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Forty-Five Knox County Students Win Medals and Awards at 17th Annual East Tennessee History Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 13, 2017 – Forty-Five Knox County students won special awards or took first, second, or third place in the 17th annual East Tennessee History Day Regional Competition (ETHD), held March 2 in Knoxville. First and second place, with third place serving as an alternate, will advance to [Tennessee History Day](#), the state competition to be held April 7, 2017 in Nashville. From there, state winners will advance to nationals in College Park, Maryland, June 10-14. Regional competition co-sponsors, the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#) and the [University of Tennessee's Department of History](#), congratulate and commend these students and their teachers on their hard work and success. (**Knox County's ETHD winners are listed at the end of this release**).

“East Tennessee students consistently do well in this competition,” according to Lisa Oakley, ETHS curator of education and ETHD regional coordinator. “Three ETHD winners have placed first in the nation, plus several placing second and third and many more finishing in the national top 12 for their category.”

In the East Tennessee region some 3,500 students competed at the basic school level. An estimated 750,000 students compete nationally at the basic school level.

About National History Day:

[National History Day](#) is the leading program for history education. This year's broad theme was “Conflict and Compromise in History.” Students select a topic related to the annual theme and then choose to present their research through a website, documentary, paper, exhibit or performance. Through research and interpreting their findings into a sound argument, these middle and high school students learn the priceless skills of an historian—critical thinking, research, and the value of primary sources.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society:

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 184 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

East Tennessee History Day: Knox County Winners

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Junior Division (Middle School)

Bearden Middle School, Maureen Schenk (teacher)

- **Eva Coens** placed third in the Junior Individual Documentary category with her entry, *Radium Girls*.
- **Andrew Kaplan, Max Harper, and Ashton Peterson** placed first in the Junior Group Website category with their entry, *Canada and WWI*.
- **Anna Ciancone and Mikhayla Dockery** won the third place Daughters of Union Veteran's award for their Junior Group Exhibit *Compromise of 1850*.

Northwest Middle School, Christopher Standridge (teacher)

- **Logan Simpson and Estefany Salcedo** placed third in the Junior Group Documentary category with their entry, *Forgotten Knoxville: The Conflict and Compromise of Neibert Springs Resort*.
- **Celina Sebae** placed second in the Junior Individual Website category with her entry, *The Conflict and Compromise of the Apollo 1 Fire*.

St. John Neumann Catholic School, Michele Tarricone (teacher)

- **Vivi Christopoulos and Paul Liulevicius** placed first in the Junior Group Documentary category with their entry, *The Power of "No": The Greek Resistance of World War II*.
- **Adriana Zablah and Flynn Harrigan** placed second in the Junior Group Documentary category with their entry, *The Persian Gulf War: Was Compromise the Route to Lasting Peace?*
- **Reagan Cozart and Nathan Cozart** placed third in the Junior Group Exhibit category with their entry, *Our Hero From WWII*.
- **Mason Burkhardt, Cole Fuller, Nick Gerkins, and Ben Sompayrac** placed second in the Junior Group Website category with their entry, *Norris Dam: From Floods to Flourish*. Mason, Cole, Nick, and Ben's project also won the Randy and Jenny Boyd East Tennessee History Award for the best project on an East Tennessee History topic in the junior division.

West Valley Middle School, Karen Peterman (teacher)

- **Joseph Ansary** placed first in the Junior Individual Website category with his entry, *Compromise of 1877*.
- **Keara Tibbs** placed first in the Junior Individual Paper category with her entry, *The Forgotten and Bloodless Conflict: The British- American Aroostook War of 1839*.
- **William Carter** placed second in the Junior Individual Paper category with his entry, *Japanese American Internment in World War Two*.

Senior Division (High School)

Concord Christian School, Tammy Lightholder (teacher)

- **Allison Strong** placed first in the Senior Individual Paper category with her entry *Conflict and Compromise: FDR and the Lend-Lease Act*.
- **Emma LaCharite** won the second place Dan and Mary Shannon Award for the use of original primary sources in her Senior Individual Exhibit, *To Drop or Not to Drop*.

L&N STEM Academy, Jill Robbins, Derek Griffin, and Karen Stanish (teachers)

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- **Lucy Drinnen and Reed Freeman** placed second in the Senior group Documentary category with their entry, *1960's Knoxville Sit-Ins: The Fight for a New Era*.
- **Michelle Carrera** placed third in the Senior Individual Documentary category with her entry, *Guatemala Civil War*.
- **Connor McGinley** placed second in the Senior Individual Exhibit with his entry, *The Paris Peace Conference: Conflict and Compromise in the Aftermath of WWI*.
- **Kaylin Fleenor and Natalie Duncan** placed third in the Senior Group Exhibit category with their entry, *Rise of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park*.
- **Reece Brown** placed second in the Senior Individual Performance category with her entry, *Salem Witchcraft Trials: The Tale of Tituba*.
- **Hanna Boshnag and Mayam Ahmed** placed first in the Senior Group Performance category with their entry, *Coming of a Nation: Constitution and The Bill of Rights*.
- **Devon McGinley** placed first in the Senior Individual Website category with his entry, *The Dam & The Darter*.
- **Kelsey Bledsoe** placed second in the Senior Individual Website category with her entry, *The Stonewall Riots: The Catalyst of the Gay Liberation Movement*.
- **Anna Horrocks and Sydney Juhl** placed first in the Senior Group Website category with their entry, *The Conflicts and Compromises that Lead to Knox County School Desegregation*.
- **Jenna Rochelson and Amanda Knopps** placed second in the Senior Group Website category with their entry, *ROE v. WADE: The Fight for Reproductive Justice in a Divided America*.

West High School, Buzz McNish and Alveta Summers (teachers)

- **Zoe Curnell** placed first in the Senior Individual Exhibit category with her entry, *Women in The U.S. Military: Beginning The Right To Fight*.
- **Cody Chaffins** placed third place in the Senior Individual Performance category with her entry, *The Salem Witch Trials: Compromise through Confliction*.
- **Jackson Williams and Kizer Kosa** placed third in the Senior Group Performance category with their entry, *David and Goliath*.
- **Jenasia Olinger** placed third in the Senior Individual Website category with her entry, *The Compromise of 1850: A Multi-Part Compromise*.
- **Keeley Wade** placed second in the Senior Individual Paper category with her entry, *How the Sykes-Picot Agreement Has Affected the Modern Middle East*.

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