



Fall, 2017

Welcome to the 2018 National History Day contest! The Grand Valley State University History Department will again sponsor the Region 4 Michigan Day contest, as it has for more than three decades.

Congratulations to Students and Teachers!

- Over one hundred-eighty students from a dozen schools brought ninety-eight entries to our 2017 West Michigan regional contest.
- Eighty students with fifty-two entries qualified to compete at the state contest. Thirteen entries from our region went to the national contest in College Park, Maryland.
- **Sarah Gundry, Christine Huynh and Josephine Koch** of Northern Hills Middle School in Grand Rapids, sponsor **Mary Beth McMahon**, placed seventh in the nation for Junior Division Group Performance with their entry, "Vida Goldstein: The Woman Whose Words Shaped the Women's Suffrage Movement in Australia." They also received the Junior Division Outstanding State Entry Award, designating them as best-in-state.
- **Samantha Conkling and Maya Gates** of Eastern Middle School in Ada, sponsor **James Cross**, placed ninth in the nation for Junior Division Group Website with their entry, "Bravery Against Slavery: The Stono Rebellion's Fight for Freedom."
- **Lizzie Mathias** of Lisa Mathias Homeschool in Ada, sponsor Lisa Mathias, received the Senior Division Outstanding State Entry Award, designating her as best-in-state, for her Individual Documentary entry, "The Personal Is Political: Alison Bechdel's Feminist and LGBT Activism."
- **Tiffanie Cross** of Whitehall High School in Whitehall, sponsor **Jan Klco**, received the Senior Division **U.S. Constitution Award** with her Individual Performance entry, "Pardon Who? Ford's Stance on Healing the Nation." The award is sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration. It is awarded to an outstanding entry that used the records of the federal government to either illuminate the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution or focus on Constitutional issues throughout American history.



2018 Theme: "Conflict and Compromise in History"

Students may compete as individuals in the paper category or as individuals or groups in exhibits, documentaries, performances or websites. Students in the Junior category (grades 6-8) compete separately from those in the Senior category (grades 9-12). Students who enter at the Youth level (grades 4-5) may or may not advance to the state competition depending on the number and quality of the entries.

NHD information on the 2018 theme: <https://www.nhd.org/node/10632>

The 2018 West Michigan Regional History Day Contest, March 17, 2018

Kirkhof Center, Grand Valley State University Allendale campus.

- The registration deadline is **February 19**.
- A ten-dollar per student fee must accompany each online registration. Teachers with multiple entries should collect and send the money in a single mailing with a roster of students who paid.

- Papers, Websites, and Documentaries will be submitted electronically, similarly to what we did last year. The deadline for submissions is March 5.
- Websites must be posted on “Weebly” by midnight March 5 when access will be interrupted.

Please respect these deadlines. This is a contest and I would hate to eliminate an entry because of a missed deadline. Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean O'Neill at the GVSU History Department by calling (616) 331-3298 or e-mailing me at oneills@gvsu.edu. I will have some copies of the 2018 *“Conflict and Compromise in History”* curriculum book and the HSM and Student Handbooks. Websites with History Day Guides and Resources: NHD website, <http://www.nhd.org/> Historical Society of Michigan website, <http://www.hsmichigan.org/mhd/> GVSU's History Dept. site, <http://www.gvsu.edu/history/history-day-149.htm>