grades 9-12) Group Websites

- 1st – Ryan Campion and Michael Eddins, “Arthur Ashe: Serving Up A Stand,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson

2nd – Nicholas Skoufis, Sami Humeda and Mehul Kapur, “The Haitian Revolution: A Stand Against Imperialism,” Pensacola High School, Rehwinkel

3rd – Parker Kotlarz and Brian Branstetter, “Pentagon Papers: Taking A Stand for Government Transparency,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson

Documentaries

Junior (Grades 6-8) Individual

1st - Gracie Dunaway, “James Meredith: Desegregating the University of Mississippi,” Episcopal Day School, Russell *

2nd – Grace Stanley, “Duty Despite Discrimination: The Untold Story of the 688th Central Postal Directory Battalion,” Brown Barge Middle School, Eubanks

Junior (Grades 6-8) Group

1st – Michael Carter, Charles and Jake Cyr, “WWI – The Harlem Hellfighters,” J.H. Workman Middle School, Riutta

2nd – Allison Jefferis and Eva Miller, “Into the Unknown for Women’s Rights,” Ransom Middle School, Samszenko *

Senior (Grades 9-12) Individual

1st – Parker Beverly, “Senator Margaret Chase Smith: Speaking for America’s Conscience,” Pensacola High School, Ramey * DAR

2nd – Carmen Dosev, “Bulgaria’s Choice,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson *

3rd – Benjamin Kent, “Robert Small Takes A Stand,” Pine Forest High School, Hendrix *

Senior (Grades 9-12) Group

1st – Vendela Balogh, Paris Barnes, and Hanh Nhan Tran, “Women’s Suffrage: The Right to Vote,” Pensacola High School, Rehwinkel * DAR

2nd – Eme Elis and Victoria Talbert, “The Heroes of 9/11 – America’s Darkest Day,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson

Performances

Elementary (grades 4 & 5) Individual

1st – Christian D.P. Stanley, “The Life & Legacy John Sunday, Jr. the Richest African American Man in the South,” A.K. Suter Elementary, Rosasco

2nd – Reed Rehwinkel, “The Forgotten Ship: the Story of the U.S.S. Massachusetts,” N.B. Cook Elementary School, Odom

Elementary (Grades 4 & 5) Group

1st – Emi Huang, Gabriel Huang & Darren Jefferis, and Luke Paul, “Newsboys’ Strike of 1899 – Class of the Titans – Child Labor,” N.B. Cook Elementary School, Odom

2nd – Henry Fisher, Julia Gibson & Kieran Kelly, and Kathryn Raines, “John Sunday, Jr.: A Self Made Man,” N.B. Cook Elementary School, Odom

3rd – Brogan Luescher, Natalie Biggs & Samantha Parris, Devon Stamey, and Mabry Worley, “Susan B. Anthony Standing Up for the 19th Amendment,” N.B. Cook Elementary School, Odom

3rd – Harper Hubbert, Mahogani Haywood & Kaylee Lovell, Olivia Myers, and Isabella Ueberroth, “Sophie Scholl Stands Against Hitler,” N.B. Cook Elementary School, Odom

Junior (Grades 6-8) Individual

1st - Graybill Partington, “Susan B. Anthony: Standing with Strength and Courage for Woman Suffrage,” Episcopal Day School, Russell

3rd – K.K. Hindsman, “Helen Keller,” East Hill Christian School, Smith

Senior (Grades 9-12) Individual

- 1st – Danielle Lutz, “Joan of Arc: A Stand of Faith for France,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson
2nd – Tris Weeks, “Edelweiss Pirates: The German Teens that Fought for Freedom,” Pensacola Catholic High School, Nelson
3rd – Katie Shelnut, “Petticoats and Women’s Votes,” Pensacola High School, Mullin

Historical Paper Awards

Junior Division

- 1st – Lizzie Molchan, “Sojourner Truth’s Mission of Truth,” St. Paul Catholic School
2nd – Carolyn Hagy, “The War of Currents: Nikola Tesla, Thomas Edison and Their Modern Counterparts Taking A Stand to Define the Future of Electric Power,” Episcopal Day School
3rd – Anabelle Arnett, “Do Not Quail, Isreal: The Life and Journey of Hannah Senesh,” St. Paul Catholic School

Senior Division

- 1st – Kelly Wu, Reaching the Point of No Return: The United States’ Entry Into the Great War and President Wilson’s Stand for Peace, Pensacola high School
2nd – James Wesley Penta, Olympic Stand: The Influence of Black Athletes Jesse Owens, ralph Metcalf and James LuValle’s Decision to Attend the 1936 Olympics on racial Discrimination, Anti-Semitic Sentiments of the Nazi Party, and Future Athlete’s Access to the Games, Pensacola High School
3rd – Genie Springer, “The Culper Spy Ring: The Patriot Spies of the Revolutionary War,” Pensacola High School, DAR

Additional Special Awards

Junior Heritage Keepers Award from the Pensacola Heritage Foundation

Nik Howell and Sam Rice, Junior Website, “Carl Von Ossietzky – Exposing Germany”

The Holliday and Mary Veal Awards

Individual Exhibit

Darryl Walker, “Geronimo Taking A Stand in History,” Holm Elementary School

Group Exhibits

Andea Fairley, Merissa Donaldson, Chloe Anderson and Gissel Toscano, “Bernard De Galvez,” Holm Elementary School

Daniel Edgett and Theodore Kirby, “Double Victory: They Fought Two Wars,” McArthur Elementary School

Lauren Bondurant and Anna Thomas, “Julie Panton: A Free Woman of Color,” East Hill Christian School

League of Women Voters’ Awards

Individual Documentary – Parker Beverly, “Senator Margaret Chase Smith: Speaking for America’s Conscience,” Pensacola High School

Individual Performance – Graybill Partington, “Susan B. Anthony: Standing with Strength and Courage for Woman Suffrage,” Episcopal Day School

Individual Exhibit – Emily Downey, “Florence Nightingale,” Blue Angels Elementary School

Pensacola Historic Preservation Society Awards

Junior Division – Carolyn Hagy, “The War of Currents: Nikola Tesla, Thomas Edison and their Modern Counterpart Taking a Stand to Define the Future of Electric Power”

Senior Division – James Wesley Penta, “Olympic Stand: The Influence of Black Athletes Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe, and James LuValle’s Decision to Attend the 1936 Berlin Olympics on Racial Discrimination, Anti-Semitic Sentiments of the Nazi Party, and Future Athletes Access to the Games”

Southeastern Native American History Awards

1st – Isaiah Waters & Malachi Waters, “The Battle of Lake Okeechobee”

Elementary Entry – Darryl Walker, “Geronimo Taking a Stand in History”

Junior Entry – Meredith McGhee, “Bullets and Braids: AIM’s Occupation in 1973 at Wounded Knee”

Escambia County Council of PTAs (ECPTA) Awards

Elementary Division – Beatrice Bunnel, “The Underground Railroad”

Junior Division – Kendal Weston, “Audrey Hepburn: Beyond the Screen”

Senior Division – Lauren Brown, “Jane Addams and the Hull-House: Stand for Peace”

Holocaust – This year’s history fair introduced many of the students to Sophie Scholl a young German woman who joined the White Rose, an anti-Nazi political group of activists who operated in a non-violent way by publishing and distributing anti-Nazi pamphlets. She was executed at the age of 21 for her efforts. Her life and the stand she took was featured in every category of this year’s competition. Special recognition went to Abigail Gilliam for her project, “Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Now it is Time for the White Rose, Too: Sophie Scholl and the White Rose.”

Women in History Award

Destiny Thornhill’s entry, “Malala Yousafzai: the Girl Who never Gave Up”

Fiesta of Five Flags Award

Senior Exhibit: Lauren Bondurant & Anna Thomas, “Julie Panton: A Free Woman of Color”

Senior Individual Exhibit: John Jutras, “Floridians Take A Bite! Dr. Porter Leads Florida in the War Against Mosquitoes”

Wayne Perkins Award for the Use of Primary Sources (For exemplary research and bibliography)

Kelly Wu, “Reaching the Point of No Return: The United States’ Entry into the Great War and President Wilson’s Stand for Peace,” Pensacola High School

West Florida Genealogy Society

1st – Henry Fisher, Julia Gibson, Kiernan Kelly and Kathryn Raines’s Group Performance, “John Sunday, Jr. A Self Made Man,” N.B. Cook Elementary School

2nd – Christian Stanley’s Individual Performance, “The Life and Legacy John Sunday, Jr., the Richest African American Mon in the South,” A.K. Suter Elementary School

Woodrow B. Skinner Award: Myles Herren and Bryce Cox, “Out of Mind, Out of Sight – America’s Movement Towards Making Cruel the Unusual by Reforming Asylum-Based Mental Health Care,” East Hill Christian School

Excellence in History Awards from the Fort Pickens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution – Honors in addition to those annotated above with DAR by the entry (Student and project title):

Claire Litvak, Emma Hart Willard, “Taking A Stand for Women’s Education”

Liam Bryan, “Pearl Harbor”

Lauren Marie Lacour, “Samuel Adams and the Boston Tea Party”

Zackerian Miller, “The Stand the Bought the Presidency”

Nicole Hoppe, “The Purple Heart: Courage for America”

Liliana Watson and Daphne Ross, “A Lifetime of Independence: Alexander Hamilton”

Charlie Wine, Chase Walsh and Quang Vo, “Relief Efforts: Barton and the Red Cross”

Luke Cocoris, “Andrew Jackson’s Stand Against the Bank”

Lauren Brown, “Jane Adams and the Hull-House: Stand for Peace”

For information about Social Studies education in Escambia County, please contact Cherie Arnette, Social Studies Specialist K-12, at 469-5392.

An album of photos is available on Facebook on the Escambia Schools Public Relations page.

Image attached shows School Board members Patty Hightower and Gerald Boone with Parker Beverly and ECSD Superintendent Malcolm Thomas. Parker Beverly is in the 10th grade at Pensacola High School and her documentary won several prizes this year. She will now go to Florida's State History Fair, set for May 7-9, 2017, on

the campus of Tallahassee Community College. She also qualified for State last year, also with a documentary where she won top honors for the State of Florida.

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