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## NHDNH June Newsletter

### Nationals Update

New Hampshire students from all across the state competed at Nationals in College Park, MD this past week. It was amazing to see so many students break out of their shells as they explained their projects to judges like adult professionals.



Congratulations to all New Hampshire finalists!

NHDNH would like to send a special congratulations to Sarah Morin of Holy Trinity School in Laconia (teacher is Karen Sullivan) for making it to the final round at Nationals and finishing 13th overall, and for winning the New Hampshire Outstanding Junior Project Award! Morin's project was an Individual Documentary on Alexander II and the Modernization of Russia.

Additional congratulations to Guinivere and Meredith Gilman from Exeter High School (teacher is Molly Stevenson) on receiving the New Hampshire Outstanding Senior Project. Their project was a Group Performance on twin testing during the holocaust titled "C.A.N.D.L.E.S.: Turning Humanity's Dark Evil into Courageous Light." These students drew tough cards finishing third in their room to the groups that would go on to win first and second overall.



Karen Sullivan (Holy Trinity) and Lindsey Johnson (Merrimack High School) were recognized at the Awards Ceremony for winning the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year awards for the junior and senior divisions.

New Hampshire finalists showed a lot of state pride at the final Awards Ceremony, cheering and waving the New Hampshire flag. It was the conclusion of an epic week in D.C. Students from schools across the state became friends, supported each other at their judging, and explored the campus together.

Wednesday night, many showed up to support Rachel Wiggins, Sabika Mirza, and Raika Mirza from Bedford High School at the Museum of American History where their Senior Group Exhibit (on Sacco and Vanzetti) was on display. Following, the New Hampshire constituency toured the monuments at the mall and continued to bond and build friendships.

Thank you all for an amazing week in D.C. We are so proud of all of you for your hard work and enthusiasm. See you next year!

**For a list of New Hampshire finalists, check out our website.**



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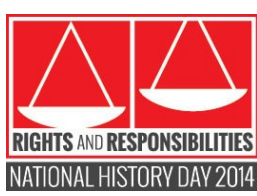
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#### PHOTOS

If you would like to see photos of the competition, log in to facebook and check out our Nationals Album!

#### 2014 Contest

2014 is just around the corner! The theme for that completion is "Rights and Responsibilities in History." PSU will again host the state competition on April 12.



#### Hollie Wilson Merrimack High Recognized

Hollie Wilson, winner of the Special Award sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council at States, was recognized in the NHHC's June Newsletter Calendar. Read the article about Hollie by [Clicking Here.](#)

### Goodbye for Now

After two years with NHDNH, Kelsie Eckert is leaving us to begin her career as a Social Studies teacher. Kelsie came to NHDNH in July 2011 as the PSU graduate assistant and has made significant improvements in organization, outreach, and communication during her time here (including this newsletter, our new website, and many other supporting materials for teachers and students). Kelsie's efforts in these initiatives cannot be overstated and are greatly appreciated by the entire NHD team. We are exceptionally proud to announce that her work was recognized with the prestigious PSU Graduate Assistant of the Year award this spring - a clear indication of the PSU's recognition of her contributions. After completing her student teaching at Inter-Lakes in Meredith this spring, Kelsie accepted a position teaching high school Social Studies at Moultonborough Academy and looks forward to mentoring her own students as they develop History Day projects in the coming years. Kelsie is extremely grateful for the warmth of the NHDNH community in her time at Plymouth State and looks forward to continued participation as an NHD teacher!



Andrea Hay (Andie) is the new NHDNH Graduate Assistant and main contact for NHDNH. Her email address is [eahay@plymouth.edu](mailto:eahay@plymouth.edu). Please contact her for all future NHDNH questions.

Andie will continue to maintain the NHDNH website and send out the NHDNH newsletters. Please send her an email and welcome her to NHDNH!

### Patrick May steps down as State Coordinator

Dr. Patrick May is stepping down from his role as New Hampshire State coordinator after over ten years of service. Patrick (as many know him), is leaving in order to give more attention to his role as a Geography professor and pursue other professional goals.

For many years, Patrick May has been History Day. Patrick has worked tirelessly balancing his role as a Plymouth State University professor, geography club advisor, and New Hampshire State Coordinator. Patrick loves NHDNH! Anyone who has talked to him for a moment knows that he will do everything to convince you of the value of NHDNH.

For over ten years, Patrick has gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure an exceptional experience for each student. He has kept NHDNH a family by building personal relationships with every NH teacher and over-achieving to make sure each student's experience at states is smooth.

The students were always Patrick's main priority. At States, Patrick was often seen encouraging students about to be judged. He worked hard to make their experience as smooth as possible, often seen lugging exhibits and props and running to get a student something they needed on time. It is the small things that make a difference and Patrick lived that example.

For several years, Patrick drove to nationals in order to transport exhibits for our New Hampshire finalists— something few other coordinators do. He would personally lug them into the exhibit hall to ensure they were there when the child arrived. Patrick is an over-achiever because he believes strongly in the quality of this program.

He has done so much behind the scenes to make history day an amazing experience. So much of what NHDNH is today is owed to Patrick and his years of hard work.

John Krueckeberg will continue to be the state coordinator for New Hampshire. Please contact him with any questions you may have about next year's competition.

