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**Region 3 Ohio History Day Participants Qualify for State-Level Competition in April**

CLEVELAND, OH (March 2018) – On March 3, the Cleveland History Center and Case Western Reserve University welcomed 435 students at the Region 3 Ohio History Day contest, Cleveland’s local affiliate of National History Day (NHD). After months of preparation, the top 73 projects from Region 3 now move on to the statewide contest at Ohio Wesleyan University on April 21. There, students may qualify for the national NHD contest at the University of Maryland-College Park in June. Students also vied for Special Prizes awarded by local community organizations. For a full list of results, click here.

Over 1,000 students participated in History Day in 23 schools across Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Lake counties. For the 435 students who elected to compete on March 3, the Region 3 Ohio History Day contest provided a culmination of months of research and project development. They chose historical topics that illuminated the national contest theme of “Conflict and Compromise in History.” They advanced arguments, interviewed experts and community members for first-hand perspectives, and found evidence in school, public, and research libraries across Ohio.

The 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in communication, teamwork, and time management that students honed through History Day prepare them for college, careers, and citizenship. Because students choose from five project types—papers, exhibits, documentaries, websites, and performances—they display their ingenuity and creativity in addition to their academic achievement. At the contest, 115 volunteer judges interviewed these outstanding students, evaluated their projects, and assigned scores.

As we look forward to the state and national competitions, the Cleveland History Center also begins preparations for next year with a focus on shepherding new groups of teachers and students through the History Day process. The 2019 national theme will be “Triumph and Tragedy in History.” Founded in 1974 at Case Western Reserve University, National History Day was conceived as a way to emphasize the importance of teaching history in schools. It quickly grew from a local competition into a national event, and the Cleveland History Center, as the current headquarters for Region 3, is proud to carry on the legacy of the original contest. The top prize at the national level of NHD competition remains the David Van Tassel Founder Award – a 4-year full tuition scholarship to Case Western Reserve University.

For more information on 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.

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