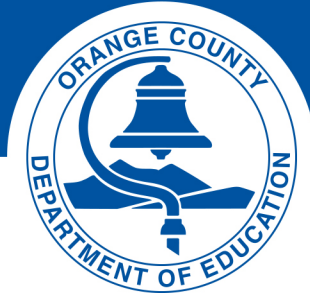


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## **Nearly 500 students prepare for National History Day-Orange County competition** Individual and team projects reflect the theme “Breaking Barriers in History”

COSTA MESA, Calif. – Nearly 500 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. Hosted by the Orange County Department of Education, the two-day event will take place Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14.

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

This year’s theme is “Breaking Barriers in History.” After months of in-depth research and preparation, entries from throughout Orange County will be displayed and judged from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 13, and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 14. The 2020 NHD-OC awards ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 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](mailto:jhull@ocde.us), or visit the NHD-OC website at [link.ocde.us/NHD-OC](http://link.ocde.us/NHD-OC).

**WHAT:** National History Day-Orange County competition

**WHEN:** 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020  
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2020

**WHERE:** Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa

**COST:** There is no cost to attend.

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