



NATIONAL
HISTORY DAY
—PITTSBURGH—

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MARCH 15-16, 2025



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HISTORY CENTER
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

National History Day Pittsburgh

The History Center is proud to be the regional home for the National History Day competition, which serves students from Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, and Somerset counties.

Each year, National History Day encourages middle school and high school students to research history and present their findings in an exciting and creative way. Students can work individually or in a group to create exhibits, produce documentaries, write papers, design websites, or stage performances.

Each project is evaluated by a team of judges, who will award first, second, and third place in all categories. Students who place first, second, or third will compete in the National History Day Pennsylvania competition at University of Scranton in April.

Acknowledgements

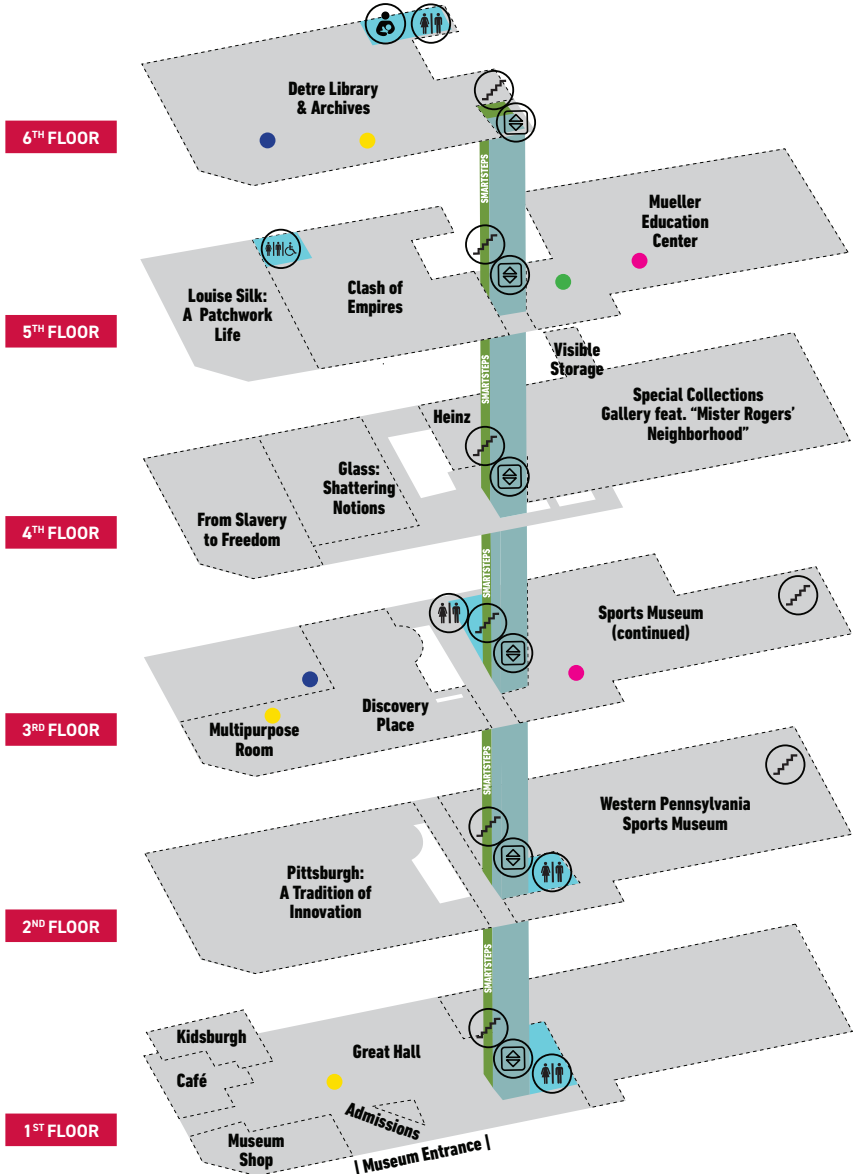
The Heinz History Center thanks all our volunteers and judges for their commitment to National History Day Pittsburgh. Without these volunteers, we could not have National History Day at the Heinz Center.

We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the King Family who has donated money for awards this year. Their generosity allows us to recognize students who do exceptional work for National History Day.



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Museum Map



1ST FLOOR

- Great Hall: Registration

3RD FLOOR

- Multipurpose Room: Group and Individual Exhibits
- Volunteer Lounge: Individual Websites
- Kaiser Trophy Room: Individual Websites

5TH FLOOR

- Mueller Center: Performances and Awards Ceremony
- Green Room: Group Documentaries

6TH FLOOR

- L&A Conference Room: Group Websites
- Westinghouse Room: Papers



RESTROOMS AVAILABLE ON FLOORS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Junior Division

Saturday, March 15 - 7:00 A.M.–2:30 P.M.

Schedule

7:00 a.m.

Student check-in begins
1st floor Great Hall

7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Exhibit set-up
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

7:45 a.m.

Judges' Meeting
7th Floor

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Judging All Categories

2:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony
5th Floor Mueller Center

Judging Locations

Group Documentary

3rd Floor Kaiser Trophy Room

Group Exhibit

3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Group Performance

5th Floor Mueller Center

Group Website

6th Floor Conference Room

Individual Documentary

5th Floor Green Room

Individual Exhibit

3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Individual Performance

5th Floor Mueller Center

Individual Website

3rd Floor Volunteer Lounge

Paper

6th Floor Westinghouse Room

Senior Division

Sunday, March 16 - 7:00 A.M.–2:30 P.M.

Schedule

7:00 a.m.

Student check-in begins
1st floor Great Hall

7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Exhibit set-up
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

7:45 a.m.

Judges' Meeting
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8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Judging All Categories

2:30 p.m.

Award Ceremony
5th Floor Mueller Center

Judging Locations

Group Documentary

3rd Floor Kaiser Trophy Room

Group Exhibit

3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Group Performance

5th Floor Mueller Center

Group Website

6th Floor Conference Room

Individual Documentary

5th Floor Green Room

Individual Exhibit

3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Individual Performance

5th Floor Mueller Center

Individual Website

3rd Floor Volunteer Lounge

Paper

6th Floor Westinghouse Room

Junior Division Participants

Julianne Adder
Eleanor Aganad
Molly Albert
Achyuta Atreya
Liam Babich
Harrison Barge
Dominic Battista
Lily Behrendt
Charlie Benedetti
Tanusri Bharani
Tanvi Bnadlamudi
Emily Brockway
Owen Brown
Eleanor Carter
Mia Catausan
Shaylynn Chambers
Vilok Chandolu
Max Chang
Carter Childs
Mary Crawford
Shree Dave
Julie Davenport
Connor Dean
Matthew Deegan
Oishee Dhara
Charlotte Dobrinski
Novena Dudek
Julius Fair

Austin Fletcher
Sophia Fraioli
Lucy Froelich
Hansa Gogineni
Anna Greenway
Molly Grella
Hanna Anthony
Sofia Hardoby
Matthew Harmon
Alexandra Helinski
Ashley Hyndman
Ryan Irvin
Akansha Jose
Matt Julius
Reyansh Kad
Anthony Karelli
Ayush Kathale
Olivia Kaufner
Zayna Khan
Brendan King
Betty Lamphere
Aiden Langley
Declan Lynch
Carter Majernik
Lexi Makrinos
Aiza Malik
Vid Mares
Lyla Martinez

Rocco Matusic
Logan McWilliams
Eric Meeker
Tiara Mehta
Scarlett Mooney
Joshua Moore
Sana Motlakunta
Declan Murphy
Devika Naijin
Kavin Palanivel
Rishi Patel
Anthony Pavlik
Evangeline Pinami
Macy Plummer
Emily Poltinnikov
Phil Price
Shania Purdom
Elena Pusateri
Ruchit Rathi
Benjamin Richmond
Everly Rockinson
Macee Ruot
Stella Rusinko
Lily Sadowski
Yaseen Saeed
Zain Sawahneh
Neil Sarin
Rithanya Sasikumar

Wyatt Scherrah
Ava Schoen
Frederick Schutt
Tela Serenyi
Joseph Shanahan
Ruby Shelley
Jolie Slone
Graham Smith
James Smith
Aishani Soni
Alexis Sperry
Emmett Spitzer
Kavin Srikanth
Ashley Stebelsky
Alexis Strine
Muhil Suresh
Jameson The
Charlie Tookey
Ella Toth
Benjamin Trax
Lakshmi Udumula
Angela Wang
Ruiya Wang
Avery Weisser
Bryn Westerman
Nate Wilson

Senior Division Participants

Kevin Akornor
Julia Antunes
Connor Battis
Lucas Bauer
Elise Bear
Carson Bodnar
Nathan Boyer
Melanie Brown
Ella Brozak
Juliette Brun
Cole Brunn
Lilian Campbell
Bianca Chen
Chase Combs
Corina Cook
Allie Costa
Jaydon Dang
Domenic DelRosso
Adam Duffy
Lukas Duncan
Miles Duncan
Ayden Fichte
Sophia Gagetta

Finn Geisler
Josh Geppert
Sidney Higginbotham
Dimitri Hong
Ella Hood
Catie Hoolahan
Hannah Hudack
Blake Huffman
Noah Hunter
Ava Ingi
Vanshika Jain
Ashlynnne Jeffery
Cara Johnson
Darren Johnson
Natalie Kingera
Connor Kmetz
Ruby LaBelle
Alex Landis
Nico Lascola
Sophia Leasure
Kirsten Levarse
Seeley Lippert
Aliyah Lookabaugh

Ayla Mellars
Owen Metz
Zachariah Meyers
John Moses
Lilly Murphy
Kennedi Nguyen
Angelina Obal
Ryland Ogradowski
Owen Orbach
Max Orbin
Katie O'Donnell
Will Pazman
Nick Penkrot
Kieran Pisoni
Sylvia Polesiak
Delaney Price
Caroline Prisk
Ben Raphael
Oden Rebarchak
Rex Roberts
Bianka Roman
Ashton Saunders
Kyle Schuetz

Chase Siburt
Miles Sigal
Oscar Smith
Talen Stauffer
Brooklyn Steele
Ian Stempfer
Pennie Stotter
Emily Streiff
Kaitlyn Strine
Caden Taylor
Treivon Taylor
Ella Trygar
Devon Uffner
Janya Ullal
Annastasia Underwood
Lily Valasek
Sidney Vespi
Payton Williams
Michael Woodrow
Sophie Yahnke
Ella Yanni

Awards Ceremony

Schedule of Events

Welcome

Melissa Tran, Director of Learning
Senator John Heinz History Center

Presentation of Category Awards and King Family Awards

Parag S. Gohel, National History Day Coordinator
PA Region 7, Senator John Heinz History Center

The King Family Awards provide cash prizes for both students and teachers who have won first, second, or third place in the Paper category and to all first-place winners and their teachers in the Junior and Senior Divisions.

Category Awards

Group Documentary
Individual Documentary
Group Exhibit
Individual Exhibit
Group Performance
Individual Performance
Group Website
Individual Website
Paper

Local History Award

We are proud to present one Junior Division and one Senior Division award of \$75 each for the most outstanding local history entry in the Individual Exhibit category. This award is in recognition of Dr. Eugene Levy, past professor of History at CMU and initiator of History Day in Western Pennsylvania, and Mr. Leo West, long-time champion of Social Studies Education in Western Pennsylvania.

Dr. Rebecca Bowman Award for Excellence in Research

The Dr. Rebecca Bowman Award for Excellence in Research provides \$100 each to one Junior Division and one Senior Division student in an individual category who showcases the most impressive piece of research.

Closing Remarks

Competition Protocol

To ensure equality in judging, all National History Day Pittsburgh judges should be afforded privacy. As a result, public access to judging areas is limited to projects that are actively being evaluated.

Please refer to the National History Day Contest Rule Book for questions related to the evaluation process.

Parents, teachers, and other students are free to visit the Café and Museum Shop or check out one of the History Center's exhibits during the competition. You are also free to leave the museum for lunch and return for the Awards Ceremony.

State and National Competition

Projects that place first, second, or third in each category at the History Center will move on to the National History Day in Pennsylvania contest held on April 12-13 at the University of Scranton.

Projects that place first or second in all categories at the state competition will move on to the National Contest held on June 8-12 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Stay Tuned for National History Day Pittsburgh 2026!



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Thanks for participating in National History Day Pittsburgh!

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