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**Region 3 Ohio History Day Empowers Student Historians**

CLEVELAND, OH (March 2018) - Each spring, the Region 3 Ohio History Day contest brings over 500 students to the Cleveland History Center in University Circle. As Cleveland's local affiliate of National History Day (NHD), the Cleveland History Center encourages students to present original historical research and compete to qualify for the state competition and to win prizes provided by community organizations. In fact, each year, NHD draws over half a million students to participate nationally and internationally.

National History Day began in Cleveland in 1974, and is now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year. Founded by David Van Tassel, a history professor at Case Western Reserve University, the local contest empowers students to prepare for a wide variety of college and career paths by allowing them to choose a topic and presentation format that interests them. These hard-working students present months of research as digital documentaries, websites, papers, exhibits, or performances. Through their participation in Ohio History Day, students develop their 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in evaluating information, solving problems, working in teams, and communicating their ideas.

Currently, the Cleveland History Center is the headquarters for Region 3 in Ohio, and is proud to carry on the legacy of the original contest. Region 3 Ohio History Day serves students in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Lake counties.

This year's competition will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Cleveland History Center and the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Students will face teams of community judges in the morning, and then receive their results in an afternoon Awards Ceremony at the Maltz Performing Arts Center. Students who place in their categories will qualify for the state competition at Ohio Wesleyan University in April. From there, they may qualify to compete in the National History Day contest at the University of Maryland, College Park in June.

For more information on volunteering or participating in Region 3 Ohio History Day, please contact Mary Manning, History Day Associate, at [historyday@wrhs.org](mailto:historyday@wrhs.org) or call 216-721-5722 ext. 1503.

To discuss opportunities to support students and programming related to Region 3 Ohio History Day, please contact Timothy Mann, Vice President of Development, at [tmann@wrhs.org](mailto:tmann@wrhs.org) or call 216-721-5722 ext. 1401.

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