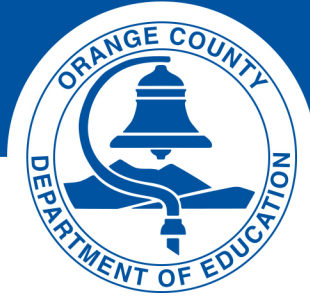


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More than 450 students prepare for National History Day-Orange County event This year's projects will center on the theme of 'Conflict and Compromise in History'

COSTA MESA, Calif. – More than 450 young historians representing 34 schools and a dozen school districts will once again showcase their original websites, papers, documentaries, performances and exhibits at the National History Day-Orange County competition. The event is being hosted by the Orange County Department of Education and will take place on its main campus on Saturday, March 10.

Each year, more than 500,000 students in grades four through 12 compete in National History Day contests at the local, state and national levels. Participants, working as individuals or teams, must conduct extensive research on a historical topic before submitting in-depth projects related to the year's specific theme. Student projects can take the form of an original paper, a website, an exhibit, a performance or even a documentary.

This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History." Capping months of research and preparation, entries from throughout Orange County will be displayed and judged from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 10. The 2018 NHD-OC awards ceremony will be held four days later on Wednesday, March 14, also at OCDE's main campus.

The top submissions from the National History Day-Orange County competition will travel to the state finals in May, and California's highest-scoring projects will advance to the National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park in June.

For more information, contact Coordinator Julie Hull at 714-966-4328 or jhull@ocde.us, or visit the NHD-OC website at www.ocde.us/History/Pages/History-Day.aspx.

WHAT: National History Day-Orange County competition

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018

WHERE: Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626

COST: There is no cost to attend.

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