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## ECSD NEWS RELEASE

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### **Escambia County students compete in the Florida History Day May 7-9, 2017**

Pensacola, FL: Thirty-eight students represented Escambia County this week at the State History Fair in Tallahassee. Florida has the largest state level program affiliated with the National History Day program with over 63,000 students participating across the state. There were 1,148 students advancing this year to the state competition representing thirty-four counties. This year's theme was "Taking a Stand in History." Escambia County brought home a 1 first place entry, 2 second place entries, and 2 third place entries and 4 special prizes with an additional 6 entries making run-offs. Our first and second place winners will compete in the National History Day competition this June in College Park, Maryland.

Join us in Congratulating:

#### **DOCUMENTARIES**

Carmen Dosev (Pensacola Catholic High School) - **2<sup>nd</sup> place** Senior Individual Documentary, "Bulgaria's Choice."

Parker Beverly (Pensacola High School) - **Finalist** and winner of the **Military Heritage Award** in the Senior Individual Documentary category for her entry, "Senator Margaret Chase Smith: Speaking for America's Conscience."

Grace Dunaway (Episcopal Day School) - **Finalist** for her Junior Individual Documentary, "James Meredith: Desegregating the University of Mississippi."

Grace Stanley (Brown Barge Middle School) – **Finalist** and winner of the **World War II Heritage Award** for her documentary, "Duty Despite Discrimination: The Untold Story of the 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion, the Only All African American Female Unit to Serve Overseas during WWII."

Charles Bird, Michael Carter and Jacob Cyr (Workman Middle School) – **Finalists** for their Junior Group Documentary, "WWI - The Harlem Hellfighters."

#### **PERFORMANCES**

Tris Weeks (Pensacola Catholic High School) – **1<sup>st</sup> place** Senior Individual Performance for her entry, "Edelweiss Pirates: The German Teens that Fought for Freedom."

Graybill Partington (Episcopal Day School) - **Finalist** and winner of the **Women's Heritage Award** for her Junior Individual Performance entitled, "Susan B. Anthony- Standing with Strength and Courage for Woman's Suffrage."

#### **WEBSITES**

Mehul Kapur, Luca Benny, Sami Humeda, Nicholas Skoufis (Pensacola High School) - **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Junior Group Website, "The Mongols: Conquerors of the World."

Ryan Campion and Michael Eddins (Pensacola Catholic High School) - **Finalists** in Senior Group Website for their website, "Arthur Ashe: Serving up a Stand."

#### **EXHIBIT BOARDS:**

John Jutras (Pensacola Catholic High School) – **2<sup>nd</sup> place** Senior Individual Exhibit, "Floridians Take a Bite: Dr. Porter Leads Florida in the War against Mosquitoes."

Chloe Cate and Amara Schoppmann (Workman Middle School) - **3<sup>rd</sup> place** Junior Group Exhibit for their entry, "Stonewall Riots."

#### **Other Special Awards**

Meredith McGhee (Ernest Ward MS) winner of the **Native American Heritage Award** in the Junior Exhibit category for her entry, "Bullets and Braids: AIM takes a Stand in 1973." Kelly Wu, (Pensacola High School) was awarded the **Outstanding County Entry** for her historical paper, "Reaching the Point of no Return in History: Presidents Wilson's Stand for Peace."

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