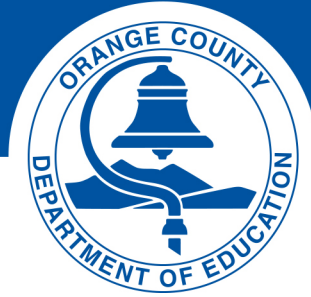


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More than 550 students prepare for National History Day-Orange County competition

Projects, based on the theme 'Taking a Stand in History,' will be showcased on March 11

COSTA MESA, Calif. — More than 550 young historians representing 37 schools and a dozen school districts will showcase their original websites, papers, documentaries, performances and exhibits at the National History Day-Orange County competition on Saturday, March 11. The event will be hosted by the Orange County Department of Education and held on its main campus.

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 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 "Taking a Stand in History." Capping months of research and preparation, entries from throughout Orange County will be displayed and judged from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 11. The 2017 NHD-OC awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 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 Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park in June.

For more information, contact Coordinator Rob Vicario at 714-966-4447 or rvicario@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: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2017

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

COST: There is no cost to attend.

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