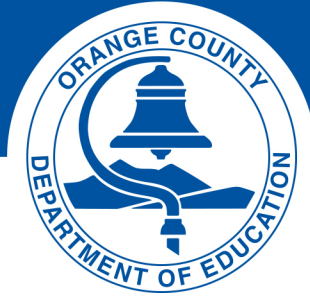


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Nearly 500 students prepare for National History Day-Orange County competition Individual and team projects will reflect the theme of 'Triumph and Tragedy in History'

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 8 and Saturday, March 9.

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 in-depth projects related to the year's specific theme. Student projects can take the form of an original paper, a website, a poster, an exhibit, a performance or even a documentary.

This year's theme is "Triumph and Tragedy in History." Capping months of research and preparation, entries from throughout Orange County will be displayed and judged from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 8, and from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 9. The 2019 NHD-OC awards ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 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 link.ocde.us/NHD-OC.

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WHEN: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019

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

COST: There is no cost to attend.

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