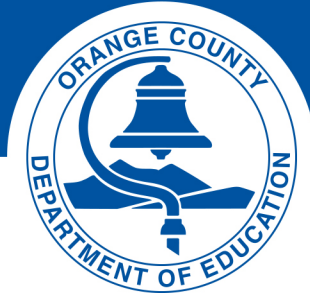


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## **Students to participate virtually in National History Day-Orange County competition** Projects will reflect the theme 'Communication in History: The Key to Understanding'

COSTA MESA, Calif. – More than 200 young historians representing 25 schools will once again showcase their original websites, papers, documentaries, performances and exhibits at the National History Day-Orange County (NHD-OC) competition hosted by the Orange County Department of Education.

Due to the pandemic, this year's NHD contests at the county, state and national levels will be held virtually to accommodate social distancing. Projects will be submitted online, and NHD-OC judging will take place between Feb. 23 and March 14. All participants and coaches are invited to attend a virtual awards ceremony at 6 p.m on March 19.

Each year, more than 500,000 students in grades four through 12 take part in National History Day contests across the country. Working as individuals or in teams, participants must conduct extensive research on a historical topic before submitting projects related to a specific theme. This year's theme is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding."

Student projects can take the form of an original paper, a website, a poster, an exhibit, a performance or even a documentary. After months of in-depth research and preparation, entries from throughout Orange County will be evaluated by teams of volunteer judges, including more than 100 representatives from the county's educational and business communities.

The top submissions from National History Day-Orange County will compete in the state finals in May, and California's highest-scoring projects will advance to the 2021 National Contest in June.

For more information, contact NHD-OC coordinators Julie Hull and Marika Manos at [NHDinfo@ocde.us](mailto:NHDinfo@ocde.us), or visit the NHD-OC website at [link.ocde.us/NHD-OC](http://link.ocde.us/NHD-OC).

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